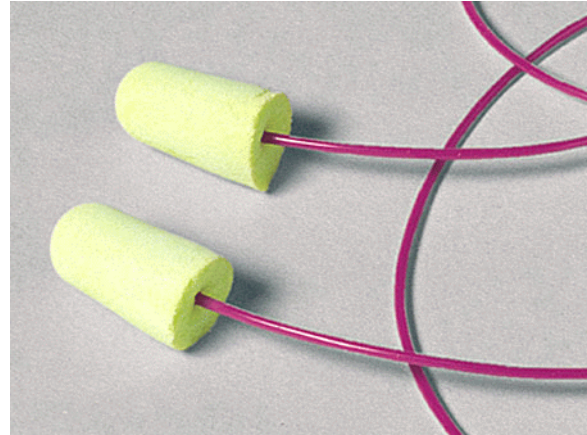


## **Suggested Sources for Hearing Protection**

In a kennel housing dogs, it is normal for noise levels to reach 95 -110 decibels. These levels are hazardous to human hearing and can exceed OSHA's Action Level of 85 dB when the staff member must work in the room for more than a few minutes at a time. Very short, infrequent exposure (going into the room to get an animal and immediately exiting) would not expose the employee to levels above the Action Level of 85 dB (TWA) , so mandatory use of hearing protectors is waived in those instances.



Experience suggests employees will utilize hearing protection more readily when “personal, disposable” type ear plugs are used. The model with the cord attaching the two plugs are the ones people seem to utilize best. Of course, there are other styles and sources available, so alternatives can be considered.

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