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Inspection ID

66010

Animal Protection Inspection Report

Inspection ID	Inspection Reason	Inspection Date	Inspection Start Time	Inspection End Time	Inspector Name
66010	RE-INSPN - REGULAR	6/24/2019	2:30 PM	4:00 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	Fail	Pass	Pass					
Performance	Record Keeping	Storage	Pest Control	Sanitation	Waste Disposal					
	Pass	Pass	Fail	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
101	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/21/2019
Disease type				
Parvo Virus (canine)				



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Complaint Unfounded	Complaint Resolved	Complaint Resolved Date	Complaint Reference Number
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		0

Action Notes

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Violation Information

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66010	Pest Control 40-13-13-.04 (1)(g)	6/21/2019			40-13-13-.04 (g) 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. The pest control violation was left due to the lack of pest control in the front office, namely fly control. UPDATE: 06-24-2019 Per Commissioner Whitfield the shelter is currently working on a contract with a company to establish a pest control regimen to address the flies. There were still flies present during inspection. Temporary fly control, fly strips, had been installed during inspection. Violation remains.
66010	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. UPDATE: 06-24-2019 Stop order-stop use will remain on the main office bathroom.

Inspection Comments

Upon arrival to the Walker County Animal Shelter met with Walker County Commissioner Shannon Whitfield, Shelter Employee Chloe Clift, and Shelter Employee Cortney Andes to perform a re-inspection based on the violations, stop orders, and quarantine left 06-21-2019. There was a sign posted on the door of the shelter stating that due to capacity the shelter was no longer taking incoming animals. The shelter was open for adoptions. There were also work crews at the shelter during inspection. They were cleaning the grounds, installing new sheetrock in the main office bathroom, updating lighting, and updating the air conditioning system. 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. The kitten that was housed in the main office during the previous inspection on 06-22-2019 had been moved into quarantine in the main kennel area. There were no animals housed in the main office area during inspection with the exception of one cat which was under quarantine due to a bite case. That cat was



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housed in a clean enclosure, had access to food and water, and the room appeared to meet all requirements for a primary enclosure. It appeared that the office was clean and sanitized. There was minimal odor. 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. The damages were in the process of being repaired during inspection therefore the bathroom will remain under stop order-stop use.

I then walked the kennel area of the shelter with Employee Cortney Andes. The shelter appeared to be clean and in good state of repair. There were 71 dogs housed in 65 enclosures. It appeared that the shelter had been cleaned and sanitized in a way 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. It appeared to be clean and in good state of repair. Puppy enclosures also appeared to be clean and in good state of repair. There was a secondary room with no cages that was connected to the intake room. That room appeared to have been cleaned and sanitized. The enclosures appeared to provide animals with adequate space to move about freely.

Secondly, I walked the large kennel area, which appeared to be clean and in good state of repair. It appeared that each enclosure and the entire kennel area had been properly cleaned and sanitized 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. I checked the temperature of the shelter twice during my inspection via the wall thermometer in the shelter. At 3:06pm it was approximately 82F degrees, at 3:21pm it was still approximately 82F degrees. The large bay door was closed and it appeared to allow the air conditioning to properly cool the kennel area. I checked all animals in the shelter for signs of heat exposure. All animals appeared to be alert and moving about freely. They did not appear to be panting heavily, have large amounts of drool, or have signs of vomiting, etc. I reiterated that the shelter employees must 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. During my inspection the work crews updated that the air conditioning system. There was a secondary system updated and turned on during inspection.

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, the outdoor runs appeared to have been properly cleaned a sanitized during inspection.

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 was being utilized to house the cats previously housed in the main office. The cat inventory during inspection was 34 cats and 1 litter of kittens under 8 weeks. The cat enclosures appeared to be clean and in good state of repair. All cats appeared to have access to food and water. All areas around the cat enclosures appeared to be clean and sanitized. The second room was clean and in good state of repair. The kitten previous housed in the main office for URI was quarantined away from the other cats in the room and appeared to be moving about freely and showing signs of improvement.

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 had access to three bowls of water during inspection. The puppies will remain under quarantine until released by the GDA State Vet.

The three malinois puppies (Pet ID #1801, 1804, and 1807) entered the shelter on 06-09-2019 and were housed in the "staff only" room. On 06-12-2019 they were taken to Cornerstone Veterinary Services and tested positive for Canine Parvovirus. They returned to the shelter 06-17-2019 with a plan of treatment from the veterinarian. The puppies have been under quarantine and undergoing their treatment since 06-17-2019.

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.

Record keeping for the animals at the shelter appeared to be accurate and up to date. There is a current DEA License posted 07-31-2020 held by Dr. Benson DVM. There is currently one employee remaining on the "Lay Persons Letter" that is certified to euthanize, Cortney Andes. The Lay Persons Letter was last updated on 03-28-2019.

Below are the following violations, stop order, and quarantine remaining from the inspection on 06-21-2019 regarding the conditions at Walker County Animal Shelter:

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