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1282 Karnup Road, Serpentine

Dear Haydn,

I have outlined the document into five different sections, which are:

- 1. Daily routine
- 2. Noise management
- 3. Waste management
- 4. Odour management
- 5. Infrastructure

As per our phone conversation on 5 August 2021 place find attached my Development Application for 18 dog greyhound kennel license at 1282 Karnup Road, Serpentine. Upon construction of this proposal I read some documents regarding the rural lifestyle and have purposely attempted to adhere to all guidelines I have found, I am hoping this document will alleviate and clarify any questions that the Council may have regarding the greyhound/kennel license.

The operation of the greyhound kennels is undertaken by myself, Sarah Appleton as a licenced Racing Wagering WA trainer, husband Richard Jones a licenced RWWA handler. We have been licenced for over 10 years and are both committed to providing a kennel for happy and healthy racing greyhounds.

We are currently moving from the City of Canning where I have had a kennel licence for over ten years, throughout the timeframe I have had the kennels I have never received a complaint in regards to odour/noise/waste pollution and quality of care of the animals; I hope to continue this with the shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale moving forward well into the future.

This proposal is to ensure we are following guidelines set upon by Serpentine Jarrahdale Council as well as outlining exactly how we aim to do this in a way that does not impact negatively on our neighbours; the purpose of the proposal is to ensure safe keeping of the dogs, minimise noise and ensure confidence to the neighbours in regards to noise pollution.

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1. Daily Routine

07:00: remove dogs from kennels to secure outside yards for toileting and relaxation purposes. Whilst dogs are outside we proceed to disinfect and mop kennels and remove waste, change drinking water and prepare meals. Use the dog walker if needed.

08:00-08:30: return greyhounds to kennels for meals and resting purposes. Wash food bowls and dispose of food waste, pick any excreta from outdoor yards and put in a general waste bin.

16:00: remove dogs from kennels for toileting purposes. Remove waste, mop and disinfect floors.

17:00-17:30: return dogs to kennels to rest for the evening remove exceta from outdoor yard waste receptacle.

Only exercise that will be conducted on the property is the dog walking machine (similar to a treadmill) that is set up inside the kennel block. The noise made from the walker is very minimal, any other exercising of the dogs will be off site at RWWA approved facilities.

2. Noise Management

When the dogs are awaiting their turn out in the morning and afternoon is when they will most likely bark due to excitement, in the event of barking occurring we will have the following measures in place:

- Noise cancelling insulation of all walls and roof in the shed in which they are housed
- Indoor and outdoor speakers playing music which will lessen any noise stimulus
- We live on the property and our home is close to the proposed kennel housing so we are able to mitigate any noise issues promptly
- Whilst the dogs are outside we will have the area securely fenced with 1.8m high colorbond fencing which will also restrict the dogs from seeing any external movement which may prompt barking (had the fence not be there)
- The kennel is shut down securely via doors and windows when the dogs are inside so as to reduce any noise
- Dogs are also exercised off site which not only reduces noise made from excitement it also fatigues them so they are inclined to rest when at home

3. Waste Management

Proposed waste from the greyhounds kennels will be via urine, dog excreta and food waste.

We will line outside toileting areas with 50-100mm of crushed limestone to neutralise urine odour and to ensure it doesn't enter the groundwater.

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The crushed limestone levels will be regularly topped up and urine stained limestone and disposed into the waste receptacle.

Food waste will be collected promptly and emptied into the waste receptacle.

Dog excreta is picked up promptly to ensure good hygiene and disposed of into a general waste bin.

We have an ongoing contract with JJ Richards to provide us with a covered 1.5m2 bin for general waste which takes dog excreta. This is contracted to be emptied fortnightly and will be located near the kennel block.

4. Odour Management

Good ventilation through 4 whirly birds which will be on the roof of the kennels, and prevent odour build up.

The 1.5m2 bin provided by JJ Richards which remains closed at all times and emptied fortnightly.

Any excreta is picked up promptly and emptied into a general waste bin.

The kennel building will be designed for ease of cleaning with a sealed concrete floor (which is sealed with a non-slip epoxy coating, as to ensure no urine seeps through the concrete floor).

Kennel will be cleaned twice daily with a pet friendly disinfectant to reduce odour and provide a pleasant smelling environment.

Food waste is collected promptly, and food bowls are washed immediately after use. All food is stored in sealed containers to deter pests.

All required health and safety guidelines will be followed to ensure odour is not an issue.

5. Infrastructure

The aim is to build kennels inside our existing shed (15mx10m) to house the 18 racing greyhounds, with 18 toileting yards outside the current shed, the toileting yards are constructed of galvanised panels and a galvanised metal gate to a height of 1.8m which can be closed securely.

Underneath the crushed limestone will be 50cmx50cm galvanised mesh to stop dogs digging out, (to clarify this is not usually required however, we are implementing it as an extra precaution).

The toileting yards are surrounded by a 1.8m colorbond fence with 2 self closing/lockable gates, each toileting yard is 2.4m long, 1m wide and 1.8m high. The outside colorbond fencing will also be fitted with a plinth to enhance the security of the kennel block and to ensure no dogs can dig underneath the fenceline.

Each kennel is made via galvanised mesh and tubing and is manufactured to the highest quality to ensure comfort, care, security and safety of each dog; the custom made kennel will have elevated beds with plush bedding.

Each kennel is 2.4m long, 1.2m wide, 1.3m high with a mesh roof to stop dogs from jumping out

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The property is a 40acre rural block which is fully fenced, and has a locked gate at the end of the driveway.

In conclusion I would like to reiterate that we are open to any discussion or questions that the Serpentine Jarrahdale Council may have regarding the kennel development application for a greyhound kennel, any further information regarding the application please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

Yours sincerely, Sarah Appleton 22 Battersea Road, Canning Vale 0400 744 220

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