



## **Kennels, Veterinarian's and Pet Stores**

Minimize exposure of rain and runoff to animal care and handling areas by using cover and containment. In and around these areas, use good housekeeping to minimize the generation of pollutants. Make storm water pollution prevention BMPs a part of standard operating procedures and employee training. The following are sources of pollutants: Animal washing and grooming; Animal feeding; Urine / feces and manure deposits.

Reduce storm water contamination by observing the following practices:

- Regularly sweep and clean animal enclosures to collect and properly dispose of droppings, uneaten food, and other potential storm water pollutants.
- Do not hose down animal enclosures that drain to storm drains or to receiving water, without first entering a vegetated area.
- If animals are kept in unpaved and uncovered areas, the soil should have either vegetative cover or mulch to reduce erosion potential.
- If animals are not kept leashed or in cages, the area where animals are kept must be secured by a fence or other means that prevents the animals from running free.
- Groom / wash animals in areas that drain to vegetation rather than into the storm drain or onto an impervious surface that is directly connected to a storm drain.
- Apply medications and pesticides as directed and dispose of used containers and remaining medication properly.
- Pick up pet waste when exercising animals off-site.
- Wash out fish tanks into the sanitary sewer or onto vegetated areas.

