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Information on referenced publications can be found in Chapter 2 and Annex C.

Chapter 1 Administration

1.1 Scope.

1.1.1* This standard shall provide the minimum requirements for the design, construction, fire protection, and classification of animal housing facilities.

1.1.2 Animal housing facilities shall be designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with the adopted building, fire, and life safety codes and the requirements herein.

1.1.3 Where requirements of this standard differ from the adopted fire prevention, life safety, and building codes, the requirements of this standard shall govern the protection of the animal occupants and animal handlers.

1.2 Purpose. The purpose of this standard shall be to prevent the loss of animal life, human life, and property from fire or other emergencies by providing the minimum requirements for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities where animals are housed, including but not limited to rest, feed, work, exercise, and production areas.

1.3 Application.

1.3.1* This standard shall apply to animal housing facilities that are subject to local, state, or federal licensing or permitting requirements, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Barns and stables
(2) Kennels
(3) Racetrack stable/kennel areas, including those stable/kennel areas, barns, and associated buildings at state, county, and local fairgrounds
(4) Animal shelters
(5) Animal hospitals and veterinary facilities
(6) Zoos and special amusement parks
(7) Laboratories
(8) Agricultural facilities
(9) Mercantile or business occupancies with animals

1.3.2 This standard shall apply to new animal housing facilities.

1.3.3 This standard shall also apply to existing facilities where any one of the following conditions applies:

(1) A change of use or occupancy classification occurs where animals are introduced.
(2) A change is made in the subclassification or category of the animals housed.
(3) A renovation, modification, reconstruction, or addition is made.
(4) A building or structure with an animal housing facility is relocated.
(5) A building with an animal housing facility is considered damaged, unsafe, or a fire hazard.
(6) A property line that affects compliance with any provision of this standard is created or relocated.

1.3.4* This standard shall apply to temporary structures housing animals solely for the purposes of developing a disaster/emergency management program in accordance with 4.3.4.

1.4 Retroactivity. The provisions of this standard reflect a consensus of what is necessary to provide an acceptable degree of protection from the hazards addressed in this standard at the time the standard was issued.

1.4.1 Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this standard shall not apply to facilities, equipment, structures, or installations that existed or were approved for construction or installation prior to the effective date of the standard. Where specified, the provisions of this standard shall be retroactive.

1.4.2 In those cases where the authority having jurisdiction determines that the existing situation presents an unacceptable degree of risk, the authority having jurisdiction shall be permitted to apply retroactively any portions of this standard deemed appropriate.

1.4.3 The retroactive requirements of this standard shall be permitted to be modified if their application clearly would be impractical in the judgment of the authority having jurisdiction, and only where it is clearly evident that a reasonable degree of safety is provided.

1.5 Equivalency. Nothing in this standard is intended to prevent the use of systems, methods, or devices of equivalent or superior quality, strength, fire resistance, effectiveness, durability, and safety over those prescribed by this standard.

1.5.1 Technical documentation shall be submitted to the authority having jurisdiction to demonstrate equivalency.

1.5.2 The system, method, or device shall be approved for the intended purpose by the authority having jurisdiction.

1.5.3 Alternative systems, methods, or devices approved as equivalent by the authority having jurisdiction shall be recognized as being in compliance with this standard.

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1.6 Units.

1.6.1 SI Units. Metric units in this standard are in accordance with the modernized metric system known as the International System of Units (SI).

1.6.2 Primary and Equivalent Values. If a value for a measurement as given in this standard is followed by an equivalent value in other units, the first stated value shall be regarded as the requirement. A given equivalent value might be approximate.

1.7 Enforcement. This standard shall be administered and enforced by the authority having jurisdiction designated by the governing authority. *(See Annex B for sample wording for enabling legislation.)*

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General. The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

2.2 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA 1, *Uniform Fire Code™*, 2006 edition.

NFPA 10, *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers,* 2007 edition.

NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems,* 2007 edition.

NFPA 31, *Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 54/ANSI 223.1, *National Fuel Gas Code,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 58, *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code,* 2004 edition.

NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code®,* 2005 edition.

NFPA 72®, *National Fire Alarm Code®*, 2007 edition.

NFPA 90A, *Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems,* 2002 edition.

NFPA 90B, *Standard for the Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 92A, *Standard for Smoke-Control Systems Utilizing Barriers and Pressure Differences,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 92B, *Standard for Smoke Management Systems in Malls, Atria, and Large Spaces,* 2005 edition.

NFPA *101®*, *Life Safety Code®,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 211, *Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel–Burning Appliances,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 220, *Standard on Types of Building Construction,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 251, *Standard Methods of Tests of Fire Resistance of Building Construction and Materials,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 720, *Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Warning Equipment in Dwelling Units,* 2005 edition.

NFPA 780, *Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems,* 2004 edition.

NFPA 1144, *Standard for Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire,* 2002 edition.

NFPA 1600, *Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs,* 2004 edition.

NFPA 5000®, *Building Construction and Safety Code®,* 2006 edition.

2.3 Other Publications.

2.3.1 ASCE Publications. American Society of Civil Engineers, 1801 Alexander Bell Drive, Reston, VA 20191–4400.

ASCE/SEI 7, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures,* 2005.

2.3.2 Other Publications.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., Springfield, MA, 2003.

2.4 References for Extracts in Mandatory Sections.

NFPA 220, *Standard on Types of Building Construction,* 2006 edition.

NFPA 5000®, *Building Construction and Safety Code®,* 2006 edition.

Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1 General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they shall be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary,* 11th edition, shall be the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1* Approved. Acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction.

3.2.2* Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). An organization, office, or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code or standard, or for approving equipment, materials, an installation, or a procedure.

3.2.3 Labeled. Equipment or materials to which has been attached a label, symbol, or other identifying mark of an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with product evaluation, that maintains periodic inspection of production of labeled equipment or materials, and by whose labeling the manufacturer indicates compliance with appropriate standards or performance in a specified manner.

3.2.4* Listed. Equipment, materials, or services included in a list published by an organization that is acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction and concerned with evaluation of products or services, that maintains periodic inspection of production of listed equipment or materials or periodic evaluation of services, and whose listing states that either the equipment, material, or service meets appropriate designated standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose.

3.2.5 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

3.2.6 Should. Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

3.2.7 Standard. A document, the main text of which contains only mandatory provisions using the word "shall" to indicate requirements and which is in a form generally suitable for mandatory reference by another standard or code or for adoption into law. Nonmandatory provisions shall be located in an appendix or annex, footnote, or fine-print note and are not to be considered a part of the requirements of a standard.

3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Addition. An increase in the building area, aggregate floor area, height, or number of stories of a structure. [**ASCE/SEI 7:**11.2]

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3.3.2 Animal. For the purposes of this standard, an air-breathing vertebrate.

3.3.2.1* *Confined Animals.* Animals housed such that human intervention is required for their release and evacuation in case of emergency.

3.3.3* Animal Handler. A person responsible for the handling, grooming, and care of confined animals, or reasonably expected to assist in their handling and evacuation in case of emergency.

3.3.4* Animal Housing Facility. Area of a building or structure, including interior and adjacent exterior spaces, where animals are fed, rested, worked, exercised, treated, exhibited, or used for production.

3.3.5 Building Height. The vertical distance from the grade to the average elevation of the highest roof surface. [***5000,*** 2006]

3.3.6 Cage. A box or enclosure from which an animal or animals cannot normally escape without human intervention.

3.3.7 Facility, Animal Housing. See 3.3.4.

3.3.8 Fire Resistance Rating. The time, in minutes or hours, that materials or assemblies have withstood a fire exposure as established in accordance with the test procedures of NFPA 251, *Standard Methods of Tests of Fire Resistance of Building Construction and Materials.* [**220,** 2006]

3.3.9 General Public. People who do not have an intimate knowledge of the layout of the building or structure, or the general behavior of the animals at the facility, and are not intended personnel.

3.3.10 Halter. A piece of equipment, composed of rope or straps and buckles, that fits securely around the head of an animal such as a horse or cow, used in handling and leading animals from place to place.

3.3.11 Intended Personnel. People working in the animal housing facility with an intimate knowledge of the layout of the building or structure and the general behavior of the animals at the facility, such as employees or students, who are not considered the general public.

3.3.12 Lead. A rope, chain, or strap of suitable length with a clasp at one end used for handling and leading animals by a halter, collar, or harness.

3.3.13 Modification. The reconfiguration of any space, the addition or elimination of any door or window, the addition or elimination of load-bearing elements, the reconfiguration or extension of any system, or the installation of any additional equipment. [***5000,*** 2006]

3.3.14 Occupancy. The purpose for which a building or other structure, or part thereof, is used or intended to be used. [**ASCE/SEI 7:**1.2]

3.3.15* Protection. A device, material, or system that provides a specified level of safety to achieve a desired outcome.

3.3.16 Reconstruction. The reconfiguration of a space that affects an exit, or a corridor shared by more than a single tenant; or reconfiguration of space such that the rehabilitation work area is not permitted to be occupied because existing means of egress and fire protection systems, or their equivalent, are not in place or continuously maintained. [***5000,*** 2006]

3.3.17 Renovation. The replacement in kind or strengthening of load-bearing elements; or the refinishing, replacement, bracing, strengthening, or upgrading of existing materials, elements, equipment or fixtures, or both, without reconfiguration of spaces. [***5000,*** 2006]

3.3.18 Room.

3.3.18.1 *Feed Room.* Room used to store feed and feed supplies for animals.

3.3.18.2 *Mechanical Equipment Room.* Room that contains mechanical, electrical, air conditioning, or other equipment.

3.3.18.3 *Storage Room.* Enclosed room within a building containing tack and equipment used for animal handling, capture, restraint, grooming, training, care, and upkeep of the animal facility.

3.3.18.4 *Tack Room.* A storage area for tack and stable equipment.

3.3.19 Stall. A room or compartment that normally houses one or more animals.

3.3.20 Tack. Stable gear; also harnesses, bridles, saddles, and other accessories used in riding or driving horses.

3.3.21 Trainer. A person responsible for the care and training of animals.

Chapter 4 General Requirements

4.1* Goals and Objectives.

4.1.1* Goals. The primary goals of this standard shall be safety and facility usability for both human and animal occupants, including property protection as it relates to the primary goals.

4.1.2* Objectives. To achieve the goals stated in 4.1.1, the goals and objectives of 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 shall be satisfied.

4.1.3 Safety. The intent of the safety goal of this standard shall be to reduce the probability of injury or death to both animal and human occupants from fire, similar emergencies, and facility use.

4.1.3.1 Safety from Fire.

4.1.3.1.1* Safety-from-Fire Goals. The fire safety goals of this standard shall be as follows:

(1) To provide an environment for human occupants inside an animal housing facility that is reasonably safe from fire and similar emergencies
(2) To provide an environment for animal occupants inside or adjacent to a structure that is reasonably safe from fire and similar emergencies
(3) To provide reasonable safety for fire fighters and emergency responders during search and rescue operations for animal and human occupants
(4) To attempt to minimize loss of property and interruption of facility operations from fire and similar emergencies

4.1.3.1.2 Safety-from-Fire Objectives.

4.1.3.1.2.1 Facilities shall be designed and constructed to protect human and animal occupants not intimate with the initial fire development for the time needed to evacuate, relocate, or defend in place.

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4.1.3.1.2.2* Facilities shall be designed and constructed to provide reasonable safety for fire fighters and emergency responders during search and rescue operations for animal and human occupants.

4.1.3.1.2.3 Facilities shall be designed and constructed to provide reasonable access to the structure for emergency responders.

4.1.3.1.2.4 Facilities shall be designed and constructed to reasonably protect adjacent persons, animals, and structures from injury, death, or substantial damage as a result of a fire.

4.1.3.2 Safety During Facility Use.

4.1.3.2.1* Safety-During-Facility-Use Goal. The safety-during-facility-use goal of this standard shall be to provide an environment for both the human and animal occupants of the facility that is reasonably safe during the normal use of the facility.

4.1.3.2.2 Safety-During-Facility-Use Objectives.

4.1.3.2.2.1 Facilities shall be designed and constructed to provide for reasonably safe animal and crowd movement during emergency and nonemergency conditions.

4.1.3.2.2.2 Facilities shall be designed and constructed to provide reasonable safety for animal and human occupants and workers during construction and demolition.

4.1.3.2.2.3* Facilities shall be designed and constructed to provide reasonable and appropriate notification to occupants during emergency situations.

4.1.3.2.2.4 Facilities shall be designed and constructed to provide reasonable signage to identify hazards, means of egress, and other building safety features.

4.1.4 Usability Goal. The intent of the usability goal of this standard shall be to ensure that the facility is capable of functioning at the level for which it was designed.

4.1.4.1 Function.

4.1.4.1.1* Function Goal. The intent of the function goal of this standard shall be to ensure that a facility and its systems, features, and construction, throughout its life, provide reasonable capability of operation to satisfy the other goals of this standard.

4.1.4.1.2* Function Objective. Facilities shall be designed and constructed to provide reasonable assurance that its systems, features, and construction are capable of performing their intended use to satisfy the objectives of this standard.

4.2 Fundamental Fire and Life Safety Requirements.

4.2.1 Multiple Safeguards.

4.2.1.1 The design of every facility intended for animal and human occupancy shall be such that reliance for property protection and safety to life does not depend solely on any single safeguard.

4.2.1.2 Additional safeguard(s) shall be provided for property protection and life safety in case any single safeguard is ineffective due to inappropriate animal or human actions, building failure, or system failure.

4.2.2 Appropriateness of Safeguards. Every facility shall be provided with means of egress and other fire and life safety safeguards of the kinds, numbers, locations, and capacities appropriate to the individual facility, with due regard to the following:

(1) Character of the occupancy, including fire load
(2) Capabilities of both the human and animal occupants
(3) Number of animals and persons exposed
(4) Fire protection available
(5) Height and type of construction of the facility
(6) Other factors necessary to provide animal and human occupants with a reasonable degree of safety
(7) Other factors necessary to protect the facility and contents from unacceptable damage

4.2.3 Means of Egress. The minimum number of means of egress for human and animal occupants shall be in accordance with Chapter 8.

4.2.4* Occupant Notification. In every facility of such size, arrangement, or occupancy that a fire itself might not provide adequate occupant warning, fire alarm systems shall be provided where necessary to warn occupants of the existence of fire.

4.2.5 System Design and Installation. Any fire protection system, building service equipment, feature of protection, or safeguard provided for fire and life safety shall be designed, installed, and approved in accordance with applicable NFPA codes and standards.

4.2.6 Limiting Fire Spread.

4.2.6.1 The interior surfaces of the facility shall not contribute to an unacceptable rate and magnitude of fire spread and generation of heat and smoke.

4.2.6.2 The construction of concealed spaces shall not contribute to an unacceptable rate of the spread of fire, hot gases, and smoke to areas of the facility remote from the fire source and shall limit their spread beyond the immediate area of the origin of the fire.

4.2.6.3 The facility shall be compartmented, as appropriate, by walls and floors, including their associated openings with proper closures, to limit the spread of fire, hot gases, and smoke to an acceptable area beyond the immediate area of fire origin.

4.2.7 Structural Integrity. The facility's structural members and assemblies shall be provided with the required degree of fire resistance to limit structural damage, damage to the building and its contents, and damage to adjacent buildings and property.

4.3 General Requirements.

4.3.1 Authority Having Jurisdiction.

4.3.1.1 The authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) shall determine whether the provisions of this standard are met.

4.3.1.2 Where it is evident that a reasonable degree of safety is provided, any requirement shall be permitted to be modified if its application would be hazardous under normal occupancy conditions in the judgment of the AHJ.

4.3.1.3* Where it is evident that special circumstances not specifically addressed in this standard exist in the design, construction, use, or operation of the facility, the AHJ shall be permitted to require additional safeguards such that a reasonable degree of safety is provided.

4.3.2 Provisions in Excess of Standard Requirements. Nothing in this standard shall be construed to prohibit a superior type of building construction, an additional means of egress, or an otherwise safer condition than that specified by the minimum requirements of this standard.

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4.3.3 Maintenance and Testing.

4.3.3.1 Where any device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, or level of protection, or any other feature, is required for compliance with the provisions of this standard, such device, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, or other feature shall thereafter be continuously maintained in accordance with applicable NFPA requirements or as directed by the AHJ.

4.3.3.2 Equipment requiring periodic testing or operation to ensure its maintenance shall be tested or operated as specified elsewhere in this standard or as directed by the AHJ.

4.3.3.3 Maintenance and testing shall be under the supervision of a responsible person who shall ensure that testing and maintenance are made at specified intervals in accordance with applicable NFPA standards or as directed by the AHJ.

4.3.4 Disaster/Emergency Management Program.

4.3.4.1 General. Disaster/emergency management programs shall be required in all animal housing facilities to protect and ensure the safety of the animal and human occupants during fire or other similar emergencies.

4.3.4.2 Program Requirements.

4.3.4.2.1* Disaster/emergency management programs shall be developed in accordance with NFPA 1600, *Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs*, and shall include the procedures for reporting emergencies; the occupant and staff response to emergencies; the design and conduct of disaster/emergency drills; the type and coverage of building fire protection systems; and other items required by the AHJ.

4.3.4.2.2 Required disaster/emergency management programs shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.

4.3.4.2.3 Disaster/emergency management programs shall be reviewed and updated annually.

4.3.4.2.4 Revised plans shall be submitted for review and updates shall be provided whenever changes are made in the occupancy or physical arrangement of the building or fire protection systems or features.

4.3.4.2.5 Floor plans shall be provided to the AHJ, as requested.

4.3.4.2.6 In accordance with the disaster/emergency management program, equipment designated as necessary for the evacuation of animals, such as halters and leads, shall be worn by or kept near each animal at all times.

4.3.5* Disaster/Emergency Drills.

4.3.5.1 Disaster/emergency drills conforming to the provisions of this standard shall be conducted in cooperation with the local authorities and as specified by this standard or by the AHJ.

4.3.5.2 Drill Frequency.

4.3.5.2.1 Where required by this standard or the AHJ, disaster/emergency drills shall be held to familiarize occupants with the drill procedure and to establish conduct of the drill as a matter of routine.

4.3.5.2.2* Disaster/emergency drills shall include procedures to ensure that all persons subject to the drill participate.

Chapter 5 Performance-Based Design Option (Reserved)

5.1 Reserved.

Chapter 6 Subclassification of Animal Housing Facilities and Categorization of Animals

6.1 General.

6.1.1* Occupancy Classification. The general occupancy classification of a facility housing animals shall be determined in accordance with *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 6, or NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 6.

6.1.2 Occupancy Separations. The separations required between different occupancies shall be in accordance with *NFPA 5000*, Chapter 6, or NFPA *101*, Chapter 6.

6.2 Animal Housing Facility Subclassifications.

6.2.1 The occupancy of a facility housing animals shall be subclassified in accordance with this section.

6.2.1.1* Class 1 Facility. A Class 1 facility shall be an area of a building housing animals with no general public access.

6.2.1.2* Class 2 Facility. A Class 2 facility shall be an area of a building housing animals with restricted general public access.

6.2.1.3* Class 3 Facility. A Class 3 facility shall be an area of a building housing animals with regular general public access.

6.2.2 Animal housing facility subclassifications shall be subject to the ruling of the AHJ where there is a question of classification.

6.2.3 Types of Subclassifications.

6.2.3.1 Multiple Subclassification. A multiple subclassification facility shall be a facility in which two or more subclasses of animal housing facilities exist.

6.2.3.2 Mixed Subclassification. A mixed subclassification facility shall be a multiple subclassification facility where the subclassifications are intermingled.

6.2.3.3 Separated Subclassification. A separated subclassification facility shall be a multiple subclassification facility where the subclassifications are separated by fire resistance–rated assemblies.

6.2.4 Multiple Subclassification.

6.2.4.1* Multiple subclassifications *(see 6.2.3)* shall comply with the requirements of one of the following:

(1) Mixed subclassification requirements *(see 6.2.5)*
(2) Separated subclassification requirements *(see 6.2.6)*

6.2.4.2* Where minor accessory subclassifications do not occupy more than 25 percent of the area of any story of a facility, the principal use of the facility shall determine the subclassification.

6.2.5 Mixed Subclassification.

6.2.5.1 Each portion of the facility shall be subclassified as to its use in accordance with 6.2.1.

6.2.5.2 The means of egress, type of construction, protection, and other safeguards in the facility shall comply with the most restrictive fire and life safety requirements of the subclassifications involved.

6.2.6 Separated Subclassification.

6.2.6.1 Where separated subclassifications are provided, each part of the structure comprising a distinct subclassification, as described in this chapter, shall be completely separated from other subclassifications by fire-resistive assemblies as specified in 6.2.6.1.1, 6.2.6.1.2, 6.2.6.2, and 6.2.6.3 and Table 6.2.6.1, unless separation is provided by approved existing separations.

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Table 6.2.6.1 Required Fire Resistance–Rated Separation for Subclassification in Hours

	Class 1 Facility	Class 2 Facility	Class 3 Facility
Class 1 Facility	—	1	2
Class 2 Facility	1	—	1
Class 3 Facility	2	1	—

6.2.6.1.1 Subclassification separations shall be classified as 2-hour fire resistance rated or 1-hour fire resistance rated, and shall meet the requirements of *NFPA 5000*, Chapter 8, or NFPA *101*, Chapter 8.

6.2.6.1.2 The fire resistance rating specified in Table 6.2.6.1 shall be permitted to be reduced by 1 hour, but in no case shall it be reduced to less than 1 hour, where the facility is protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.2.

6.2.6.2 Subclassification separations shall be vertical, horizontal, or both, or, when necessary, of such other form as required to provide complete separation between subclassification divisions in the structure.

6.2.6.3 Where the subclassification separation is horizontal, structural members supporting the separation shall be protected by an equivalent fire-resistive construction.

6.2.7 If there is a change in subclassification, the facility shall meet the requirements for the new subclassification.

6.3 Categorization of Animals.

6.3.1 Animal Type. The type of animal shall be categorized in each area of the animal housing facility in accordance with 6.3.1.1 and 6.3.1.2.

6.3.1.1 Category A. Category A animals shall include any of the following types of animals:

(1)*Animal(s) that pose a potential risk to the health or safety of rescuers or the general public
(2)*Animal(s) that cannot be removed without potential risk to the health and welfare of the animal or other animals
(3)*Animal(s) that are impossible or impractical to move
(4)*Animal(s) that are not mobile or within a mobile enclosure

6.3.1.2 Category B. Category B animals shall include all animals not in Category A, as specified in 6.3.1.1.

6.3.2 Question of Categorization. Animal categories shall be subject to the ruling of the AHJ where there is a question of categorization.

6.3.3 Change in Animal Category. If the category of animal in an animal housing facility changes, the facility shall meet the requirements for the new animal category.

Chapter 7 Construction and Separation Requirements

7.1* Types of Construction. The types of construction for animal housing facilities shall be in accordance with NFPA 220, *Standard on Types of Building Construction*, or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Section 7.2.

7.2 Height and Area Requirements.

7.2.1 General. The height and area requirements for the occupancy of the animal housing facility shall be in accordance with *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Section 7.4.

7.2.1.1 Exterior areas such as corrals, paddocks, or other fenced holding areas attached to animal housing facilities shall not be included in the calculated allowable area per story.

7.2.1.2 If such exterior areas are partially or totally covered by extended roof structures integral with the building, the line of primary structure supporting such roofed areas shall be considered exterior wall lines when determining location on property.

7.2.2* Additional Requirements. In addition to the requirements of 7.2.1, the allowable number of stories above grade where the animal housing facilities are permitted and the allowable area per story of animal housing facilities shall not exceed the limits set forth in Table 7.2.2. The values in Table 7.2.2 for sprinklered facilities shall apply to facilities protected throughout with an approved, electrically supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with Section 9.2.

7.2.3 Maximum Facility Area. The maximum area of the animal housing facilities within a building or structure shall be determined by multiplying the allowable area per story, as determined by Table 7.2.2, by the facility's number of stories up to a maximum of three stories.

7.2.4 Multiple Subclassifications. Where an animal housing facility is occupied by animals of two or more subclassifications, the animal housing facility shall comply with this section.

7.2.4.1 Mixed Subclassifications. Animal housing facilities with mixed subclassifications complying with 6.2.5 shall have their required type of construction determined by applying the most restrictive type of construction to the entire animal housing facility.

7.2.4.2 Separated Subclassifications. Animal housing facilities with separated occupancies complying with 6.2.6 shall have their required type of construction determined in accordance with 7.2.4.2.1 and 7.2.4.2.2.

7.2.4.2.1 The location of each separated subclassification in the animal housing facility shall comply with the story requirements of 7.2.2.

7.2.4.2.2 For each story in the animal housing facility, the sum of the ratios of the per story area of each separated subclassification divided by the allowable area per story as determined by Table 7.2.2 shall not exceed 1.0.

7.3* Stall, Cage, and Enclosure Requirements.

7.3.1 Stalls, cages, and enclosures housing one or more animals shall allow space for each animal to express all species-typical postures, social adjustment, behaviors, and movements.

7.3.2 Animals shall be able to lie down with limbs extended in a normal manner without obstruction from enclosure sides or having to extend feet through feeder doors or bars.

7.3.3 Modifications to 7.3.1 and 7.3.2 shall be permitted for temporary (i.e., less than 12 hours) holding areas with the approval of the AHJ.

7.4 Exposure Protection. Adjacent buildings shall be separated in accordance with *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 7.

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Table 7.2.2 Allowable Facility Height and Areas

Construction Type		I (442)		I (332)		II (222)		II (111)		II (000)		III (211)		III (200)		IV (2HH)		V (111)		V (000)	
Sprinklered or Nonsprinklered		S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N	S	N
Class 1 Facilities																					
Category A Animals	Stories	UL	NP	UL	NP	12	NP	5	NP	4	NP	4	NP	4	NP	5	NP	4	NP	2	NP
	Area ($1000\ ft^2$)	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	40	NP	40	NP	UL	NP	32	NP	32	NP
Category B Animals	Stories	UL	UL	UL	UL	12	11	5	4	4	NP	4	NP	4	NP	5	NP	4	NP	2	NP
	Area ($1000\ ft^2$)	UL	90	UL	90	UL	90	UL	64	UL	NP	40	NP	40	NP	UL	NP	32	NP	32	NP
Class 2 Facilities																					
Category A Animals	Stories	UL	NP	UL	NP	12	NP	5	NP	4	NP	4	NP	4	NP	5	NP	4	NP	2	NP
	Area ($1000\ ft^2$)	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	20	NP	20	NP	UL	NP	16	NP	16	NP
Category B Animals	Stories	UL	UL	UL	UL	12	11	5	4	4	NP	4	NP	4	NP	5	NP	4	NP	2	NP
	Area ($1000\ ft^2$)	UL	45	UL	45	UL	45	UL	32	UL	NP	20	NP	20	NP	UL	NP	16	NP	16	NP
Class 3 Facilities																					
Category A Animals	Stories	UL	NP	UL	NP	12	NP	5	NP	4	NP	4	NP	4	NP	5	NP	4	NP	2	NP
	Area ($1000\ ft^2$)	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	UL	NP	20	NP	20	NP	UL	NP	16	NP	16	NP
Category B Animals	Stories	UL	UL	UL	UL	12	11	5	4	4	NP	4	NP	4	NP	5	NP	4	NP	2	NP
	Area ($1000\ ft^2$)	UL	45	UL	45	UL	45	UL	32	UL	NP	20	NP	20	NP	UL	NP	16	NP	16	NP

For SI units, 1 ft = 0.3048 m, 1 ft^2 = 0.093 m^2.

S: Sprinklered. Allowable facility height in feet and allowable number of stories above grade in facilities protected with an automatic sprinkler system as specified in 7.2.2.

N: Nonsprinklered. Allowable facility height in feet and allowable number of stories above grade in facilities not protected with an automatic sprinkler system as specified in 7.2.2.

UL: Unlimited.

NP: Not permitted.

Note: Within each subclassification, "Stories" refers to the allowable number of stories above grade where the animal housing facilities are permitted to be located. The bottom row refers to the allowable area per story.

7.5 Structural Design.

7.5.1 Structural design shall be subject to the requirements of *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 35, and this section.

7.5.2* Structural design criteria for walls and fence assemblies providing animal containment shall be designed to withstand the horizontal forces exerted by the animal occupants.

7.6 Fire-Rated Separations Between Animal Housing Facilities and Hazardous Areas.

7.6.1 Animal housing facilities shall be separated with a 2-hour fire resistance–rated enclosure from hazardous areas, including, but not limited to, feed rooms, tack rooms, vehicle or equipment storage rooms, blacksmith shops, kitchens, mechanical equipment rooms, and similar areas.

7.6.2 In buildings protected throughout with an approved, supervised automatic sprinkler system in accordance with NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*, animal housing facilities shall be permitted to be separated with a 1-hour fire resistance–rated enclosure from the hazardous areas identified in 7.6.1.

7.7 Wildland/Urban Interface or Wildland/Urban Intermix. Animal housing facilities located in a wildland/urban interface or wildland/urban intermix shall comply with this standard and the construction requirements of NFPA 1144, *Standard for Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire*.

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Chapter 8 Means of Egress Requirements

8.1 General. Means of egress for Category A and Category B animals shall be in accordance with this chapter.

8.1.1* Category A. Category A animals that can be safely egressed to a holding area, without human contact, shall have adequate means of egress provided.

8.1.2 Category B. Category B animals, which will egress with an animal handler, shall have means of egress that comply with NFPA *101*, *Life Safety Code*, or *NFPA 5000*, *Building Construction and Safety Code*, and 8.1.2.1 through 8.1.2.4.

8.1.2.1 Number of Means of Egress.

8.1.2.1.1 Two means of egress for human and animal occupants, as a minimum, shall be provided in every facility, section, and area where size, occupancy, and arrangement endanger occupants attempting to use a single means of egress that is blocked by fire or smoke.

8.1.2.1.2 Where two means of egress are required, they shall be arranged to minimize the possibility that both might be rendered impassable by the same emergency condition.

8.1.2.2 Minimum Width of Doors. The minimum width of the door openings in means of egress shall be the greater of the following:

(1) Clear width of 32 in. (815 mm)
(2)*One-and-one-half times the largest average width of the following:
   (a) Largest animal using the door
   (b) Any associated equipment necessary for egress

8.1.2.3 Minimum Height of Doors. The minimum height of the door openings in means of egress shall accommodate the animal, human, and any associated equipment.

8.1.2.4* Exit Travel Distances.

8.1.2.4.1 In animal housing facilities not sprinklered in accordance with Section 9.2, exit travel distance shall not exceed 75 ft (23 m) from any point in the facility.

8.1.2.4.2 In animal housing facilities sprinklered in accordance with Section 9.2, exit travel distance shall not exceed 100 ft (30 m) from any point in the facility.

8.2* Animal Occupant Load. Animal occupant load shall be determined based upon approved industry standards specific to the size of the animal and the stall, cage, and enclosure configurations.

Chapter 9 Requirements for Protection from Fire and Special Hazards

9.1 General. Requirements for protection from fire and special hazards shall be in accordance with NFPA 1, *Uniform Fire Code*; NFPA *101*, *Life Safety Code*; or *NFPA 5000*, *Building Construction and Safety Code*; and this chapter.

9.1.1 Where a change in subclassification occurs and the installed fire protection systems are no longer necessary or no longer required, the facility owner shall either maintain the systems in full operation or completely remove them.

9.2 Sprinkler Protection.

9.2.1 Where automatic sprinklers are required by this standard throughout the animal housing facility, the system shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.2 and the requirements of NFPA 13, *Standard for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems*.

9.2.2 Occupancy and commodity classifications shall be in accordance with NFPA 13.

9.2.3 Quick-response sprinklers shall be utilized throughout the animal housing facility.

9.3 Fire Alarm Systems.

9.3.1 Where fire alarm systems are required by this standard throughout the animal housing facility, alarm systems shall be in accordance with *NFPA 72*, *National Fire Alarm Code*, and the requirements of this section.

9.3.2 The alarm system shall sound an audible and visual exterior alarm for purposes of initiating emergency action.

9.3.2.1 Modifications to 9.3.2 shall be permitted to accommodate the needs of the animal occupants with approval of the AHJ.

9.4 Fire Extinguishers.

9.4.1 Where fire extinguishers are required by this standard throughout the animal housing facility, fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with NFPA 10, *Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers*.

9.4.2 Extinguishers in accordance with 9.4.1 shall have a minimum 2-A:10-B:C rating and shall be not more than a 50 ft (15.2 m) travel distance from any point within the animal housing facility.

9.4.3 Placement of the fire extinguishers shall be determined by the AHJ so as to prevent injury to or damage by the animal occupants.

9.5 Lightning Protection. Where lightning protection is required by this standard for the animal housing facility, lightning protection shall be in accordance with NFPA 780, *Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems*.

9.6 Special Hazards.

9.6.1 Open Burning.

9.6.1.1* No open burning shall be permitted.

9.6.1.2 Open flame heating devices shall not be allowed other than as permitted by the following:

(1) NFPA 31, *Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment*
(2) NFPA 54/ANSI 223.1, *National Fuel Gas Code*
(3) NFPA 58, *Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code*
(4) NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*
(5) NFPA 90A, *Standard for the Installation of Air-Conditioning and Ventilating Systems*
(6) NFPA 90B, *Standard for the Installation of Warm Air Heating and Air-Conditioning Systems*
(7) NFPA 211, *Standard for Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents, and Solid Fuel–Burning Appliances*

9.6.1.3 For animal housing facilities with fuel-burning appliances or equipment, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 720, *Standard for the Installation of Carbon Monoxide (CO) Warning Equipment in Dwelling Units*.

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9.6.2 Smoking.

9.6.2.1 Smoking shall be prohibited except in designated safe areas.

9.6.2.2 Warning signs shall be posted.

9.6.3 Waste Removal and Housekeeping.

9.6.3.1 A procedure for general housekeeping, cleanliness, animal waste removal, and orderliness shall be maintained.

9.6.3.2 Detached noncombustible trash containers, for other than animal waste, shall be provided and a frequent removal program shall be established.

9.6.3.3 Aisles, hallways, or other types of corridors of animal housing facilities shall not be used in any form for permanent storage.

9.6.4 Electrical Systems and Appliances.

9.6.4.1 Electrical systems and appliances shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*.

9.6.4.2 Use of any portable electrical appliance shall be restricted as follows:

(1) Multiple-outlet adapters shall be prohibited.
(2) Not more than one continuous extension cord shall be used to connect one appliance to the fixed receptacle, and such cord shall be listed for hard service and properly sized for the intended application.
(3) Extension cords shall be used only on a temporary (immediate) basis.

9.6.4.3 Extension cords shall not be supported by any metal objects such as nails, screws, hooks, or pipes.

9.6.4.4 Plug caps and receptacles used in extension cords shall be heavy-duty type equipped with a reliable grounding pole and shall be attached to the cord in a manner to provide strain relief.

9.6.4.5 All electrical appliances used in the animal housing facility shall be listed for commercial use.

9.6.4.6 Outdoor electrical appliances served by the animal housing facility's electrical system shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 70, *National Electrical Code*.

9.6.4.7 Portable cooking and heating appliances shall be used only in spaces designated for such use and separated from the animal housing facility.

9.6.4.8 Portable electrical heating and cooking appliances shall be of a type that automatically interrupts electrical current to the heating element when the appliance is not in its normal operating position (tip-over disconnect).

9.6.4.9 Use of exposed-element heating appliances, such as immersion heaters and space heaters, shall be prohibited.

9.6.4.10 Receptacles and wiring shall be installed in positions that minimize the possibility of damage by or injury to the animal occupants.

9.6.4.11 Permanently installed lighting shall be provided throughout the animal housing facility.

9.6.5 Flammable Liquids. The storage of flammable and combustible liquids, except those used for medicinal purposes, shall be prohibited.

9.6.6 Control of Vehicular Traffic.

9.6.6.1 All vehicular access shall be subject to local established rules.

9.6.6.2 Aisles, hallways, and other types of corridors shall be maintained clear of obstruction at all times, and access to fire equipment shall not be blocked.

9.7 Vertical Openings. Where required by the AHJ, every vertical opening between the floors of an animal housing facility shall be enclosed or protected, as necessary, to provide the following:

(1) Reasonable safety to animal and human occupants while using the means of egress by preventing spread of fire, smoke, or fumes through vertical openings from floor to floor to allow occupants to complete their use of the means of egress
(2) Limitation of damage to the facility and its contents

9.8 Special Requirements for Category A Animals.

9.8.1 Sprinkler Systems. Animal housing facilities with Category A animals shall be sprinklered throughout in accordance with Section 9.2.

9.8.2 Smoke Control Systems. Animal housing facilities with Category A animals shall have a smoke control system unless modified as approved by the AHJ.

9.8.2.1* Smoke control systems shall be installed, inspected, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 92A, *Standard for Smoke-Control Systems Utilizing Barriers and Pressure Differences*, or NFPA 92B, *Standard for Smoke Management Systems in Malls, Atria, and Large Spaces*, or nationally recognized standards, engineering guides, or recommended practices.

9.8.2.2 The engineer of record shall clearly identify the intent of the system, the design method used, the appropriateness of the method used, and the required means of inspecting, testing, and maintaining the system.

9.8.2.3 Acceptance testing shall be performed by a special inspector in accordance with the following:

(1) Special inspections and tests shall be performed to verify the operation of the smoke control system in its final condition for acceptance by the AHJ.
(2) The design documents shall provide the procedures and methods to be used and items subject to special inspections and tests.
(3) The special inspector shall submit an inspection and test report to the AHJ and registered design professional in responsible charge.

9.8.2.4 Smoke Control System Operation.

9.8.2.4.1 Floor- or zone-dependent smoke control systems shall be automatically activated by sprinkler waterflow or smoke detection systems and remain operational throughout the emergency.

9.8.2.4.2 Means for manual operation of smoke control systems shall be provided at an approved location.

9.8.3* Areas Requiring Human Attendance. With the approval of the AHJ, surgical, procedure, and treatment areas where the animals are anesthetized or otherwise require human attendance shall be designed, constructed, and maintained with a defend-in-place strategy to allow continued human attendance to minimize the unnecessary loss of animal life.

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9.8.4* Additional Safeguards. For animal housing facilities with Category A animals, the AHJ shall be permitted to require additional safeguards necessary to protect animal occupants that cannot be safely evacuated.

Chapter 10 Interior Finishes, Contents, and Furnishings

10.1 General.

10.1.1 Interior finishes, contents, and furnishings shall be in accordance with Section 10.2 of NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, or Section 10.2 of *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, and this chapter.

10.1.1.1 Interior wall and ceiling finish material shall be Class A or Class B in exits and in exit access corridors.

10.1.1.2 Interior wall and ceiling finishes shall be Class A, Class B, or Class C in all other areas.

10.1.2 The toxicity of finishes, contents, furnishings, and their treatments for the animals housed in the facility shall be minimized.

10.2 Insulation. Exposed insulation shall not be permitted in animal housing facilities.

Chapter 11 Class 1 Animal Housing Facilities

11.1 General.

11.1.1* Application. Class 1 animal housing facilities shall be in accordance with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 42, or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 30, as a minimum, and this chapter.

11.1.2 Minimum Construction Requirements. Class 1 animal housing facilities shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter 7.

11.1.3 Occupant Load.

11.1.3.1* Human Occupants. In Class 1 animal housing facilities, the occupant load, in number of persons for whom means of egress and other provisions are required, shall be determined in accordance with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 42, or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 30, as a minimum.

11.1.3.2 Animal Occupants. In Class 1 animal housing facilities, the occupant load, in number of animals for whom means of egress and other provisions are required, shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 8.

11.2 Means of Egress Requirements.

11.2.1 General. Each required means of egress shall be in accordance with the applicable portions of Chapter 8.

11.2.2 Means of Egress Components.

11.2.2.1 General. Components of means of egress shall be limited to the types described in NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 7; or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 11; Chapter 8 of this standard; and as modified in this subsection.

11.2.2.2 Ramps.

11.2.2.2.1 Ramps complying with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, and *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, shall be permitted for human occupants.

11.2.2.2.2* Ramps for animal egress shall be designed to safely accommodate the animal occupants.

11.2.3 Number of Means of Egress. See Chapter 8.

11.2.4 Special Means of Egress Features. (Reserved)

11.3 Protection.

11.3.1 Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems.

11.3.1.1 General. A fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.3 shall be required in accordance with this subsection.

11.3.1.1.1 In animal housing facilities greater than 3000 ft^2 (280 m^2) but no more than 20,000 ft^2 (1860 m^2), a local fire alarm system shall be provided.

11.3.1.1.2 In animal housing facilities greater than 20,000 ft^2 (1860 m^2), a monitored fire alarm system shall be provided.

11.3.1.2 Existing Systems. Approved existing installations shall be permitted to be continued in use.

11.3.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection Systems. For animal housing facilities with fuel-burning appliances or equipment, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in accordance with 9.6.1.3.

11.3.3 Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with Section 9.4.

11.3.4 Lightning Protection. Lightning protection shall be required in accordance with Section 9.5.

11.3.5 Special Hazards. Special hazards shall be addressed in accordance with Section 9.6.

11.3.6 Vertical Openings. Where required by the AHJ, vertical openings shall be in accordance with Section 9.7.

11.3.7 Special Requirements for Category A Animals. Class 1 animal housing facilities with Category A animals shall be in accordance with Section 9.8.

11.3.8 Interior Finishes, Contents, and Furnishings. Interior finishes, contents, and furnishings shall be in accordance with Chapter 10.

11.4 Operating Features.

11.4.1 Disaster/Emergency Management Programs. A disaster/emergency management program shall be required in accordance with 4.3.4.

11.4.2 Disaster/Emergency Drills. In all Class 1 animal housing facilities, animal handlers, employees, and supervisory personnel shall hold disaster/emergency drills once annually in accordance with 4.3.5.

11.4.3 Extinguisher Training. All employees of Class 1 animal housing facilities shall be annually instructed in the use of portable fire extinguishers.

Chapter 12 Class 2 Animal Housing Facilities

12.1 General.

12.1.1* Application. Class 2 animal housing facilities shall be in accordance with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 38, or

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NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code, Chapter 28, as a minimum and this chapter.

12.1.2 Minimum Construction Requirements. Class 2 animal housing facilities shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter 7.

12.1.3 Occupant Load.

12.1.3.1 Human Occupants. The occupant load, in number of persons for whom means of egress and other provisions are required, shall be determined in accordance with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 38, or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 28, as a minimum.

12.1.3.2 Animal Occupants. In Class 2 animal housing facilities, the occupant load, in number of animals for whom means of egress and other provisions are required, shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 8.

12.2 Means of Egress Requirements.

12.2.1 General. Each required means of egress shall be in accordance with the applicable portions of Chapter 8.

12.2.2 Means of Egress Components.

12.2.2.1 General. Components of means of egress shall be limited to the types described in NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 7; or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 11; Chapter 8 of this standard; and as modified in this subsection.

12.2.2.2 Ramps.

12.2.2.2.1 Ramps complying with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, and *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, shall be permitted for human occupants.

12.2.2.2.2* Ramps for animal egress shall be designed to safely accommodate the animal occupants.

12.2.3 Number of Means of Egress. See Chapter 8.

12.2.4 Special Means of Egress Features. (Reserved)

12.3 Protection.

12.3.1 Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems.

12.3.1.1 General. A fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.3 shall be required in accordance with this subsection.

12.3.1.1.1 In animal housing facilities greater than 3000 ft^2 (280 m^2) but no more than 10,000 ft^2 (930 m^2), a local fire alarm system shall be provided.

12.3.1.1.2 In animal housing facilities greater than 10,000 ft^2 (930 m^2), a monitored fire alarm system shall be provided.

12.3.1.2 Existing Systems. Approved existing installations shall be permitted to be continued in use.

12.3.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection Systems. For animal housing facilities with fuel-burning appliances or equipment, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in accordance with 9.6.1.3.

12.3.3 Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with Section 9.4.

12.3.4 Lightning Protection. Lightning protection shall be required in accordance with Section 9.5.

12.3.5 Special Hazards. Special hazards shall be addressed in accordance with Section 9.6.

12.3.6 Vertical Openings. Where required by the AHJ, vertical openings shall be in accordance with Section 9.7.

12.3.7 Special Requirements for Category A Animals. Class 2 animal housing facilities with Category A animals shall be in accordance with Section 9.8.

12.3.8 Interior Finishes, Contents, and Furnishings. Interior finishes, contents, and furnishings shall be in accordance with Chapter 10.

12.4 Operating Features.

12.4.1 Disaster/Emergency Management Programs. A disaster/emergency management program shall be required in accordance with 4.3.4.

12.4.2 Disaster/Emergency Drills. In all Class 2 animal housing facilities, animal handlers, employees, and supervisory personnel shall hold disaster/emergency drills annually in accordance with 4.3.5.

12.4.3 Extinguisher Training. All employees of Class 2 animal housing facilities shall be annually instructed in the use of portable fire extinguishers.

Chapter 13 Class 3 Animal Housing Facilities

13.1 General.

13.1.1* Application. Class 3 animal housing facilities shall be in accordance with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 36, or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 27, as a minimum and this chapter.

13.1.2 Minimum Construction Requirements. Class 3 animal housing facilities shall be constructed in accordance with Chapter 7.

13.1.3 Occupant Load.

13.1.3.1 Human Occupants. The occupant load, in number of persons for whom means of egress and other provisions are required, shall be determined in accordance with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 36, or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 27, as a minimum.

13.1.3.2 Animal Occupants. In Class 3 animal housing facilities, the occupant load, in number of animals for whom means of egress and other provisions are required, shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 8.

13.2 Means of Egress Requirements.

13.2.1 General. Each required means of egress shall be in accordance with the applicable portions of Chapter 8.

13.2.2 Means of Egress Components.

13.2.2.1 General. Components of means of egress shall be limited to the types described in NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, Chapter 7; or *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, Chapter 11; Chapter 8 of this standard; and as modified in this subsection.

13.2.2.2 Ramps.

13.2.2.2.1 Ramps complying with NFPA *101, Life Safety Code*, and *NFPA 5000, Building Construction and Safety Code*, shall be permitted for human occupants.

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13.2.2.2.2* Ramps for animal egress shall be designed to safely accommodate the animal occupants.

13.2.3 Number of Means of Egress. See Chapter 8.

13.2.4 Special Means of Egress Features. (Reserved)

13.3 Protection.

13.3.1 Detection, Alarm, and Communications Systems.

13.3.1.1 General. A monitored fire alarm system in accordance with Section 9.3 shall be required in all Class 3 animal housing facilities.

13.3.1.2 Existing Systems. Approved existing installations shall be permitted to be continued in use.

13.3.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection Systems. For animal housing facilities with fuel-burning appliances or equipment, carbon monoxide detection shall be installed in accordance with 9.6.1.3.

13.3.3 Fire Extinguishers. Fire extinguishers shall be provided in accordance with Section 9.4.

13.3.4 Lightning Protection. Lightning protection shall be required in accordance with Section 9.5.

13.3.5 Special Hazards. Special hazards shall be addressed in accordance with Section 9.6.

13.3.6 Vertical Openings. Where required by the AHJ, vertical openings shall be in accordance with Section 9.7.

13.3.7 Special Requirements for Category A Animals. Class 3 animal housing facilities with Category A animals shall be in accordance with Section 9.8.

13.3.8 Interior Finishes, Contents, and Furnishings. Interior finishes, contents, and furnishings shall be in accordance with Chapter 10.

13.4 Operating Features.

13.4.1 Disaster/Emergency Management Programs. A disaster/emergency management program shall be required in accordance with 4.3.4.

13.4.2 Disaster/Emergency Drills. In all Class 3 animal housing facilities, animal handlers, employees, and supervisory personnel shall hold disaster/emergency drills semiannually in accordance with 4.3.5.

13.4.3 Extinguisher Training. All employees of Class 3 animal housing facilities shall be annually instructed in the use of portable fire extinguishers.

Annex A Explanatory Material

Annex A is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only. This annex contains explanatory material, numbered to correspond with the applicable text paragraphs.

A.1.1.1 The requirements of NFPA 150 recognize the following fundamental principles:

(1) Animals are sentient beings with a value greater than that of simple property.
(2) Animals, both domesticated and feral, lack the ability of self-preservation when housed in buildings and other structures.
(3) Current building, fire, and life safety codes do not address the life safety of the animal occupants.

The requirements found in NFPA 150 are written with the intention that animal housing facilities will continue to be designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with the applicable building, fire, and life safety codes. The requirements herein are not intended to replace or rewrite the basic requirements for the human occupants. Instead, NFPA 150 provides additional minimum requirements for the protection of the animal occupants and the human occupants who interact with those animals in these facilities.

NFPA 150 is divided into three major sections: The first section, Chapters 1–3, contains only administrative requirements, while the second section, Chapters 4–10, provides general requirements for all facilities housing animals (i.e., facility subclassification, animal category, construction, means of egress, fire protection, and interior finish requirements), and the third section, Chapters 11–13, includes specific requirements focused on the class of the facility.

A.1.3.1 While it would be appropriate for NFPA 150 to clearly establish a minimum number of animals above which the requirements of NFPA 150 apply, the necessary technical information to make these decisions is simply not available at this time. Instead, in 1.3.1, it is stated that, if a facility requires a permit or license from the local, state, or federal authorities to function, it must comply with this standard. With this approach, it is understood that an adopting jurisdiction could further modify the application of the standard to fit its local situation.

A.1.3.4 In this particular situation, the definition of *temporary* is left to the applicable building, life safety, and fire codes enforced in the jurisdiction.

A.3.2.1 Approved. The National Fire Protection Association does not approve, inspect, or certify any installations, procedures, equipment, or materials; nor does it approve or evaluate testing laboratories. In determining the acceptability of installations, procedures, equipment, or materials, the authority having jurisdiction may base acceptance on compliance with NFPA or other appropriate standards. In the absence of such standards, said authority may require evidence of proper installation, procedure, or use. The authority having jurisdiction may also refer to the listings or labeling practices of an organization that is concerned with product evaluations and is thus in a position to determine compliance with appropriate standards for the current production of listed items.

A.3.2.2 Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ). The phrase "authority having jurisdiction," or its acronym AHJ, is used in NFPA documents in a broad manner, since jurisdictions and approval agencies vary, as do their responsibilities. Where public safety is primary, the authority having jurisdiction may be a federal, state, local, or other regional department or individual such as a fire chief; fire marshal; chief of a fire prevention bureau, labor department, or health department; building official; electrical inspector; or others having statutory authority. For insurance purposes, an insurance inspection department, rating bureau, or other insurance company representative may be the authority having jurisdiction. In many circumstances, the property owner or his or her designated agent assumes the role of the authority having jurisdiction; at

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government installations, the commanding officer or departmental official may be the authority having jurisdiction.

A.3.2.4 Listed. The means for identifying listed equipment may vary for each organization concerned with product evaluation; some organizations do not recognize equipment as listed unless it is also labeled. The authority having jurisdiction should utilize the system employed by the listing organization to identify a listed product.

A.3.3.2.1 Confined Animals. This includes animals in pens near or adjacent to a structure where they would be endangered by smoke, heat, fire spread, or structural failure.

A.3.3.3 Animal Handler. This includes but is not limited to attendants, exhibitors, hands, keepers, groomers, technicians, trainers, veterinarians, wranglers, or their assistants.

A.3.3.4 Animal Housing Facility. This includes but is not limited to barns, kennels, coops, stables, sheds, pens, corrals, runs, vivaria, terraria, laboratories, and zoos. Adjacent exterior spaces include areas near or adjacent to a structure where confined animals would be endangered by smoke, heat, fire spread, or structural failure.

A.3.3.15 Protection. For the purposes of this standard, *protection* takes various distinct forms. The specific provision of the standard will address what the standard intends as an acceptable device, material, or system. With regard to structural fire protection, *protection* or *protected* usually means an assembly of materials that have achieved a specified level of fire resistance as demonstrated by NFPA 251, *Standard Methods of Tests of Fire Resistance of Building Construction and Materials*. For fire suppression systems, *protected* usually means being provided with an approved automatic sprinkler system or similar automatic fire suppression system. The type of *protection* desired must be clearly understood within the context of the item under consideration.

A.4.1 The overall goals of this standard are presented in 4.1.1. These overall goals are treated in greater depth in 4.1.3 and 4.1.4. In each of these subsections, an overall goal for the subsection is defined, specific goals relating to the overall goal are presented, and the objectives that relate to the specific goal follow. This format is intended to enhance the usability of the standard.

A.4.1.1 These highest level goals are intentionally general in nature. Each includes a broad spectrum of topics as shown in 4.1.3 and 4.1.4. Property protection is not included as a highest level goal, as it is contained in most of the other goals.

Safety is intended to indicate a need for protection against immediate or short-duration hazards, such as a fire or similar emergency.

A.4.1.2 The objectives are stated in more specific terms than the goals and tend to be more quantitative.

A.4.1.3.1.1 The phrase "reasonably safe from fire" is defined by subsequent language in this standard, primarily in the objectives.

A.4.1.3.1.2.2 In many cases, the other provisions of the standard that provide safety for occupants will satisfy this goal for protection of emergency responders.

A.4.1.3.2.1 The phrase "reasonably safe during normal use" is defined by subsequent language in this standard, primarily in the objectives. Certain requirements are provided to ensure that the occupants are safe during nonemergency use of the buildings. Failure to address these features could result in injuries to occupants in their normal day-to-day activities in the building.

A.4.1.3.2.2.3 Appropriate consideration should be given to the type of audible device selected, since some animals might respond in a detrimental way given a certain signal (e.g., a bell would be inappropriate as a fire alarm in a racetrack stable).

A.4.1.4.1.1 The long-term function of a building, in total, is not within the scope of this goal. This goal relates, however, to the long-term, continued operation and effectiveness of the building to satisfy the goals of safety and usability.

A.4.1.4.1.2 This objective is intended to apply to systems, features, and construction that are provided in the building for the purpose of meeting the other objectives and is not intended to apply to nonrequired systems, features, and construction.

A.4.2.4 Fire alarms alert occupants to initiate emergency procedures, facilitate orderly conduct of fire drills, and initiate response by emergency services.

A.4.3.1.3 This standard is not intended to address every conceivable arrangement of construction or use of animal housing facilities. These structures are unique in that the life safety of two important, but dramatically different, forms of life are addressed — humans and animals. These structures often involve the interaction of animals and people that are unfamiliar with one another's reaction to fire or other emergency conditions. For instance, for mobility impaired or other disabled individuals, the ability of the humans to egress can be impaired, hindered, or jeopardized by the movement of the animals. These facilities can also be located within or close to a process or other occupancy that elevates the risk to animals, but perhaps not to humans, beyond that contemplated by the standard. These facilities can be housed in a historic building.

If these or other special circumstances clearly exist, the AHJ can require alternative or additional fire protection features. These can include, but are not limited to, a performance-based analysis of the special condition, building fire evacuation plans, management policies on staff response to emergencies, a higher staff-to-client ratio, increased fire resistance ratings, or modification of fire suppression or fire alarm requirements.

A.4.3.4.2.1 Disaster/emergency management programs should include the following items based on the type of occupancy and hazards involved:

(1) Procedures for reporting of emergencies requiring relocation and/or evacuation of occupants
(2) Occupants or staff member duties during emergencies
(3) Floor plans identifying the locations of portable fire extinguishers, other manual fire-extinguishing equipment, other automatic or manual fire suppression systems, first aid equipment, hazardous material spill equipment, and equipment designated as necessary for the evacuation of animals
(4) Manual fire alarm pull stations and fire alarm control panels
(5) Floor plans identifying the primary and secondary routes of evacuation for each room or portion of the occupancy
(6) Floor plans indicating the locations of interior areas of refuge and animal occupied areas

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(7) Site maps identifying the designated exterior assembly area for each evacuation route
(8) Assessments of both building systems and management features
(9) Use of alarms
(10) Transmission of alarm to fire department
(11) Response to alarms
(12) Procedures for isolation and/or extinguishment of fire
(13) Properties and location of hazardous storage or operations
(14) Special procedures for staff members who perform or shut down critical plant operations and/or attend to Category A animals
(15) A system to account for animal and human occupants and staff members after evacuation
(16) Designation of an emergency response coordinator and a back-up coordinator
(17) An alternate means of communications other than the fire alarm
(18) Emergency contact information
(19) Special procedures for animal handlers to address such items as animal bites and animal escapes

A.4.3.5 The purpose of disaster/emergency drills is to educate the participants in the fire safety features of the building, the egress facilities available, safe handling of the animal occupants, and the procedures to be followed. Speed in emptying buildings or relocating occupants, while desirable, is not the only objective. Prior to an evaluation of the performance of a disaster/emergency drill, an opportunity for instruction and practice should be provided. This educational opportunity should be presented in a nonthreatening manner, with consideration to the prior knowledge, age, and ability of the audience.

A.4.3.5.2.2 If a disaster/emergency drill is considered merely as a routine exercise from which some persons are allowed to be excused, there is a grave danger that, in an actual emergency, the evacuation and relocation will not be successful. However, there could be circumstances under which all occupants do not participate in a disaster/emergency drill.

A.6.1.1 The user should reference *NFPA 5000*, *Building Construction and Safety Code*, or NFPA *101*, *Life Safety Code*, to obtain the general occupancy classification of an animal housing facility whether it's storage, business, mercantile, assembly, or other occupancy. If there are multiple occupancies within the facility, they will be in accordance with the mixed or separated occupancy requirements in *NFPA 5000*, Chapter 6, or NFPA *101*, Chapter 6. NFPA 150 and its subclassification, defined in Section 6.2, are intended to apply only to those portions of the facility housing animals.

A.6.2.1.1 Class 1 facilities include but are not limited to rest, feed, work, exercise, viewing, and production areas at facilities where there is no general public access or physical interaction with the animal occupants. These types of facilities include but are not limited to livestock and poultry processing plants, dairy barns, private breeding facilities, treatment and holding areas in veterinary clinics or hospitals, educational facilities, quarantine areas, respite facilities, and private kennel areas. It is assumed that these facilities will have no access by the general public, as defined in Chapter 3.

A.6.2.1.2 Class 2 facilities include but are not limited to rest, feed, work, exercise, viewing, and production areas at facilities where there is restricted general public access and interaction with the animal occupants. Restricted general public access permits limited access for people on an infrequent basis who do not have an intimate knowledge of the layout of the building or structure or the general behavior of the animals.

A.6.2.1.3 Class 3 facilities include but are not limited to rest, feed, work, exercise, production, or viewing areas at facilities where there is general public access and interaction with the animal occupants. These types of facilities include but are not limited to zoo display areas, petting zoos, show grounds/barns, and pet stores. General public access includes regular access for people who do not have an intimate knowledge of the layout of the building or structure or the general behavior of the animals.

A.6.2.4.1 See Figure A.6.2.4.1(a) and Figure A.6.2.4.1(b) for illustrations of the multiple subclassifications.

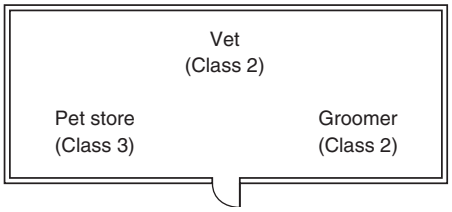

FIGURE A.6.2.4.1(a) Multiple Mixed Subclass.

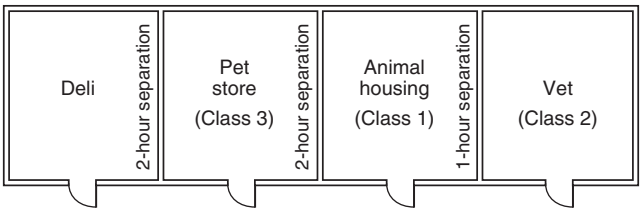

FIGURE A.6.2.4.1(b) Multiple Separated Subclass.

A.6.2.4.2 An example of a minor accessory subclassification could be a small public viewing area at a dairy production facility. The barn might meet the subclassification for a Class 1 facility. If the other subclassification is less than 25 percent of the gross floor area of the animal housing facility, then the provisions of a multiple subclassification would not apply, and the facility could be classified as the predominant subclassification (in this example, Class 1).

A.6.3.1.1(1) This includes wild or feral animals, zoonotic disease carriers, or poisonous animals.

A.6.3.1.1(2) This includes animals that are under anesthesia, injured or ill, immune-deficient, or infectious disease carriers.

A.6.3.1.1(3) This includes animals that are wild or feral, too large or too numerous, or in situations where there is inadequate staff-to-animal ratio for evacuation purposes or inadequate safeguards to deal with evacuated animals.

A.6.3.1.1(4) This includes animals that cannot be lead by collars, halters, or other devices and equipment and animals that are not in mobile or rolling cages.

A.7.1 Table A.7.1 is a reprint of Table 7.2.1.1 from *NFPA 5000*.

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Table A.7.1 Fire Resistance Ratings for Type I Through Type V Construction (hr)

	Type I		Type II			Type III		Type IV	Type V	
	442	332	222	111	000	211	200	2HH	111	000
Exterior Bearing Walls[a]										
Supporting more than one floor, columns, or other bearing walls	4	3	2	1	0[b]	2	2	2	1	0[b]
Supporting one floor only	4	3	2	1	0[b]	2	2	2	1	0[b]
Supporting a roof only	4	3	1	1	0[b]	2	2	2	1	0[b]
Interior Bearing Walls										
Supporting more than one floor, columns, or other bearing walls	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0
Supporting one floor only	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Supporting roofs only	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Columns										
Supporting more than one floor, columns, or other bearing walls	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	H	1	0
Supporting one floor only	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	H	1	0
Supporting roofs only	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	H	1	0
Beams, Girders, Trusses, and Arches										
Supporting more than one floor, columns, or other bearing walls	4	3	2	1	0	1	0	H	1	0
Supporting one floor only	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	H	1	0
Supporting roofs only	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	H	1	0
Floor-Ceiling Assemblies	2	2	2	1	0	1	0	H	1	0
Roof-Ceiling Assemblies	2	1½	1	1	0	1	0	H	1	0
Interior Nonbearing Walls	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exterior Nonbearing Walls[c]	0[b]	0[b]	0[b]	0[b]	0[b]	0[b]	0[b]	0[b]	0[b]	0[b]

Note: H = heavy timber members (see text for requirements).
[a]See *NFPA 5000*, 7.3.2.1.
[b]See *NFPA 5000*, Section 7.3.
[c]See *NFPA 5000*, 7.2.3.2.12, 7.2.4.2.3, and 7.2.5.6.8.
[5000: Table 7.2.1.1]

A.7.2.2 The areas on this table are derived by taking the area limitations listed in NFPA 150, *Standard on Fire Safety in Racetrack Stables*, 2000 edition, and dividing them by the number of stalls permitted. This yields an average area per stall of 250 ft^2 (23.23 m^2). This area is then used to formulate an acceptable area for a facility housing animals. Since Category A animals are those animals that cannot be released safely from a facility during a fire or other emergency, the requirement for facilities housing Category A animals to be protected by automatic sprinkler systems is triggered. The story limitations in the table are based upon those found in Table 7.4.1 of *NFPA 5000*, *Building Construction and Safety Code*, for ordinary hazard storage occupancies.

A.7.3 Table A.7.3 provides guidelines for the minimum areas for stalls, cages, and enclosure areas for various types of animals. These numbers are derived from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's *Minimum Husbandry Guidelines for Mammals*. Additional guidelines can be found in the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources Commission on Life Sciences' "Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals."

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Table A.7.3 Minimum Areas for Stalls, Cages, and Enclosure Areas

Animal Category	Area Needs		Dimensional Needs		per Number of Animal	Height of Wall		Additional Note
	ft^2	m^2	ft × ft	m × m		ft	m	
Aardvark	64	5.95	8 × 8	2.4 × 2.4	1			
Agouti and Acouchi	24	2.23	4 × 6	13.1 × 1.83	1	4	1.22	
Antelope and Gazelle								
Antelopes eland, greater kudu, sable, hartebeest	100	9.29			1			Night stall
Antelope most other species	70	6.5			1			Night stall
Antelope bushbuck and sitatunga	45	4.18			1			Night stall
Gazelle (night stall)	56	5.2			1			Night stall
Gazelle (long period)	150	13.94			1			Long stay period
Bats								
Nonflight bat cage								
Bat flight indoor 4 times length wing								
Bears								
Brown bear	36	3.35	6 × 6	1.83 × 1.83	1	5	1.53	
Other bears	25	2.32	5 × 5	1.53 × 1.53	1	5	1.53	
Beaver								
Cattle (wild)	150	13.94	10 × 15	3.05 × 4.57				Bull: 20 × 20
African Bovids and Chevrotains								
Small and medium sized	25	2.32	5 × 5	1.53 × 1.53	1	8	2.46	
Large	100	9.29	10 × 10	3.05 × 3.05	1	8	2.46	
Camelids	300	27.88	15 × 20	4.57 × 6.1	1			
Canids (small)								
One or two animals	42.5	3.95	6.5 × 6.5	1.98 × 1.98	2	5	1.53	
Three animals	100	9.29	10 × 10	3.05 × 3.05	3	5	1.53	
Family group (pair and up to 5 offspring)	169	15.71	13 × 13	3.96 × 3.96	family	5	1.53	
Capybaras	240	22.30	12 × 20	3.66 × 6.1	2			
Cavies and Patagonian Hares	4	0.37	15–20 gal*	0.058–0.07 m^{3*}				
Cervids								
Large cervids (elk, moose)	150	13.94			1			
Mid-sized cervids (white tail deer)	100	9.29			1			
Small cervids (muntjac, musk)	8	0.74	3 × 2.5 × 2.75	0.91 × 0.76 × 0.84	1			Dog house size
Chinchillas and Viscachas	16	1.48	4 × 4	1.22 × 1.22	2	3	0.91	
Elephants	400–600	37.17–55.76			1	>20	>6.1	
Equids	450	41.82	15 × 30	4.57 × 9.15	1	6–8	2.06–2.46	
Felids (large)								
Very large pantherid/lion/tiger	300	27.88	20 × 15	6.1 × 4.57	1			Outdoor high and/or moat
Other large felids jaguar, leopard, panther	200	18.59			1			
Cheetah	200	18.59			1			
Felids (small)								
<10 kg (small felids)	42.5	3.95	6.5 × 6.5	1.98 × 1.98	1	8	2.46	
<20 kg (small felids)	84.5	7.85	13 × 6.5	3.96 × 1.98	1	8	2.46	

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Animal Category	Area Needs		Dimensional Needs		per Number of Animal	Height of Wall		Additional Note
	ft^2	m^2	ft × ft	m × m		ft	m	
Giraffes	225	20.91			1	20	6.1	
Goats and Sheep						8–9	2.46–2.74	
Hippopotamus								
Pygmy hippo	120	11.15	10 × 12	3.05 × 3.66	1	5	1.53	Need pool also
Nile hippo	168	15.61	12 × 14	3.66 × 4.25	1	11	3.35	Need pool also
Hutias	49	4.55	7 × 7	2.13 × 2.13	2	7	2.13	
Hyenas and Aardwolves	200	18.59			1			
Hyrax	36	3.46	6 × 6	1.83 × 1.83	2	5 indoor	1.53 indoor	8 ft outdoor
Insectivores	10	0.93	5–55 gal*	0.058–0.21 m^{3}*		Tank*		
Marsupials	43	4.0			2			
Monotremes	9	0.84	3 × 3	0.91 × 0.91	1	5	1.53	
Mustelids			(body size chart)	(body size chart)				
Nonhuman Primates								
Cebidae	107	9.94	13.1 × 8.2	4 × 2.5	5	8.2	2.5	
Cercopithecinae	100	9.29	10 × 10	3.05 × 3.05	2	8	2.46	
Cheirogaleidae	16	1.49	4 × 4	1.22 × 1.22	2	4	1.22	
Colobinae	225	20.91	15 × 15	4.57 × 4.57	3	15	4.57	
Daubentonidae	129	12.0	13.1 × 9.8	4 × 3	2	9.9	3	
Hylobatidae	63	5.86	7 × 9	2.13 × 2.74	1	7	2.13	
Indriidae	269	25.0	16.5 × 16.5	5 × 5	2	16.5	5	
Lemuridae	25	2.32	5 × 5	1.52 × 1.52	2	6	1.83	
Lorisidae	97	9.01	9.9 × 9.9	3 × 3	2	9.9	3	
Marmosets, tamarins, and callimico	32	2.97	4 × 8	1.22 × 2.46	group	8	2.46	
Pongidae	196	18.21	14 × 14	4.27 × 4.27	1	10	3.5	
Tarsiidae	10.75	1.0	3.3 × 3.3	1 × 1	2	6.6	2	
Okapis	300	27.88	15 × 20	4.57 × 6.1	1	8	2.46	
Pacaranas	96	8.92						Rodent
Pangolins	100	9.29	10 × 10 × 10*	3.05 × 3.05 × 3.05*	2	10	3.5	
Porcupines	36	3.35	6 × 6	1.83 × 1.83	1	5	1.53	
Procyonids and Red Pandas	400	37.17			1	12	3.66	
Pronghorns	30	2.79			1	8	2.46	
Rhinoceros	1500	139.41			1	5	1.53	Moat
Sciurids	16	1.49	4 × 4 × 4*	1.22 × 1.22 × 1.22*	2	Cage	Cage	
Tapirs	100	9.29			1	6	1.83	
Viverrids and Mongooses	64	5.95			2	7	2.13	
Wild Swine	40–60	3.72–5.58			1	5	1.53	

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Table A.7.5.2 Animal Enclosure Design Forces

Animal	Horizontal Force		Height Above Grade of Load Application	
	lb	Newton	ft	m
Bull elephant	10,000	44,480	7	2.13
Female elephant	8,000	35,584	7	2.13
Hippopotamus	4,000	17,792	4	1.22
Rhinoceros	4,000	17,792	4	1.22
Lion	500	2,224	5	1.53
Cheetah	100	445	4	1.22
Giraffe	1,600	7,117	8	2.46
All other animals	500	2,224	4	1.25

[Source: EPCOT Building Code, 1998.]

A.7.5.2 Table A.7.5.2 lists the recommended animal enclosure horizontal design forces for a sampling of animals.

A.8.1.1 A holding area can be a temporary or permanent, internal or external area that provides a safe environment for an animal during an emergency. It could include, but is not limited to, a movable enclosure, pen, yard, paddock, or corral.

A.8.1.2.2(2) The width of the animal should be the widest part of the animal, including horns, antlers, and other appendages.

A.8.1.2.4 Exit distances are more stringent than those specified in NFPA *101*, *Life Safety Code*, because of the difficulty of evacuating panicked animals from the facility in an emergency situation.

A.8.2 The guidelines cited in A.7.3 for the minimum areas for stalls, cages, and enclosure areas can be used to develop appropriate occupant loads for the animal occupants.

A.9.6.1.1 This restriction is intended primarily to prohibit open flame heaters in the barn and stable-type areas. It is not intended to limit properly installed and equipped devices such as gas water heaters and blacksmith forges as long as they are approved by the AHJ.

A.9.8.2.1 For additional guidance on designing, installing, acceptance testing, periodic testing, and maintaining engineered smoke-control systems, see the following:

(1) NFPA SPP-53, *Smoke Control in Fire Safety Design*
(2) *Principles of Smoke Management*

A.9.8.3 It is anticipated that if staff is to remain with anesthetized animals or animals that cannot be left unattended, additional safeguards would be necessary to ensure the safety of both human and animal occupants.

A.9.8.4 Additional safeguards may include such items as two-way communication, secondary animal containment, smoke compartments, and emergency response training and equipment in accordance with 4.3.4 (i.e., tranquilizers and other animal control equipment, and first-aid items).

A.11.1.1 Class 1 facilities are those facilities that are most closely related to storage occupancies. That is to say, they are characterized by relatively low human occupant loads in relation to the large size of the floor areas. The requirements found in Chapter 11 compare most closely to those requirements found in Chapter 42 of NFPA *101*, *Life Safety Code*. By no means should a Class 1 animal housing facility be automatically classified as a storage occupancy. The occupancy of an animal housing facility should be determined in accordance with NFPA *101* or *NFPA 5000*, *Building Construction and Safety Code*, based on the intended use of that facility. NFPA 150 makes additional requirements to safeguard the animal life within that facility.

A.11.1.3.1 In NFPA *101*, *Life Safety Code*, Chapter 42, there is no occupant load factor specified for storage occupancies. Rather, the actual probable maximum number of persons present needs to be considered in determining the occupant load.

A.11.2.2.2.2 Ramp design should be able to accommodate not only the size, weight, and capability of the animal, but also any animal handlers and equipment necessary for the animal's movement. It should also anticipate the animal's possible behavior during emergency situations.

A.12.1.1 Class 2 facilities are those facilities that are most closely related to business occupancies. These facilities typically include vet offices, grooming facilities, research labs, etc. The requirements found in Chapter 12 compare most closely to those requirements found in Chapter 38 of NFPA *101*, *Life Safety Code*. By no means should a Class 2 animal housing facility be automatically classified as a business occupancy. The occupancy of an animal housing facility should be determined in accordance with NFPA *101* or *NFPA 5000*, *Building Construction and Safety Code*, based on the intended use of that facility. NFPA 150 makes additional requirements to safeguard the animal life within that facility.

A.12.2.2.2.2 Ramp design should be able to accommodate not only the size, weight, and capability of the animal, but also any animal handlers and equipment necessary for the animal's movement. It should also anticipate the animal's possible behavior during emergency situations.

A.13.1.1 Class 3 facilities are those facilities that are most closely related to mercantile occupancies. In such facilities, the public might be in close proximity to the animals, in occupant loads typically associated with a mercantile occupancy. The requirements found in Chapter 13 compare most closely to those requirements found in Chapter 36 of NFPA *101*, *Life Safety Code*. By no means should a Class 3 animal housing facility be automatically classified as a mercantile occupancy. For instance, arenas with fixed seating for exhibition purposes of animals should probably be treated as assembly occupancies, since the public in the stands has little or no interaction with the animals and probably has separated means of egress from the animals. The occupancy of an animal housing facility should be determined in accordance with NFPA *101* or *NFPA 5000*, *Building Construction and Safety Code* based on the intended use of that facility. NFPA 150 makes additional requirements to safeguard the animal life within that facility.

A.13.2.2.2.2 Ramp design should be able to accommodate not only the size, weight, and capability of the animal, but also any animal handlers and equipment necessary for the animal's movement. It should also anticipate the animal's possible behavior during emergency situations.

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Annex B Sample Ordinance Adopting NFPA 150

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B.1 The following sample ordinance is provided to assist a jurisdiction in the adoption of this [*code, standard*] and is not part of this [*code, standard*].

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance of the *[jurisdiction]* adopting the *[year]* edition of NFPA *[document number]*, *[complete document title],* and documents listed in Chapter 2 of that [*code, standard*]; prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees; repealing Ordinance No. _____ of the *[jurisdiction]* and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing a penalty; providing a severability clause; and providing for publication; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE *[governing body]* OF THE *[jurisdiction]*:

SECTION 1 That the *[complete document title]* and documents adopted by Chapter 2, three (3) copies of which are on file and are open to inspection by the public in the office of the *[jurisdiction's keeper of records]* of the *[jurisdiction]*, are hereby adopted and incorporated into this ordinance as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this ordinance shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the *[jurisdiction]*. The same are hereby adopted as the [*code, standard*] of the *[jurisdiction]* for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees.

SECTION 2 Any person who shall violate any provision of this code or standard hereby adopted or fail to comply therewith; or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or who shall build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder; or fail to operate in accordance with any certificate or permit issued thereunder; and from which no appeal has been taken; or who shall fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance, respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than $ _____ nor more than $_____ or by imprisonment for not less than _____ days nor more than _____ days or by both such fine and imprisonment. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified the application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. Each day that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3 Additions, insertions, and changes —that the *[year]* edition of NFPA *[document number]*, *[complete document title]* is amended and changed in the following respects:

List Amendments

SECTION 4 That ordinance No. _____ of *[jurisdiction]* entitled *[fill in the title of the ordinance or ordinances in effect at the present time]* and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5 That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The *[governing body]* hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 6 That the *[jurisdiction's keeper of records]* is hereby ordered and directed to cause this ordinance to be published.

[NOTE: An additional provision may be required to direct the number of times the ordinance is to be published and to specify that it is to be in a newspaper in general circulation. Posting may also be required.]

SECTION 7 That this ordinance and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders, and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect *[time period]* from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

Annex C Informational References

C.1 Referenced Publications. The documents or portions thereof listed in this annex are referenced within the informational sections of this standard and are not part of the requirements of this document unless also listed in Chapter 2 for other reasons.

C.1.1 NFPA Publications. National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471.

NFPA *101®*, *Life Safety Code®*, 2006 edition.

NFPA 150, *Standard on Fire Safety in Racetrack Stables*, 2000 edition.

NFPA 251, *Standard Methods of Tests of Fire Resistance of Building Construction and Materials*, 2006 edition.

NFPA 5000®, *Building Construction and Safety Code®*, 2006 edition.

NFPA SPP-53, *Smoke Control in Fire Safety Design,* Butcher and Parnell.

C.1.2 Other Publications.

C.1.2.1 ASHRAE Publications. American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc., 1791 Tullie Circle, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329-2305.

Klote, J. H., and Milke, J. A., *Principles of Smoke Management*, 2002.

C.1.2.2 AZA Publications. American Zoo and Aquarium Association, 8403 Colesville Road, Suite 710, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3314.

Minimum Husbandry Guidelines for Mammals, 1997.

C.1.2.3 ILARCLS Publications. Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources Commission on Life Sciences, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, 500 Fifth St. N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

"Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals," 1996.

C.1.2.4 RCID Publications. Reedy Creek Improvement District, 1900 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Orlando, FL 32830-8438.

EPCOT Building Code, 1998 edition.

C.2 Informational References. (Reserved)

C.3 References for Extracts in Informational Sections. *NFPA 5000®*, *Building Construction and Safety Code®*, 2006 edition.

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