



Dear Rapid City Planning Commission:

The Humane Society of the Black Hills would like to lay an additional 6,960 Sq. Ft. of concrete surrounding the north and east sides of the building. The north side would be 110' x 30' and the south side would be 122' x 30'. There are many reasons for the addition of the concrete:

1. The concrete slab would prevent mud and snow being tracked into the surgery trailer. We are currently walking on planks lined up to the surgery trailer to prevent contamination of the trailer.
2. We would like to add portable outdoor dog kennels to contain 32 dogs at a time outside during our daily cleaning. The dogs will only be outside for 1 to 2 hours while the inside of the building is being cleaned. This will cut down significantly on cleaning time, as well as being able to do a more thorough cleaning. This will allow staff more time for walking, grooming and training the dogs. (Dogs will not be left outside unattended, or for more than a period of two hours. They will not be put outside in poor weather conditions.)
3. The concrete pad on the east side of the building will be used as a cat play area. Currently, our cats are not able to be outside. A portable enclosure will be set up to rotate cats and allow them to be outside for an hour at a time throughout the day, depending on the weather.
4. The concrete pads can be sprayed and sanitized, soil and gravel can not (some diseases can live up to a year in soil). This will cut down on the spread of disease.

Thank you for your time reviewing our request.

Sincerely,

Katy Stulc
Humane Society of the Black Hills
Board President

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