



# City of Vancouver *Planning - By-law Administration Bulletins*

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## ANIMAL GROOMING

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The purpose of this bulletin is to provide clarification for the Director of Planning in determining the operational parameters that will satisfy the land use requirement for businesses that limit service to the grooming of animals.

### Definition

The Zoning and Development By-law defines Animal Clinic as the use of premises for the care of birds, fish, or animals except horses, including veterinary treatment, grooming, training, breeding or boarding. Animal Clinic is a conditional use in most commercial zones which requires an application for a Development Permit to assess whether the use and services being offered is appropriate at a given location.

### Background

Depending on the size and scope of these operations, veterinary services, training, breeding and boarding services, can have impacts associated with on-site parking requirements and noise that are assessed on a case by case basis through a review process.

We are, however, experiencing an increase in animal and pet care establishments that limit their services to washing and grooming only. These operations are often small in scale and do not share the same impacts that we sometimes see with Animal Clinics. This type of service is more closely aligned with services offered in a Beauty Salon which is an outright permitted use in many commercial zones.

While Beauty Salon has not traditionally been applied to animals, it is the intent of this Bulletin to consider animal grooming with this use, subject to certain criteria.

### General Considerations

Any proposal must be accompanied by a letter of operation clearly stating the services to be provided.

The following criteria should be considered in evaluating operations that could meet the intent of this bulletin:

- Services should be limited to animal washing and grooming activities only for animals including ancillary retailing of grooming and pet care products.
- Gross floor area should be limited to a maximum of 93 m<sup>2</sup>.
- No daycare, overnight care or outdoor dog runs are permitted.