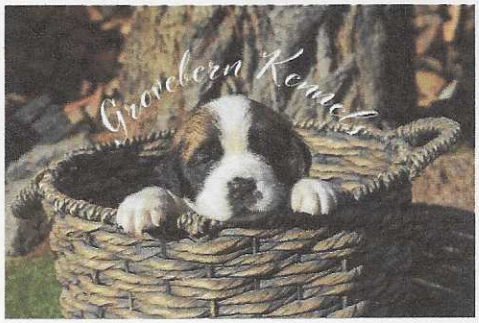
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Grovebern Kennels Noise Management Plan

Property Details

Prefix Name: Grovebern Kennels
Property Address: 249-251 Thacker St, Ocean Grove 3226
Owner/Operator: Lisa Tink, Dogs Victoria Membership # 3100063663
Date: 06 October 2026

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1. Purpose

This Noise Management Plan aims to minimize noise generated by dogs on the property and reduce any impact on neighbouring properties. The plan establishes procedures for monitoring, managing, and responding to noise-related issues associated with dog breeding activities.

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2. Objectives

- Minimize excessive barking and other dog-related noise.
- Maintain positive relationships with neighbouring landowners.
- Ensure compliance with local council regulations and planning permits.
- Provide a comfortable and low-stress environment for dogs.

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3. Noise Sources

Potential noise sources include:

- Barking dogs.
- Excitement during feeding times.
- Arrival of visitors, service providers, or deliveries.
- Dogs reacting to wildlife, vehicles, or strangers.
- Puppies during play periods but most unlikely as they are not barkers up to 8 weeks of age

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4. Noise Reduction Measures

Facility Design

- Kennel is located as far as practical from neighbouring dwellings.
- Solid fencing and landscaping are used to reduce noise transmission.
- Kennel includes insulated walls and roofing, and the fenced dog run attached to the kennel is fully wrapped with shade cloth to minimise viewing of wildlife at night and to protect the dogs from the wind, rain and sun.
- Dogs are housed in a combination of indoors & outdoors, and are locked in their kennel/dog run over night.

Daily Management

- Dogs are exercised regularly to reduce boredom-related barking.
- Feeding occurs on a consistent schedule.
- All adult dogs cohabitate in an amicable manner.
- Environmental enrichment is provided, including toys, chew items, and social interaction.

Trigger Management

Staff will monitor and address barking caused by:

- Passing vehicles.
- Wildlife
- Visitors approaching the property.
- Unfamiliar noises.

Where practical, visual barriers will be used to limit environmental triggers.

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5. Operating Hours- only applicable once a litter is whelped

The following routine will be maintained:

Activity	Time
Exercise	Free to run around and play on ½ acre 8am-4pm generally
Feeding	6.00 PM
Visitor appointments	4.00PM - 6:00 PM – only applicable when a litter is available to be viewed
Quiet hours	4:00 PM - 8:00 AM

During quiet hours, dogs will be housed in indoors or put to bed in their kennel.

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6. Monitoring

The owner/operator will:

- Conduct regular inspections throughout the day.
- Investigate any prolonged barking exceeding 5 minutes.
- Keep records of noise complaints and corrective actions taken.
- Review noise management practices annually.

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7. Complaint Procedure

If a noise complaint is received:

1. Record the date, time, and nature of the complaint.
2. Investigate the cause of the noise.
3. Implement corrective actions where required.
4. Contact the complainant (if details are provided) to discuss the outcome.
5. Maintain a complaints register.

Complaints Register

Date	Complaint Details	Investigation	Action Taken

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8. Staff Responsibilities

The owner and any staff members will:

- Follow kennel operating procedures.
- Respond promptly to excessive barking.
- Monitor dog welfare and behaviour.
- Maintain records relating to noise incidents.

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9. Review

This Noise Management Plan will be reviewed:

- Annually.
- Following any significant complaint.
- If dog numbers increase.
- If required by the local council.

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Signed: 

Name: Lisa Tink

Date: 06 October 2026