

<p><b>EXERCISE FOR DOGS</b></p>	<p>Dogs greater than 12 weeks of age must be provided opportunity for exercise by acceptable methods which are outlined in a plan. [3.8]</p>
<p><b>Criteria</b></p>	<p><b>Acceptable</b> methods of exercise include, but are not limited to, providing: [3.8(c)(3)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an individually housed dog with at least 200% of its minimum required floor space [3.8(c)(3)(ii)]</li> <li>• group housed dogs with at least 100% of the minimum required floor space for each animal [3.8(c)(3)(i)]</li> <li>• access to a run or open area at the frequency and duration prescribed by the attending veterinarian [3.8(c)(3)(iii)]</li> <li>• positive physical interaction with humans, e.g., walking on a leash, playing ball, or grooming [3.8(c)(2)]</li> </ul> <p><b>Unacceptable</b> methods of exercise include, but are not limited to: [3.8(c)(4)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• forced swimming</li> <li>• use of devices, such as treadmills or carousels</li> </ul>
<p><b>Exemptions</b></p>	<p>Dogs are exempted from the exercise requirement if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• less than 12 weeks of age [3.8(a)]</li> <li>• a female with a litter [3.8(a)]</li> <li>• determined inappropriate by the attending veterinarian [3.8(d)]             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ in writing and [3.8(d)(1)]</li> <li>➤ based on the animal’s health, condition or well-being and [3.8(d)(1)]</li> <li>➤ reviewed every 30 days if not a permanent condition and [3.8(d)(1)]</li> <li>➤ written exemption is available for review by APHIS officials [3.8(d)(3)]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Exercise Plan</b></p>	<p>A facility must develop and follow an appropriate exercise plan for the dogs. [3.8]</p>

The exercise plan is appropriate if it:

- is in writing
- is approved and signed by the attending veterinarian
- is available for review by APHIS officials
- states that the dogs have the required exercise space listed above, **or**
- includes the frequency, method and duration of additional exercise if the exercise space requirements are not met

Exercise Plan for Dogs sheet (see pages 12.2.3 and 12.2.4) may be used.

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