

# Does Flooring Substrate Impact Kennel and Dog Cleanliness in Commercial Breeding Facilities?

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## *Findings*

- The foot health of dogs housed on 3 types of flooring-diamond shaped coated expanded metal (i.e. Tenderfoot), polypropylene, and concrete were assessed. Few foot, elbow or hock problems were identified on any flooring type.
- All flooring substrates were easily cleaned and all dogs housed on them were clean and dry.
- All dogs had access to multiple substrates via outdoor runs and exercise yards which may provide additional support of foot health and dog cleanliness.