



Georgia Department of Agriculture

Companion Animal/Equine Division

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Inspection ID

66756

Animal Protection Inspection Report

Inspection ID	Inspection Reason	Inspection Date	Inspection Start Time	Inspection End Time	Inspector Name
66756	RE-INSPN - REGULAR	7/18/2019	1:15 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	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	Pass

Companion Animal Details

Number of Animals	Number of Stall/Enclosure	Number of Breeding Animals	Number of Monthly Bird Inventory
40	75	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/21/2019

Disease type

Canine Parvovirus



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

Action Notes

Per Georgia Department of Agriculture Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Hennebelle DVM the quarantine is pending. It was issued for puppies that tested positive for parvo until follow-up with Tri-State Rescue.

Violation Information

Inspection Comments

Upon arrival to the Walker County Animal Shelter met with Walker County Shelter Employees Cortney Andes and Rita Wiley 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 was another sign posted that the shelter would be open to the public beginning on August 1, 2019.

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 no animals housed in the main office area during inspection. It appeared that the office was clean and sanitized. There was minimal odor. The new sheetrock had been placed in the bathroom and the repairs are almost complete. Mrs. Andes stated that animals would no longer be housed in the bathroom. Per North Georgia Supervisor Michael Lurey the Stop Order-Stop Use was released during inspection.

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 34 dogs housed in 34 enclosures, the shelter had 31 empty enclosures that were going through a deep clean and sanitation. 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 was one puppy housed in the intake room. It 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. It was being utilized to store food during inspection. 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 once during my inspection via the wall thermometer in the shelter. At 1:45pm it was approximately 77F degrees. Both air conditioning units appeared to be working properly, there were also two large fans circulating air in the shelter during inspection.

I then walked the outdoor kennel area. All animals had access to indoor and outdoor sections of their enclosures, other than the kennels being cleaned during inspection. They appeared to be clean and in good state of repair.

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. The cat inventory during inspection was 6 cats. 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. All cats appeared to be receiving humane care and appeared to be free of disease. The third room, labeled "staff only" which previously housed three puppies, was empty. The puppies have been released of ownership to GDA Licensed rescue Tri-State Rescue, Tri - State rescue provided the medical care for the three puppies while at the shelter. Per GDA Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Hennebelle DVM, I will follow-up with Tri-State Rescue regarding the quarantine release. I went over quarantine rules and regulations again with the shelter during inspection.

I checked 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 details regarding the release of the following violations, stop order, and quarantine issued during an inspection on 06-21-2019 regarding the conditions at Walker County Animal Shelter:



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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.

UPDATE: 07-18-2019 a contract with a company has been established and maintained per Shelter Employee Rita Wiley. Shelter has also continued preventative temporary fly maintenance in the form of fly and insect traps. **VIOLATION RELEASED** per North Georgia Supervisor Michael Lurey

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.

UPDATE: 07-18-2019 Mrs. Andes stated that animals will no longer be housed in the bathroom and new sheetrock has been placed on the walls. **STOP ORDER – STOP USE RELEASED** per North Georgia Supervisor Michael Lurey

Per Georgia Department of Agriculture Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Hennebelle DVM the quarantine is pending. It was issued for puppies that tested positive for parvo until follow-up with Tri-State Rescue.

I will email inspection to Walker County Commissioner Shannon Whitfield.