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I am a veterinarian with over 20 years of experience working with animal shelters and advanced training in shelter medicine. I have consulted extensively with animal shelters and boarding facilities and have personally visited over 300 shelters. These regulations seem consistent with expectations and norms for animal shelters, in my experience. These guidelines also seem in line with generally recommended standards for animal housing. Smooth, sealed, cleanable surface such as sealed concrete are recommended both for ease of disifnection and to reduce the risk of injury to animals. Feces should be physically removed several times daily as needed to keep runs sanitary and runs should be thoroughly cleaned of urine at least daily. Waste should not be allowed to pile up beneath open flooring as these creates pest and infectious disease hazards.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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