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October 2, 2017

Sheriff Johnny Barnes
Washington County Sheriff's Office
120 Adams Street
Plymouth, NC 27962
Via Hand Delivery

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF ANIMAL SHELTER REGISTRATION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

Re: SUSPENSION OF ANIMAL SHELTER REGISTRATION AND NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF N.C. GENERAL STATUTES § 19A-32.1(f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) and TITLE 02 N.C. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (NCAC), CHAPTER 52J, SECTIONS .0101(1) - (5); .0103; .0201(a) - (c), (e) and (i); .0202(b), (d) and (e); .0203(a) and (e); .0204 (a) and (b); .0205(b); .0206; .0207(a), (b)(1) - (4) and (6), (c) and (d); .0208; .0209(5); and .0210(c) and (d).

AWS-SU-2017-2

Facility: Washington County Animal Shelter
Registration Number: 107

Dear Sheriff Barnes:

Pursuant to N. C. General Statutes § 19A-30(2), (3) and (8), I am issuing this notice to you that the animal shelter registration for the Washington County Animal Shelter is hereby **SUSPENDED** effective 5 days from receipt of this notice. Additionally, this serves as written notice that you have violated of N.C. General Statutes § 19A-32.1(f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) and Title 02 NCAC, Chapter 52J, Sections .0101(1) - (5); .0103; .0201(a) - (c), (e) and (i); .0202(b), (d) and (e); .0203(a) and (e); .0204 (a) and (b); .0205(b); .0206; .0207(a), (b)(1) - (4) and (6), (c) and (d); .0208; .0209(5); and .0210(c) and (d). You have 5 days to surrender the animal shelter registration certificate.

You may contest this decision by filing a petition under the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-23, within five (5) days of your receipt of this Order of Suspension. Filing a petition will require a payment of twenty dollars to the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings (see below, "Appeal").

Pursuant to N. C. General Statute § 150B-22, either party to a dispute may initiate informal settlement negotiations at any time. To negotiate a settlement of this assessment, you may contact me by telephone

at (919) 707-3280. Settlement offers do not extend the 5-day deadline for filing of a contested case petition.

APPEAL

If you file a contested case petition, it must be in writing and in the form prescribed by N.C. General Statute § 150B-23. The petition must be accompanied by a filing fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) payable to the N.C. Office of Administrative Hearings ("OAH"). Should you have any questions about what the fee would be for your case, please contact the OAH Clerk's Office at 919-431-3000. Payment can be made by cash, money order, certified check or check drawn on an attorney's trust account. Make checks payable to: Office of Administrative Hearings. File the petition and one copy with:

Office of Administrative Hearings
6714 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6714

Any questions about filing a petition may be directed to the Clerk of OAH by telephone at 919-431-3000. You must serve NCDA&CS by mailing a copy of the petition to:

Ms. Tina Hlabse
North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Registered Agent and General Counsel
1001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1001

If the violations which resulted in the suspension are of a continuing or repeating nature, NCDA&CS reserves the right to take other enforcement action against you.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Patricia Norris, DVM, MS
Director, Animal Welfare Section

Attachment: Notice of Violations, Order of Suspension

cc: R. Douglas Meckes, DVM, State Veterinarian
Tina Hlabse, General Counsel, NCDA&CS
Joe Reardon, Assistant Commissioner, NCDA&CS
Christopher R. McLennan, Assistant Attorney General

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER
SERVICES, VETERINARY DIVISION
ANIMAL WELFARE SECTION

IN THE MATTER OF

WASHINGTON COUNTY
ANIMAL SHELTER
REGISTRATION

) ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF
) REGISTRATION AND NOTICE OF
) VIOLATIONS OF N.C. GENERAL
) STATUTES §19A-32.1(f), (g), (h), (i), and (j)
) AND TITLE 02 N.C. ADMINISTRATIVE
) CODE ("NCAC") 52J SECTIONS
) .0101(1) - (5); .0103;
) .0201(a) - (c), (e) and (i);
) .0202(b), (d) and (e); .0203(a) and (e);
) .0204 (a) and (b); .0205(b); .0206;
) .0207(a), (b)(1) - (4) and (6), (c) and (d);
) .0208; .0209(5); and .0210(c) and (d).
)

Acting pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §19A-30, Dr. Patricia Norris, Director, Animal Welfare Section ("AWS"), North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("NCDA&CS") makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent to this matter, Washington County Animal Shelter ("the shelter") operated by the Washington County Sheriff's Office was an animal shelter, registered pursuant to N.C. General Statute §19A-26.
2. On January 17, 2017, AWS Animal Health Technician Lisa Carlson ("Inspector Carlson") conducted a facility inspection of the shelter. Numerous areas of non-compliance with the N.C. Animal Welfare Act ("AWA") and its associated regulations were noted. This inspection was marked as "Approved" contingent on the verbal commitment from officers of the Washington County Sheriff's Office to take corrective actions on the non-compliant areas.
3. On July 26, 2017, Inspector Carlson and AWS Outreach Coordinator Joe Blomquist ("Coordinator Blomquist") conducted a facility inspection of the shelter. Due to the number, type and severity of violations of the AWA and its regulations, this inspection was marked as "Disapproved."
4. The July 26, 2017 facility inspection noted violations of the following N.C. General Statutes and NCAC:
 - a) N.C. General Statutes § 19A-32.1(f), (g), (h), (i), and (j); and
 - b) 02 NCAC, Chapter 52J, Sections .0101(4) and (5); .0103; .0201(a) - (c), (e), (k) and (l); .0202(d); .0203(a), (c) and (e); .0204 (a) - (c); .0205(b); .0206; .0207(a), (b)(1-4) and (6), (c) and (d); .0208; .0209(5); and .0210(c) and (d).The July 26, 2017 Inspection Report, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, details these violations.
5. AWS made several attempts to schedule a meeting with officers of the Sheriff's Office to discuss the July 26, 2017 Disapproved facility inspection, but ultimately was unsuccessful due to the unavailability of the officers.

6. On September 22, 2017, Inspector Carlson conducted a facility inspection of the shelter. Due to the number, type and severity of violations of the AWA and its regulations, this inspection was marked as "Disapproved." During the September 21, 2017 facility inspection, the Inspector noted a significant increase in the number and severity of violations as compared to the July 26, 2017 facility inspection.
7. The September 22, 2017 facility inspection noted violations of the following N.C. General Statutes and NCAC:
 - a) N.C. General Statutes § 19A-32.1(f), (g), (h), (i), and (j); and
 - b) 02 NCAC, Chapter 52J, Sections .0101(1) - (5); .0103; .0201(a) - (c), (e) and (i); .0202(b), (d) and (e); .0203(a) and (e); .0204 (a) and (b); .0205(b); .0206; .0207(a), (b)(1) - (4) and (6), (c) and (d); .0208; .0209(5); and .0210(c) and (d).

The July 26, 2017 Inspection Report, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference, details these violations.

8. On September 28, 2017, AWS Director Patricia Norris and Inspector Carlson conducted a site visit of the shelter. Upon arrival at the shelter, Inspector Carlson called Animal Control Officer ("ACO") Brown requesting access to the shelter. ACO Brown stated that neither he, his supervisor or any other officer of the Washington County Sheriff's Office would be available to allow access to, and inspection of, the shelter. Dr. Norris and Inspector Carlson walked around the perimeter of the shelter while waiting to see if ACO Brown would arrive. During this review from the outside of the shelter, Dr. Norris and Inspector Carlson noted that the enclosures housing the animals were in similar unsanitary conditions as noted during the September 21, 2017 facility inspection. In addition, Dr. Norris noted that the 6 dogs in the outdoor runs appeared to be emaciated and suffering from medical conditions easily visible from a distance. The Contact Form documenting the finding for the September 28, 2017 site visit is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

CONCLUSIONS

As a result of this investigation, the AWS finds that the shelter, either by act or omission, willfully disregarded or violated the provisions of N.C. General Statutes § 19A-32.1(f), (g), (h), (i), and (j) and Title 02 NCAC, Chapter 52J, Sections .0101(1) - (5); .0103; .0201(a) - (c), (e) and (i); .0202(b), (d) (e); .0203(a) and (e); .0204 (a) and (b); .0205(b); .0206; .0207(a), (b)(1) - (4) and (6), (c) and (d); .0208; .0209(5); and .0210(c) and (d). These violations were noted on the July 26, 2017 facility inspection and on the September 21, 2017 facility inspection.

In addition, AWS concludes that:

- a) The shelter has willfully disregarded or violated the AWA and rules issued pursuant thereto;
- b) The shelter has failed to provide adequate housing facility and primary enclosures for housing animals at the shelter;
- c) The shelter is not performing feeding, watering, sanitizing or housing practices at the animal shelter that are consistent with the intent of the AWA or its associated rules; and
- d) The shelter fails to possess the necessary qualifications to meet the requirement of the AWA for the holding of an animal shelter registration.

SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATION AS AN ANIMAL SHELTER

Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes §19A-30(2), (3) and (8) and due to the severity and number of violations of the AWA and its associated regulations noted in the Conclusions section as well as the failure of the shelter to implement corrective actions for these violations, I am hereby suspending the animal shelter registration of the Washington County Animal Shelter. This suspension is effective 5 days after the receipt of this notification. The shelter has 14 days from the date of suspension to find suitable accommodations for animals in its care and custody.

This suspension shall remain in effect until the following conditions have been met:

- 1) The shelter complies with all statutes and regulations of the AWA and its associated rules (02 NCAC 52J Sections .0100 - .0800); and
- 2) The operator of the shelter submits an updated Animal Shelter Registration application that reflects current, compliant policies and procedures of the shelter; and
- 3) The shelter submits to and passes an AWS facility inspection prior to housing any animals at the facility.

Pursuant to N.C. General Statute §19A-26 no person shall operate an animal shelter unless a certificate of registration for such animal shelter shall have been granted by the AWS Director.

Continued or future violations of the statutes or regulations referenced in this letter and the attached inspection reports will be considered a willful disregard or violation of the NC Animal Welfare Act and the rules issued pursuant thereto. Such willful disregard or violation may result in action against your facility's license pursuant to NC General Statute §19A-30 and/or the assessment of a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.00 per violation under NC General Statute §19A-40.

October 2, 2017
Date



Patricia Norris, DVM, MS
Director, Animal Welfare Section
North Carolina Department of
Agriculture & Consumer Services

Appendix

RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

§ 19A-26. Certificate of registration required for animal shelter.

No person shall operate an animal shelter unless a certificate of registration for such animal shelter shall have been granted by the Director. Application for such certificate shall be made in the manner provided by the Director. No fee shall be required for such application or certificate. Certificates of registration shall be valid for a period of one year or until suspended or revoked and may be renewed for like periods upon application in the manner provided. (1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1217, s. 7; 1987, c. 827, s. 64.)

§ 19A-30. Refusal, suspension or revocation of certificate or license.

The Director may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend or revoke a certificate of registration for any animal shelter or a license for any public auction, kennel, pet shop, or dealer, if after an impartial investigation as provided in this Article he determines that any one or more of the following grounds apply:

- (1) Material misstatement in the application for the original certificate of registration or license or in the application for any renewal under this Article;
- (2) Willful disregard or violation of this Article or any rules issued pursuant thereto;
- (3) Failure to provide adequate housing facilities and/or primary enclosures for the purposes of this Article, or if the feeding, watering, sanitizing and housing practices at the animal shelter, public auction, pet shop, or kennel are not consistent with the intent of this Article or the rules adopted under this Article;
- (4) Allowing one's license under this Article to be used by an unlicensed person;
- (5) Conviction of any crime an essential element of which is misstatement, fraud, or dishonesty, or conviction of any felony;
- (6) Making substantial misrepresentations or false promises of a character likely to influence, persuade, or induce in connection with the business of a public auction, commercial kennel, pet shop, or dealer;
- (7) Pursuing a continued course of misrepresentation of or making false promises through advertising, salesmen, agents, or otherwise in connection with the business to be licensed;
- (8) Failure to possess the necessary qualifications or to meet the requirements of this Article for the issuance or holding of a certificate of registration or license.

The Director shall, before refusing to issue or renew and before suspension or revocation of a certificate of registration or a license, give to the applicant or holder thereof a written notice containing a statement indicating in what respects the applicant or holder has failed to satisfy the requirements for the holding of a certificate of registration or a license. If a certificate of registration or a license is suspended or revoked under the provisions hereof, the holder shall have five days from such suspension or revocation to surrender all certificates of registration or licenses issued thereunder to the Director or his authorized representative.

A person to whom a certificate of registration or a license is denied, suspended, or revoked by the Director may contest the action by filing a petition under G.S. 150B-23 within five days after the denial, suspension, or revocation.

Any licensee whose license is revoked under the provisions of this Article shall not be eligible to apply for a new license hereunder until one year has elapsed from the date of the order revoking said license or if an appeal is taken from said order of revocation, one year from the date of the order or final judgment sustaining said revocation. Any person who has been an officer, agent, or employee of a licensee whose license has been revoked or suspended and who is responsible for or participated in the violation upon which the order of suspension or revocation was based, shall not be licensed within the period during which the order of suspension or revocation is in effect. (1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1217, s. 11; 1987, c. 827, s. 67.)

§ 19A-32. Procedure for review of Director's decisions.

A denial, suspension, or revocation of a certificate or license under this Article shall be made in accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes. (1977, 2nd Sess., c. 1217, s. 13; 1987, c. 827, s. 68.)

§ 19A-32.1. Minimum holding period for animals in animal shelters; public viewing of animals in animal shelters; disposition of animals.

(f) An animal that is surrendered to an animal shelter by the animal's owner and not reclaimed by that owner during the minimum holding period may be disposed of in one of the following manners:

- (1) Returned to the owner.
- (2) Adopted as a pet by a new owner.
- (3) Euthanized by a procedure approved by rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services or, in the absence of such rules, by a procedure approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Humane Society of the United States, or the American Humane Association.

(g) An animal that is surrendered to an animal shelter by the animal's owner may be disposed of before the expiration of the minimum holding period in a manner authorized under subsection (f) of this section if the owner provides to the shelter (i) some proof of ownership of the animal and (ii) a signed written consent to the disposition of the animal before the expiration of the minimum holding period.

(h) If the owner of a dog surrenders the dog to an animal shelter, the owner shall state in writing whether the dog has bitten any individual within the 10 days preceding the date of surrender.

(i) An animal shelter shall require every person to whom an animal is released to present one of the following valid forms of government-issued photographic identification: (i) a drivers license, (ii) a special identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7, (iii) a military identification card, or (iv) a passport. Upon presentation of the required photographic identification, the shelter shall document the name of the person, the type of photographic identification presented by the person, and the photographic identification number.

(j) Animal shelters shall maintain a record of all animals impounded at the shelter, shall retain those records for a period of at least three years from the date of impoundment, and shall make those records available for inspection during regular inspections pursuant to this Article or upon the request of a representative of the Animal Welfare Section. These records shall contain, at a minimum:

- (1) The date of impoundment.
- (2) The length of impoundment.
- (3) The disposition of each animal, including the name and address of any person to whom the animal is released, any institution that person represents, and the identifying information required under subsection (i) of this section.
- (4) Other information required by rules adopted by the Board of Agriculture. (2013-377, s. 2.)

§ 19A-40. Civil Penalties.

The Director may assess a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) against any person who violates a provision of this Article or any rule promulgated thereunder. In determining the amount of the penalty, the Director shall consider the degree and extent of harm caused by the violation. The clear proceeds of civil penalties assessed pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the Civil Penalty and Forfeiture Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-457.2. (1995, c. 516, s. 6; 1998-215, s. 3.)

02 NCAC 52J .0101 RECORDS; ANIMAL SHELTERS, ETC.

Operators of all animal shelters, pet shops, public auctions, and dealers shall maintain records on all dogs and cats showing the following:

- (1) origin of animals (including names and addresses of consignors) and date animals were received;
- (2) description of animals including species, age, sex, breed, and color markings;

- (3) location of animal if not kept at the licensed or registered facility;
- (4) disposition of animals including name and address of person to whom animal is sold, traded or adopted and the date of such transaction; in the event of death, the record shall show the date, signs of illness, or cause of death if identified; if euthanized, the record shall show date and type of euthanasia; and
- (5) record of veterinary care including treatments, immunization and date, time, description of medication (including name and dosage), and initials of person administering any product or procedure.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005; April 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 52J .0103 INSPECTION OF RECORDS

All operators of animal shelters, pet shops, boarding kennels, public auctions, and persons operating as dealers shall make all required records available to the director or his authorized representative on request, during the business and cleaning hours listed on the license application. The operator must be able to match each animal to its record upon request. Records shall be maintained for a period of one year after the animal is released.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; 19A-25; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005; April 1, 1985

02 NCAC 52J .0201 GENERAL

- (a) Housing facilities for dogs and cats shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury, contain the animals and restrict the entrance of other animals and people.
- (b) All light fixtures and electrical outlets in animal areas shall be in compliance with the State Building Code.
- (c) Facilities shall have reliable and safe electric power as necessary to comply with the Animal Welfare Act.
- (e) Provisions shall be made for the daily removal and disposal of animal and food waste, bedding and debris from the housing facility in accordance with local ordinances, to assure facility will be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner.
- (i) An adequate drainage system must be provided for the housing facility.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005.

02 NCAC 52J .0202 INDOOR FACILITIES

- (b) Indoor housing facilities for dogs and cats shall be adequately ventilated to provide for the health and comfort of the animals at all times. The facilities shall be provided with fresh air either by means of windows, doors, vents or air conditioning and shall be ventilated so as to minimize drafts. Air flow shall be adequate to minimize odors and moisture condensation.
- (d) Interior building surfaces of indoor facilities with which animals come in contact shall be constructed and maintained so that they are impervious to moisture, and can be readily sanitized.
- (e) A suitable method of drainage shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water from an indoor housing facility. If closed drain systems are used, they shall be equipped with traps and installed to prevent odors and backup of sewage. The drainage system shall be constructed to prevent cross-contamination among animals.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005.

02 NCAC 52J .0203 OUTDOOR FACILITIES

- (a) In outdoor facilities that are subject to the Animal Welfare Act, primary enclosures and walkways with which an animal comes in contact shall be constructed of sealed concrete or other surfaces

impervious to moisture. Gravel may be used if maintained at a minimum depth of six inches and kept in a sanitary manner.

(e) A suitable method of drainage shall be provided.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. March 23, 2009; January 1, 2005.

02 NCAC 52J .0204 PRIMARY ENCLOSURES

(a) Primary enclosures shall be constructed so as to prevent contamination from waste and wastewater from animals in other enclosures. All surfaces with which an animal comes in contact shall be impervious to moisture. For primary enclosures placed into service on or after January 1, 2005, no wood shall be within the animal's reach. For primary enclosures in use in a licensed or registered facility prior to January 1, 2005, any damaged wood must be replaced in a manner that does not permit contact with wood by the animal.

(b) Primary enclosures for dogs and cats shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair and in a manner to prevent injury to animals and keep other animals out. Primary enclosures shall be constructed so as to provide space to allow each dog or cat to walk, urn about freely, and to easily stand, sit, or lie in a natural position. The height of a primary enclosure other than a cage shall be no less than five feet. All enclosures shall be constructed to prevent the escape of animals.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005; April 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 52J .0205 FEEDING

(b) Food receptacles shall be accessible to all dogs or cats and shall be located so as to minimize contamination by waste. For every adult animal, there must be at least one food receptacle offered. Food receptacles shall be durable and shall be kept clean and sanitized. Damaged receptacles shall be replaced. Disposable food receptacles may be used but must be discarded after each feeding.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005; April 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 52J .0206 WATERING

Animals shall have continuous access to fresh water, except as might otherwise be required to provide adequate veterinary care. Watering receptacles shall be durable and kept clean and sanitized. Damaged receptacles shall be replaced.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005.

02 NCAC 52J .0207 SANITATION

(a) Waste shall be removed from primary enclosures and exercise areas to prevent contamination of the dogs or cats contained therein and to reduce disease hazards and odors. Enclosures and exercise areas for dogs and cats must be properly cleaned a minimum of two times per day. The animal must be able to walk or lie down without coming in contact with any waste or debris. When a hosing or flushing method is used for cleaning an enclosure, dogs or cats contained therein shall be removed during the cleaning process, and adequate measures shall be taken to protect the animals in other such enclosures from being contaminated with water and other wastes.

(b) Sanitation shall be as follows:

(1) Prior to the introduction of dogs or cats into empty primary enclosures previously occupied, enclosures and accessories shall be sanitized in the manner provided in Subparagraph (b)(3) of this Rule.

(2) In addition to primary enclosures being properly cleaned a minimum of two times per day, enclosures and accessories shall be sanitized a minimum of once every seven days in the manner provided in Subparagraph (b)(3) of this Rule if the same animal is housed in the same enclosure more than seven days.

- (3) Cages, rooms and hard-surfaced pens or runs shall be sanitized by:
 - (A) washing them with hot water (180 degrees F.) and soap or detergent as in a mechanical cage washer; or
 - (B) washing all soiled surfaces with a detergent solution to remove all organic matter followed by application of a safe and effective disinfectant; or
 - (C) cleaning all soiled surfaces with live steam.
- (4) Food and water receptacles shall be sanitized daily with hot water, detergent, and disinfectant.
- (6) Any area accessible to multiple animals shall be kept clean and sanitary.

(c) Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this Rule. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products, and discarded matter. Weeds, grasses, and bushes must be controlled so as to facilitate cleaning of the premises and to improve pest control, and to protect the health and well-being of the animals.

(d) An effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005; April 1, 1985.

02 NCAC 52J .0208 EMPLOYEES

A sufficient number of employees shall be utilized to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices set forth in this Rule. Such practices shall be under the supervision of an animal caretaker who has a background in animal husbandry or care.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984.

02 NCAC 52J .0209 CLASSIFICATION AND SEPARATION

Animals housed in the same primary enclosure shall be maintained in compatible groups, with the following additional restrictions:

- (5) All facilities shall designate an isolation area for animals being treated or observed for communicable diseases. Dogs or cats in isolation that are being treated for a communicable disease shall be separated from other dogs or cats and other susceptible species of animals in such a manner as to minimize dissemination of such disease. A sign shall be posted at the cage or isolation area when in use, giving notice of a communicable disease.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2005.

02 NCAC 52J .0210 VETERINARY CARE

(c) Each dog and cat shall be observed daily by the animal caretaker in charge, or by someone under his direct supervision. Sick or diseased, injured, lame, or blind dogs or cats shall be provided with veterinary care or be euthanized, provided that this shall not affect compliance with any state or local law requiring the holding, for a specified period, of animals suspected of being diseased. If euthanasia is performed at a certified facility, a list of personnel approved to perform euthanasia shall be maintained in a Policy and Procedure Manual as described in 02 NCAC 52J .0800. Diseased or deformed animals shall be sold or adopted only under the policy set forth in the "Program of Veterinary Care." Full written disclosure of the medical condition of the animal shall be provided to the new owner.

(d) All animals in a licensed or registered facility shall be in compliance with the North Carolina rabies law, G.S. 130A, Article 6, Part 6. However, no shelter shall be disapproved following inspection or otherwise cited for failure to inoculate any dog or cat known to be less than 12 weeks old or until such animals have been in the shelter at least 15 days.

History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; Eff. April 1, 1984; Amended Eff. March 23, 2009; January 1, 2005.

Animal Welfare Section
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 URL: www.ncaws.com

Inspection Results		Date of inspection	
Disapproved		Sep 22, 2017	
Type of inspection	Follow-up inspection	Type of runs	Indoor + Outdoor runs
license type	44 - Public shelter	License #	107
# dogs present	8	# cats present	0
Number of prim. enclosures		17	

35.55096	76.39901
Latitude	Longitude

Washington County Animal Shelter	Washington Co Sheriff's Office		
Name of business	Name of owner		
120 Adams Street	Plymouth	NC 27962	Washington
Street address	City	ZIP code	County
+1 (252) 793-2422			
Phone Number			

Facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0201 Housing in sound repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Daily waste removal	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Perimeter Fence	Acceptable
0201 Meets electrical code	Acceptable	0201 Hot and cold water present	Acceptable	0201 Adequate drainage	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0201 Safe electrical power	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Washroom basin and sink	Accept.	0201 Access to AWS employees	Acceptable
Food and bedding protected 0201	Acceptable	0201 Thermometer present	Acceptable	0201 Compliance with welfare	Acceptable
		0201 Animals in windows	Not applicable		

Records, shelter

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
Origin of animals 0101	NOT ACCEPTABLE	Location off-site 0101	NOT ACCEPTABLE	Disposition of animals 0101	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0101 Descript. of animals, shelter	Not Acceptable			Veterinary treatment, shelter 0101	NOT ACCEPTABLE

Records, kennel

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0102 Owner information & signature	Not Applicable	0102 Description of animals, kennel	Not Applicable	0102 Veterinary treatment, kennel	Not Applicable

Records, inspection

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0103 Records made available	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0103 Records match animals	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0103 Records kept 1+ year	NOT ACCEPTABLE

Animal Welfare Section, NCDA&CS
Inspection Report, continued

Inspection Results

Disapproved

Date of inspection

Sep 22, 2017

Washington County Animal Shel

Washington Co Sheriff's Office

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Indoor facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0202 Ambient temperature, indoor	Acceptable	0202 Ventilation, indoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0202 Lighting indoor	Acceptable
0202 Imperv. Sanitary surf., indoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0202 Drainage, indoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE		

Outdoor facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0203 Impervious surfaces, outdoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0203 Housing, 1 per animal	Acceptable	0203 Protection from elements	Acceptable
0203 Owner advised, outdoor	Not Applicable	0203 Drainage, outdoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE		

Primary enclosures

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0204 Drainage prev. cross contam.	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Fence height >= 5 feet	Acceptable	0204 1:10 ratio, person: animal	Acceptable
0204 Surf. impervious to moisture	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Enclosure is escape proof	Acceptable	0204 Cats. >= 4 sq. ft. / adult	Acceptable
0204 Prevent contact with wood	Acceptable	0204 Solid resting surface	Acceptable	0204 Cats. <= 12 / enclosure	Not Applicable
0204 Enclosures in sound repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Cats. raised resting surface	Not Applicable	0204 Cats. 1 litter pan / 3 adults	Not Applicable
0204 Size of enclosure	Acceptable	0204 Dogs, supervision if > 4	Not Applicable		

Feeding

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0205 Feeding, 1x / day adult	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, 1 bowl / adult	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, commercial food	Acceptable
0205 Feeding, bowl in good repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0205 Feeding, quality food	Acceptable	0205 Feeding, bowl is protected	Acceptable
0205 Feeding, 2x / day young	Not Applicable				

Watering

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0206 Watering, continuous access	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0206 Watering, bowl in good repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE

Sanitation/Employees/Classification & Separation

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0207 Waste removal 2x / day	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Grounds overgrown	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Young given social interact.	Not Applicable
0207 Animals removed while clean	Acceptable	0207 Pest Control	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Species separated	Acceptable

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Sanitation/Employees/Classification & Separation (continued)

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0207 Enclosure sanitized 2x / day	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Number of employees	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Isolation area & signage	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0207 Method of sanitation	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Females in estrus, separated	Acceptable	0207 Long term care program	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0207 Build /grnds. clean & repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Owner perm. commingling	Not Applicable	0207 Animals confined	Acceptable
		0207 Young with dam	Not Applicable		

Veterinary Care

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0210 Program of veterinary care	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0210 Daily observation of animals	Acceptable	0210 Rabies vaccination	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0210 Veterinary care when needed	Not Acceptable				

Vehicles

0301 Vehicles mechanically sound	Acceptable	0301 Fresh air and ventilation	Acceptable	0301 Cargo area clean	Acceptable
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Primary Enclosure Used in Transportation

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0302 Construction of enclosure	Acceptable	0302 Age and species separated	Acceptable	0302 Size of transport enclosure	Acceptable
0302 Enclosure clean & sanitized	Acceptable				

Transportation: Food and Water

Transportation: Care

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0303 Food & water during transport	Not Applicable	0304 Observation of animals	Acceptable

General Statute 19A-32.1

(a) Hold minimum 72 hours	Acceptable	(b) 1, 2, 3 Make available for adopt.	Acceptable	(c) Viewing 3 days for 4 hours each	Acceptable
(d) If animal offsite, photo of animal posted in conspicuous location	Acceptable	(f) 1, 2, 3 Animals were returned to owner, adopted or euth only	NOT ACCEPTABLE	(g) i, ii Owner surrender held unless proof ownership & signed consent	NOT ACCEPTABLE
(h) Owned animal surrender, ask if there has been a bite w/in 10 days	NOT ACCEPTABLE	(i) Release animal to person, record of approved government photo ID	NOT ACCEPTABLE		

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Narrative Explanation

For narrative, see 4 page attachment.

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Management

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Record of Contact with a Constituent

Type of contact

- phone call courtesy inspection
 complaint other
 Determination if required to be licensed

Date of contact

Name of business

Name of owner

Street address

City State ZIP code

phone # County

license type License number (if currently licensed)

Brief Description of Contact

Today, Dr. Norris and I arrived at the Washington County Animal Shelter at approximately 11:20am.

No staff was present at the shelter.

I called ACO Brown requesting access to the shelter. He explained that he was unavailable. I asked if someone else could meet with me. He stated that Lt. Jewell was unavailable and did not think that anyone else from the Sheriff's office would be available. He did say that it would be awhile but if I could wait he would get there as soon as he could.

Dr. Norris and I then walked around the premises. We were able to observe all seven canines in their primary enclosures where unsanitary conditions continue.

Dr. Norris noted the severely emaciated body conditions of the 6 seized dogs that have been here more than 30 days. Per Dr. Norris, all 6 of these dogs have diarrhea and 3 of these 6 have bloody diarrhea with mucous.

We departed the shelter at approximately 11:50am.

ACO Brown called me at 12:57pm to see if I was waiting at the shelter for him.

Signature of
Inspector

Lisa Carlson

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This is a follow up inspection to the facility's annual inspection on 7/26/2017 that was disapproved. I arrived on the premises at 3:30pm. No one was here. I contacted ACO Brown and requested that he come to the shelter. At 5:10pm, ACO Brown and Lt. Jay Jewell arrived.

Most of the previous issues from 7/26/17 have not been addressed. Today, there are several new issues. Some will require immediate correction before I depart.

Violations Requiring Immediate Correction.

1. 0201(e), 0207(a) (b,4) (c)> All kennels have excessive amounts of feces and urine in them. They need to be properly cleaned.
2. 0206> Each canine has a dirty water bucket containing stagnant dirty water with debris in the bottom. The canine in the quarantine kennel has a dirty water bucket that is half full of greenish water. The buckets need to be properly cleaned, filled with fresh clean water and returned to each canine.

Areas of Non-Compliance.

Records. 0101(1)(2)(4)(5), 0103>

1. There are 8 canines on the premises. 6 of them are from criminal case and were impounded here at the shelter on 8/24/2017. These dogs occupy kennels 1,2,3,4,5 and 7. The dog in kennel 6 was impounded for running at large and is leaving tonight. Quarantine kennel dog is owned by a citizen and is here for evaluation. There is no current correct paperwork on any of the kennels.

2. Three of the kennels have old paperwork on them depicting other dogs. This paperwork and canines were here back in July at the time of the annual inspection. Per ACO Brown's statement, that is noted in the previous inspection, the paperwork that is on the pen is the only piece of existing information on an animal. These animals are no longer here at the shelter, there is no disposition information and the only paperwork remains hanging on pens that have different canines in them.

3. ACO Brown and Lt. Jewell have informed me that paperwork for the 6 seized dogs is in a case file at the sheriff's office thus making them unavailable. The dog in kennel 6 has the only animal record available and it is in ACO Browns truck. I am told that paperwork for the quarantine canine blew away in a recent storm. No other records, paperwork or written information are available.

Facility. 0201(a)(b)(c)(e)(k)(l), 0202(a)(b)(d), 0203(a)(e), 0207(c)(d)>

1. All concrete floors and walkways remain unsealed.
2. Wooden plank wall that supports the sink remains unchanged with water damage and flying insect nests.
3. Plastic remains stapled to the wood beams of the ceiling, around all light fixtures and ceiling fans. It continues to be a potential fire hazard.
4. Light fixtures throughout the facility have not been cleaned from cobwebs, dead bugs, dirt and debris. Bulb covers have not been provided.

5. The cat room has a very strong odor. It is dirty, has cobwebs and dead bugs. The drain hole in here remains unidentified and is full of dirt and debris. The floor and concrete wall are unsealed.

6. The sink and surrounding area are dirty.

7. The large drawstring tarp curtains that are utilized during cold and inclement weather, are laying on the ground. They are holding dirty water, hair, debris, fecal matter, strong odors and bugs.

Indoor Facilities. 0202(b)(d)(e)>

1. The indoor dog housing is not adequately ventilated to provide for the health and comfort of the animals at all times. The ceiling fans do not provide air flow adequate to minimize odors and moisture condensation.

2. The drainage system that is located behind the dog kennels does not prevent cross contamination. Nor does it rapidly eliminate excess water.

3. Surfaces such as the unsealed concrete flooring, unsealed concrete block cross contamination barriers and extensively rusted and damaged kennel fencing, are not impervious to moisture and cannot be readily sanitized.

Outdoor Facilities. 0203(a)(e)>

1. The standalone kennel has an unsealed concrete floor.

2. No suitable method of drainage has been provided to this area.

Primary Enclosures. 0204(a)(b)(c)>

1. All the dog kennels have severely rusted areas on the fencing, poles and iron strips. Most of the connector poles have rusted completely through and now have exposed jagged edges.

2. The concrete block cross contamination barriers and pen floors are not sealed.

3. Accumulations of hair, dirt and cobwebs are intertwined into the kennel fencing.

4. As ACO Brown was cleaning out the pens this evening, I observed the flow of the waste water as it emerged from the back of the kennel and into the open pathway that leads to the drain. The flow became very sluggish thus causing the waste water to begin pooling in the pathway and overflowing into the other kennels.

Feeding. 0205(b)>

1. Food bowls in the pens are very dirty and wet.

Watering. 0206>

1. All water buckets have dirty water and small debris particles in them. Greenish colored water is noted in the bucket of the standalone kennel.

Sanitation. 0207(a)(b 1,2,3,4,6)(c)(d)>

1. As of 5:30pm, it is evident that the canine primary enclosures have not been cleaned today. Each kennel floor is saturated in urine, scattered with piles of feces and small debris. Some kennels are holding dirty standing water. Due to the unsanitary conditions and non-compliant state of these enclosures, the canines are unable to access to clean, dry areas to sit, lay or stand on. Dirty water buckets containing dirty, stagnate water are provided along with empty, dirty food bowls.
2. The primary enclosures continue to have a strong odor of urine, feces and unsanitary conditions.
3. Feces continues to accumulate behind the kennels in the drain path.
4. There are copious amounts of wet hair, fecal material, dirt and debris clinging at the bottoms of the kennel fencing and around the framing poles. After the kennels were cleaned this evening, I noted that these unsanitary accumulations remained.
5. The standalone kennel floor has large amounts of feces and evidence of urination. The dog house in here is exposing sharp jagged plastic edges where it appears to have been broken and chewed on. The inside floor has dirt and debris in it. There is no adequate drainage for this enclosure. The back and right side of the kennel is where, when cleaned, wastewater, feces and debris collects. These areas have layers of wet weeds, hair, dirt, urine, fecal material and old shavings. This mixture has also accumulated at the bottom of the pen fencing and behind and under the dog house as well.
6. The gravel in the side yard is still littered with cigarette butts, weeds and small debris. It continues to smell of urine and has many small ant hills.
7. ACO Brown has addressed the tick infestation issue. I do not see any ticks. I do see large swarms of gnats that seem to linger in the face and ear areas of all the dogs. This is an even bigger issue in the 3 dogs that appear to have untreated skin issues and poor body scores. The gnats and other external parasites are causing visible discomfort to these dogs.
8. ACO Brown states that he cleans the primary enclosures every afternoon using Dawn dish detergent and a 50/50 diluted concentration of liquid Lysol and water. This protocol is not in compliance with the Program of Veterinary Care submitted for the 2018 registration renewal.
9. There is no established protocol or program to effectively control the insect and ectoparasite infestations that remain ongoing here.
10. The building and grounds are not being kept clean and are not in good repair resulting in the inability to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices.
11. Accumulated junk, (such as large plastic barrels, an old grill, an active, rusted burn barrel and assorted debris is scattered about the premises. Animal traps that have trash and debris in them are stacked up in the front portion of the building.

Employees. 0208>

There has been an increase in the number of deficiencies since the last inspection.

Based on this increase in non-compliance, it appears there is not a sufficient number of employees to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices required by the NC Animal Welfare Act and its associated regulations.

Classification/Separation. 0209(5)>

There is no designated isolation area for animals being treated or observed for communicable diseases.

Veterinary Care. 0210(c)(d)>

1. The 6 seized canines have been held here at the shelter since 8/24/17. None of them have a current rabies vaccine.

2. Kennel #3 has a chocolate/tan pit mix. This dog has a body score of 1 and numerous bald, dry skin patches throughout its coat. Gnats are swarming all over this dog and kennel.

There is no indication or record of this dog receiving veterinary care for its medical conditions.

3. Kennel #4 has a white/red pit mix. This dog has a body score of 1, dry flaky skin predominately on its back and is infested with what appears to be fleas. Gnats are swarming in the kennel.

There is no indication or record of this dog receiving veterinary care for its medical conditions.

4. Kennel #5 has a small shepherd mix. This dog has a body score of 2 and skin and hair loss issues throughout its body. Gnats are swarming this dog and kennel. Several piles of soft, loose stools are noted in the pen. Dog appears lethargic.

There is no indication or record of this dog receiving veterinary care for its medical conditions.

5. Kennel #7 has a yellow lab. This dog has a body score of 2 and a quarter sized, bald pink spot on its left ear. Gnats are swarming the dog's face and ears. Flies are noted in the kennel as well.

There is no indication or record of this dog receiving veterinary care for its medical conditions.

General Statute 19A-32.1(f)(g)(h)(i)(j)>

Except for paperwork on the dog in Kennel #6, ACO Brown remains unable to produce any type of animal records or documentation to support the requirements of (f)(g)(h)(i)(j) under this statute.

This follow up inspection is disapproved.

Departure Time 7:00pm.

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Inspection Results		Date of inspection	
Disapproved		Jul 26, 2017	
Type of inspection	Annual inspection	Type of runs	Indoor + Outdoor runs
license type	44 - Public shelter	License #	107
# dogs present	4	# cats present	0
Number of prim. enclosures			17

35.55096	76.39901
Latitude	Longitude

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Name of business	Name of owner		
120 Adams Street	Plymouth	NC 27962	Washington
Street address	City	ZIP code	County
+1 (252) 793-2422			
Phone Number			

Facilities

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0201 Housing in sound repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Daily waste removal	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Perimeter Fence	Acceptable
0201 Meets electrical code	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Hot and cold water present	Acceptable	0201 Adequate drainage	Acceptable
0201 Safe electrical power	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0201 Washroom basin and sink	Accept.	0201 Access to AWS employees	Acceptable
Food and bedding protected 0201	Acceptable	0201 Thermometer present	Acceptable	0201 Compliance with welfare	NOT ACCEPTABLE
		0201 Animals in windows	Not applicable		

Records, shelter

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
Origin of animals 0101	Acceptable	Location off-site 0101	not applicable	Disposition of animals 0101	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0101 Descript. of animals, shelter	Acceptable			Veterinary treatment, shelter 0101	NOT ACCEPTABLE

Records, kennel

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0102 Owner Information & signature	Not Applicable	0102 Description of animals, kennel	Not Applicable	0102 Veterinary treatment, kennel	Not Applicable

Records, inspection

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
0103 Records made available	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0103 Records match animals	Acceptable	0103 Records kept 1+ year	NOT ACCEPTABLE

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0207 Enclosure sanitized 2x / day	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Number of employees	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Isolation area & signage	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0207 Method of sanitation	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Females in estrus, separated	Acceptable	0207 Long term care program	Acceptable
0207 Build /grnds., clean & repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0207 Owner perm, commingling	Not Applicable	0207 Animals confined	Acceptable
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Veterinary Care

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0210 Program of veterinary care	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0210 Daily observation of animals	Acceptable	0210 Rabies vaccination	NOT ACCEPTABLE
0210 Veterinary care when needed	Not Acceptable				

Vehicles

0301 Vehicles mechanically sound	Acceptable	0301 Fresh air and ventilation	Acceptable	0301 Cargo area clean	Acceptable
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Primary Enclosure Used in Transportation

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0302 Construction of enclosure	Acceptable	0302 Age and species separated	Acceptable	0302 Size of transport enclosure	Acceptable
0302 Enclosure clean & sanitized	Acceptable				

Transportation: Food and Water

Transportation: Care

Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
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0203 Owner advised, outdoor	Not Applicable	0203 Drainage, outdoor	NOT ACCEPTABLE		

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0204 Enclosures in sound repair	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Cats, raised resting surface	NOT ACCEPTABLE	0204 Cats, 1 litter pan / 3 adults	Acceptable
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Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result	Inspection Category	Result
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Narrative Explanation

Annual inspection provided today by myself and Supervisor Joe Blomquist. LT. Jay Jewell and ACO Marcus Brown are in attendance. Items of concern are as follows:

RECORDS. 0101(4)(5), 0103> Paperwork and records consist of one piece of paper (intake form) that is attached to the dog kennel. ACO Brown states that this is the only paperwork he has to fill out. Thus, there is no disposition or medical records. There are no other records available.

FACILITY. 0201(a)(b)(c)(e)(k)(l), 0202(d), 0203(a), 0207(c)(d)>1. Upon our arrival the toilet had overflowed. Waste water spread through the old office area (now used as storage), seeping under the wall into the kennel area and out the storage room door onto the walkway. ACO Brown was able to stop the running toilet. The water was swept out into the yard. No further cleaning/sanitation was observed. 2. The concrete floor throughout the facility structure is not sealed. 3. The wooden plank wall (not impervious to moisture), that supports the sink, has water damage and flying insect nests. These nests are noted throughout the kennel area and ceiling. 4. A sheet of plastic has been stapled to the wood beams of the ceiling, around all the light fixtures and ceiling fans. Places of this plastic is damaged, falling down around the lights and one of the fans creating a potential fire hazard. 5. Light fixtures throughout the facility are dirty and have dead bugs and cobwebs in them. Several fixtures are missing bulb covers. 6. The cat room has an unsealed floor and concrete block wall. 7. There is an unidentified drain type hole in the floor that retains dirt, hair and debris. 8. The walls, floor and air conditioning unit are dirty with dead bugs and cobwebs.

OUTDOOR FACILITIES. 0203(a)(c)(e)> 1. There is a stand alone kennel that has an unsealed concrete floor, a shredded up tarp for a covering and no adequate drainage.

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES. 0204(a)(b)(c)> 1. The fencing, poles and iron strips that are part of the dog runs are severely rusted in many areas. Most of the connector poles have rusted through creating sharp jagged edges. 2. The kennel fencing has a heavy accumulation of hair and cobwebs attached to it. 3. The concrete block cross contamination barriers and kennel floors are not sealed. 4. There are no raised resting surfaces for felines.

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WATERING. 0206> Water buckets are full of dirty water and particles of small debris.

SANITATION. 0207(a)(b 1,2,3,4,6)(c)(d)> 1. Several large clumps of feces has accumulated around the drain behind the kennels. 2. The kennels have a strong odor. ACO Brown states that he is hosing the kennels down with water only in the mornings. He states that in the afternoons he hoses the kennels down with liquid Lysol. There is hair, debris and particles of excrement remaining in the kennels and on the cross contamination barriers. 3. Gravel in the side yard has exposed dirt spots, is littered with cigarette butts, weeds and small debris. The area smells of urine. 4. There is a tick infestation in the kennel area. ACO Brown states that he "bug bombed" the facility recently for this issue. There still remains a big health issue here as the ticks are all over.

EMPLOYEES. 0208> Due to the number of deficiencies I am suggesting that they consider adding more staff.

CLASSIFICATION/SEPARATION . 0209(5)>1. There is no specified isolation areas for the dogs or cats.

VETERINARY CARE. 0210(c)(d)> 1. There are 3 dogs that have been impounded for a few days and are infested with fleas and ticks. No medical care has been provided for them. 2. Rabies shots for animals that have been in the facility for more than 15 days, have not been provided. 3. There is a small old, blind dog that was brought into the shelter by a deputy last night. Supervisor Blomquist whom had concerns for the dogs present health and well being, had to remind ACO Brown that per the AWA(Animal Welfare Act), this canine needed to be provided with veterinary care. ACO Brown took the dog to the veterinarian were it was euthanized.

GENERAL STATUTE19A-32.1 (f)(g)(h)(i)(j)> ACO Brown was unable to produce any type of animal records or documentation to support the requirements of (f)(g)(h)(i)(j) under this statute.

This inspection is disapproved.

I will return for a re inspection of this facility.

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Signature of Management

I attest that I was offered an opportunity to read the report before signing it & that I was offered a copy of the report. My signature does not imply that I agree with the results.