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n.

1. A shelter for a dog.
2. A pack of dogs, especially hounds.
3. An establishment where dogs are bred, trained, or boarded.
4. The lair of a wild animal, such as a fox.

v. **ken·neled**, **ken·nel·ing**, **ken·nels** or **ken·nelled** or **ken·nel·ling**

v.tr.

To place or keep in or as if in a kennel.

v.intr.

To take cover or lie in or as if in a kennel.

[Middle English *kenel*, from Anglo-Norman **kenil*, from Medieval Latin *canīle*, from Latin *canis*, dog; see **kwon-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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n.

A gutter along a street.

[Middle English *cannel*, from Old North French *canel*, channel, from Latin *canālis*; see [CANAL](#).]

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