

DETERMINATION NO. 164 OF 1993

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 22 of the Animal Welfare Act 1992 provides that the Minister may approve codes of practice relating to animal welfare.

The Code of Practice for the Pet Grooming Establishments in the A.C.T. was prepared by a joint working party of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee with representation from proprietors of grooming establishments within the Australian Capital Territory.

The ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee endorsed the Code of Practice for adoption in the ACT in November 1993.

The provisions of the Code are detailed in the Attachment.

Attachment C

The purpose of the Code is to set minimum standards for the care and management of dogs and cats held in premises located in the ACT for grooming and bathing of pets for fee or reward.

The Code applies equally to grooming and/or bathing of dogs and cats in specially fitted motor vehicles or at the homes of client dog or cat owners.

Section 2 outlines the responsibilities of the manager of a pet grooming establishment with respect to the provisions of their establishment.

Section 3 details location and construction of pet grooming establishments within the ACT subject to approval by the relevant government authorities. Various Sections concerning the size of cages used, noise, lighting, ventilation and security are included.

Section 4 explains the facilities required for grooming and bathing areas.

Section 5 discusses the requirement of all equipment that has been in contact with an animal to be cleaned and disinfected. Disposal of waste products and pest control are also included within this Section on hygiene.

Section 6 considers the management of a boarding establishment and sets guidelines on the facilities, care of animals, record keeping and staffing responsibilities.

Section 7 is concerned with the transportation of animals to and from grooming establishments.

Included within this Code is an acknowledgement to the source document from which the Code of Practice has been based.