



# Georgia Department of Agriculture

## Companion Animal/Equine Division

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Commissioner

Inspection ID

65837

### Animal Protection Inspection Report

Inspection ID	Inspection Reason	Inspection Date	Inspection Start Time	Inspection End Time	Inspector Name
65837	REGULAR/ROUTINE INSPECTION	6/21/2019	11:45 AM	1:30 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	Fail	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass				
Enclosures	Space Requirement	Interior Surface	Structural Strength	Shelter / Elements	Drainage					
	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass	Pass					
Performance	Record Keeping	Storage	Pest Control	Sanitation	Waste Disposal					
	N/A	Pass	Fail	Fail	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	Fail	Pass	Pass	N/A	N/A	Fail	N/A	N/A

#### Companion Animal Details

Number of Animals	Number of Stall/Enclosure	Number of Breeding Animals	Number of Monthly Bird Inventory
142	75		

#### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6/21/2019
Disease type				
Parvo Virus (canine)				



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Complaint Unfounded	Complaint Resolved	Complaint Resolved Date	Complaint Reference Number
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### Violation Information

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65837	Housekeeping 40-13-13-04(1)(c)	6/21/2019			40-13-13-.04(c)&nbsp;<em>Housekeeping: Premises (buildings and grounds) must be kept clean and in a state of repair in order to prevent injury or disease. Premises must remain free of accumulations of trash, weeds, debris, and other vermin harborage areas.</em>&nbsp;<em>The housekeeping violation is left due to the dead flies and litter in the floor.</em>
65837	Adequate Ventilation 40-13-13-.04(1)(d)	6/21/2019			See humane care violation detail
65837	Adequate Water 40-13-13-.04 (1)(d)	6/21/2019			See humane care violation detail
65837	Humane Care 40-13-13-.04 (1)(d)	6/21/2019			40-13-13-.04&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;(d)&nbsp;<em>Humane care: Humane care must be provided in all facilities anytime an animal is present.&nbsp;</em><em>The humane care violation was issued due to the unsanitary conditions of the shelter and three puppies that did not have access to water during inspection.</em>
65837	Pest Control 40-13-13-.04 (1)(g)	6/21/2019			40-13-13-.04 (g)&nbsp;<em>Pest control: An effective program for the prevention, control, and elimination, of vermin, insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests must be established and maintained. Vegetation must be manicured to prevent vermin harborage.</em>&nbsp;<em>The pest control violation was left due to the lack of pest control in the front office, namely fly control.</em>



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65837	Sanitation 40-13-13-.04 (1)(i)	6/21/2019			40-13-13-.04 (i) Sanitation of primary enclosures: Primary enclosures for pets must be cleaned at a frequency and intensity to provide a healthy and hygienic environment in order to prevent disease hazards. Excreta must be removed to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to reduce the spread of disease. Soiled bedding should be removed and replaced with fresh materials as often as is necessary to keep the animals clean and dry. The sanitation violation was left due to the uncleaned urine, feces, litter, and bedding within and around the cat enclosures, as well as the dog enclosures and uncleaned kennel runs and enclosures throughout the kennel area.
65837	Structural Strength 40-13-13-.04 (1)(o)	6/21/2019			40-13-13-.04 (o) Structural strength: Indoor and outdoor housing for pets must be maintained in good repair. The primary enclosure should be of sufficient strength to contain the animals securely and restrict the entrance of unwanted animals. The walls and/or sides, roof and/or ceiling, and floors and/or bottoms of the primary enclosures must be constructed, so as to, protect the animals from injury or suffering. The structural strength violation was issued due to the walls in the bathroom, which was used to house animals, was not in good state of repair to prevent injury

## Inspection Comments

When I arrived at Walker County Animal Shelter to perform an unannounced routine inspection the gate to the property was locked. I called the Animal Shelter office and they sent someone to let me through and locked the gate behind me. I met with Shelter Employees: Rita Wiley, Chloe Cliff, and Steve. They stated that as of 06-20-2019, the shelter was closed to the public. They were accepting adoptions via appointment. I walked the facility inspecting premises, animals, and their enclosures. There was a current GDA Animal Shelter License posted with an expiration date of 01-31-2020. There were fire extinguishers on property.

I first inspected the main office, the only public entrance to the animal shelter. There were approximately 36 cats and one litter of kittens under 8 weeks of age housed in the main office, a main office room, and hallway. There was a strong odor of urine in the main office. It did not appear that the office was adequately ventilated to provide for the health of the animals at all times. The cats were housed in 9 enclosures. While enclosures did provide the animals with adequate space to move about freely, it appeared that some enclosures were dirty (uncleaned urine, feces, litter, and bedding). The area around all of the cat enclosures did not appear to be cleaned and sanitized properly, there appeared to be litter around the cages. There were also two dogs housed in the front office. One dog was housed a room to the left of the front door. Its enclosure had not been cleaned there was dried urine and feces in its enclosure. The dog also appeared to have loose stool. The second dog was housed in the hallway between the main office area and the employee break room. Its enclosure was not clean. There was feces and urine in its enclosure. There were also dead flies on the floor near the office entrance and flies in the office. The bathroom of the main office had also been used to house animals. The dog that had been previously housed in the bathroom appeared to have chewed through the majority of the sheetrock, exposing the electrical wire. All animals in the front office appeared to have access to water and food.

There was one grey and white kitten housed in enclosure Q6 that appeared to have a small infected area on its stomach. I requested it be seen by a vet.

There were three kittens housed in a purple cage that had eye discharge. I requested they been seen by a vet.

I then walked the kennel area of the shelter with Employee Chloe Cliff. There were only two employees cleaning the kennel area during inspection. There were approximately 106 dogs housed in 65 enclosures. The kennel area was in the process of being cleaned, but it appeared that the kennel area was only cleaned once daily, which did not appear to be adequate to prevent the spread of disease. I first went to the intake room. There were puppies housed in four enclosures in the intake room. They appeared have access to water and food during inspection. The ventilation appeared to be adequate in the room. There was dried urine in the cages and fresh urine which had drained to the floor. There was a secondary room with no cages that was connected to the intake



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room. There was a smell of urine in the room. Ms. Clift stated that a dog that was adopted had recently been housed in the room. The room had not been cleaned or sanitized after the dog left. The enclosures appeared to provide animals with adequate space to move about freely.

Secondly, I walked the large kennel area, which as stated above, was in the process of being cleaned. It is only cleaned once daily, which did not appear to be adequate to prevent the spread of disease. All animals appeared to have space to move about freely. All animals appeared to have access to water during inspection, in the kennel runs. I checked the temperature of the shelter twice during my inspection via the wall thermometer in the shelter. At 12:24pm it was approximately 81F degrees, at 1:19pm it had risen to approximately 82F degrees. I requested that the large bay door, which was open in the back of the kennel area, be closed to allow the air conditioning to properly cool the kennel area. I requested that the shelter employees frequently check the temperature in the shelter and take the appropriate measures to prevent it from becoming over 85F degrees. Large fans were also in use at the shelter and appeared to be circulating air properly. I then walked the outdoor kennel area. Some dogs in the shelter have access to both the indoor and outdoor sections on the kennels runs; others only have access to one side or the other due to the high number of animals at the shelter. All dogs housed or that had access to the outdoor enclosures appeared to have access to water and shelter from the elements, but the outdoor runs were not adequately cleaned.

Lastly, I walked the interior rooms of the kennel area. The first room only stored food, bowls, and supplies. It was clean and in good state of repair. The second room housed one dog in an enclosure. The second room was clean and in good state of repair. The dog appeared to have access to food and water. The third room, labeled "staff only" housed three puppies which had tested positive for parvo and had been returned to the shelter. The puppies appeared to be alert and moving about freely, I did not see any loose or bloody stool in their enclosures. The puppies did not have access to water during inspection. Ms. Clift stated that the puppies had been quarantined in the third room while at the shelter. They were also receiving treatment for parvo while at the shelter.

There was one goat housed at the shelter pasture which appeared to be free of disease, appeared to be receiving humane care, and had access to shelter and water.

I did not check records nor did I witness euthanasia during inspection. There is a current DEA License posted 07-31-2020 held by Dr. Benson DVM. I will check back.

I left the following violations, stop orders and quarantine regarding the conditions at Walker County Animal Shelter:

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