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# Georgia Department of Agriculture

## Companion Animal/Equine Division

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Inspection ID

64948

### Animal Protection Inspection Report

Inspection ID	Inspection Reason	Inspection Date	Inspection Start Time	Inspection End Time	Inspector Name
64948	CONSUMER COMPLAINT	5/21/2019	1:25 PM	3:45 PM	Chelsea Turner

EST NO	EST NAME	Type	License No	
16093	WALKER COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER	ANIMAL SHELTER	3316093	
Physical Address	Physical City	Physical State	Physical Zip Code	County
5488 N Marble Top Rd	Chickamauga	GA	30707	WALKER

#### Requirements Details

Premises	Current License Displayed	Housekeeping	Lighting	Adequate Temperature Control	Adequate Ventilation	Fire Extinguishing Device				
	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass				
Enclosures	Space Requirement	Interior Surface	Structural Strength	Shelter / Elements	Drainage					
	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass					
Performance	Record Keeping	Storage	Pest Control	Sanitation	Waste Disposal					
	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass					
Animal Care	Class Separation	Adequate Food	Adequate Water	Selling or Adopting Injured or Diseased or Abnormal Animals	Minimum Age	Tethering	Euthanasia	Humane Care	Negative Coggins	Evacuation Plan
	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	N/A	N/A	Pass	N/A	N/A

#### Companion Animal Details

Number of Animals	Number of Stall/Enclosure	Number of Breeding Animals	Number of Monthly Bird Inventory
125	74	0	

#### Follow Up Status Information

Follow Up Date	Follow Up Reason	Follow Up Duration	Animal Types
	N/A		

#### Follow Up Notes

#### Action Information

Quarantine Issued	SS (Stop Sale)	SU (Stop Use)	SM (Stop Movement)	Quarantine Issue Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Disease type

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Complaint Unfounded	Complaint Resolved	Complaint Resolved Date	Complaint Reference Number
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5/21/2019	884558354901

### Action Notes

Complaint Unfounded

### Violation Information

### Inspection Comments

Complaint: "I filed a complaint over the telephone with the Department' of Agriculture on behalf of a boxer female dog named Cola. Cola had a huge mass attached to her upper jaw bone and blood stains on her chest, neck and face. The blood comes from the area around the mass. While Cola was impounded at WCAS she was not seen by or treated by a veterinarian! We reached out to Chelsi Dill the shelter Director to adopt Cola and never received a return phone call! Ultimately HES pulled Cola and sought immediate medical attention. We adopted Cola and have had to have as part of her medical treatment a blood transfusion, antibiotics and iron supplements! WCAS needs to take animal care more seriously as it is not only the state law but just the right thing to do! It is also my understanding that there are two there dogs currently at the shelter that need immediate treatment and veterinarian care. A dog named Flick was reported to have a possible broken back leg and a female dog that is heart worm positive that is not receiving treatment! The shelter does not slay or neuter their dogs or cats! They do not heart worm test anymore due to lack of charges batteries in their machine that tests for heart worms. These statements came from the shelter manager Chelsi Dill."

Upon arrival I met with Shelter Employees, Courtney Andes and Rita Wiley, to investigate the above listed complaint. I walked facility inspecting premises, animals, and their enclosures. Facility was clean and in good state of repair. There was a current GDA Animal Shelter License is posted with an expiration date of 01-31-2020. All animals appeared to be receiving humane care and free of disease, or undergoing treatment by an overseeing veterinarian. All food and supplies appeared to be stored in an adequate manner. All kennels appeared to be well mended and, regularly cleaned and sanitized.

I investigated the records pertaining to the above listed complaint. I first looked at the records for "Cola." Cola (#776 [B229]) entered the shelter on 01-26-2019 via officer pick-up. Shelter Director Chelsi Dill consulted Cornerstone Veterinary Service and Villanow Vet Clinic regarding the mass (noted in the above listed complaint.) Both Vet Clinics agreed that, due to Cola's age, it would be best if the mass was not operated on while at the shelter. Cola was obtained by the Humane Education Society on 02-27-2019.

I then investigated records pertaining to "Flick." Flick (#862[r202]) entered the shelter on 02-06-2019. There were not notable signs of illness or injury while the dog was housed at Walker County Animal Shelter, as noted in the records. I spoke with Shelter Director Chelsi Dill over the phone, and she stated that there were no signs of a "broken leg." Flick was obtained by the Humane Education Society on 03-04-2019.

The shelter's current Heartworm policy is to test the high risk animals that enter the shelter for the disease. If an animal is found to be positive it is posted as a high priority, rescue only. If an animal is not rescued than it is treated or euthanized.

It is the shelter's policy that all animals are spayed or neutered prior to being released to an individual. If the animal is released to a rescue then it is either spayed or neutered prior to being released; or it is released to the rescue and then the rescue must provide proof of spay or neuter to the shelter.

During inspection it appeared that the facility met all requirements for an Animal Shelter License. I will email my report to Director, Chelsi Dill and the Walker County Shelter Commissioner. Complaint Unfounded.

Pet Inventory: 94 dogs, 31 cats