Home & containment | Property review

Use to plan a property inspection. No single enclosure design or fence dimension guarantees safety.

Location / area (avoid full address)

Review date

Local requirements and barriers

- ☐ Check applicable laws, permits, zoning, leases, HOA or insurance obligations.
- ☐ Inspect posts, panels, mesh, fasteners and any loose or damaged sections.
- ☐ Review latches, hinges, gate alignment, gaps and entry/exit routines.
- ☐ Consider digging, climbing, pushing, squeezing or exploration around the perimeter.
- ☐ Identify objects, slopes or adjacent structures that change containment risks.
- ☐ Consider a secure second gate or transition area where appropriate.
- ☐ Plan an indoor or otherwise secure backup barrier during maintenance.

Animal welfare in the environment

- ☐ Plan fresh water, shade, shelter and comfortable dry resting places.
- ☐ Plan safe enrichment, movement, exploration, rest and individual choice.
- ☐ Provide ways to retreat from visitors, noise or stressful surroundings.

Most important physical risk or gap identified:

This is a planning checklist, not a professional inspection, universal construction standard, or declaration of legal compliance.

Home & containment | Daily operations

A safe design also depends on the habits of every person entering the space.

Daily people-and-gate routines

- ☐ Assign who checks gates and entry hardware, and how often.
- ☐ Set a delivery, visitor and contractor arrival procedure.
- ☐ Plan separation options for children or other animals when needed.
- ☐ Ensure household members and authorized caregivers understand safe movement routines.
- ☐ Plan storm, repair and temporary containment failures.

Maintenance and correction log

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Backup plan

If the enclosure cannot be used safely, where can the animal stay lawfully and securely?

Next inspection date

Person responsible

Related approved article: “Preparing Your Home and Property for a Wolfdog.” Seek qualified local advice for site-specific construction and requirements.