



# Georgia Department of Agriculture

## Companion Animal/Equine Division

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Inspection ID

119048

### Animal Protection Inspection Report

Inspection ID	Inspection Reason	Inspection Date	Inspection Start Time	Inspection End Time	Inspector Name
119048	CONSUMER COMPLAINT	10/17/2023	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	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

Approximate Number of Animals	Number of Stall/Enclosure	Number of Breeding Animals	Number of Monthly Bird Inventory
211	168		

#### 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"/>	10/17/2023	2840005613

### Action Notes

Complaint is unfounded.

### Violation Information

### Inspection Comments

Complaint: "Two dogs in the care of WCAC since Sept 13 have lost significant weight. I will attach 3 photos. If two can be neglected it concerns me that others are being neglected. I am requesting a state inspector investigate and close the shelter for cause of neglect, cite the shelter staff. There is no excuse for a dog to [lose] the amount of weight. Please let me know if you do not received all three photos."

Upon arrival Inspector Lisa Gowens and I met with Animal Services Director; Jeff Mitchell, and Animal Shelter Director Emily Sadler to investigate the above listed complaint. We walked facility inspecting premises, animals, and their enclosures.

Facility was in the process of being cleaned and it was also feeding time during inspection. Many animals were separated in temporary enclosures during inspection for feeding. The facility appeared to have proper lighting and ventilation. All enclosures appeared to be well mended and impervious to moisture. All supplies and food appeared to be stored in an adequate manner. Facility is currently at compacity due to three local hoarding cases that resulted in impounding approximately 348 animals in the last 3 months.

We first checked the animals housed in the office and side room in the front of the shelter. All animals appeared to be receiving humane care and appeared to be free of disease or under veterinary care.

We then inspected the animals housed in the intake area. They were separated in temporary cages for feeding during inspection. They appeared to be receiving humane care and appeared to be free of disease.

We walked the main kennel area and puppy rooms. Again, animals were separated in temporary cages for feeding. All animals appeared to be receiving humane care and appeared to be free of disease.

There were approximately 12 animals housed at the shelter that appeared to be underweight, they are described and listed below:

**Linus (D23892) Intake 09-13-2013** – Bloodhound: 55.2 lbs on 09/30/23,

Vet description on 09-16-2023: "severe dental disease, poor body condition, overgrown nails, infected back left third nail from being torn off, sinky in head/ muscular tone, mucoid, ocular discharge, severe flea infestation, intact - 2 testicles, can barely walk due to nails, severe ear infection."

**Red Girl (D2023939) Intake 09-13-2023** – Bloodhound: 33 lbs on 09/28/23, The dog was taken straight from the impound site on 09-13-2023 to the veterinarian and was returned to the shelter 9 days later due to poor condition. Dog is under continued veterinary treatment and monitoring at the shelter.

**Albert (D2023964) Intake 09-13-2023** – Bloodhound: 42.5 lbs on 09/16/23,

Vet description on 09-16-2023: "BCS 1.5 out of 9, sores/scabs all over, some sores are old with hair growing over them, 2 testicles, pale gums, mucoid ocular discharge."



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**Odd Run 8 (D2023862) Intake 09-13-2023** – Bloodhound FERAL, unable to weigh, visual BS 2

Vet description on 09-16-2023: "very thin body condition, shut down, in heat, could not assess."

NOTE: Due to dog being feral, vet could not lay hands on dog

**Bruno (D2023934) Intake 09-13-2023** - Bloodhound 44.10 lbs on 10/04/23,

Vet description on 09-16-2023: "Outside dogs 1 - 7 - shut down, very thirsty, poor body conditions, females all have mammary development."

**OS Dog 1 (Queenie) (D2023929) Intake 09-13-2023** – Bloodhound – unable to weigh

Vet description on 09-16-2023: "Outside dogs 1 - 7 - shut down, very thirsty, poor body conditions, females all have mammary development."

**OS Dog 3 (D2023931) Intake 09-13-2023** – Bloodhound FERAL, unable to weigh

Vet description on 09-16-2023: "Outside dogs 1 - 7 - shut down, very thirsty, poor body conditions, females all have mammary development."

Note: Due to dog being feral, vet could not lay hands on her.

**Linda (D2023915) Intake 09-13-2023** – Bloodhound 38.6 lbs on 09/16/23, 39.8 lbs on 09/29/23

Vet description on 09-16-2023: "severe mucoid ocular discharge, BCS 1.5 out of 9, hair loss all over, thickened skin, severe yeast/skin infection, intact, severe dental disease, severely dehydrated, older dog."

**Peony (D2023977) Intake 10-04-2023** – Pointer Mix (stray intake) 54.12 lbs on 10/04/23

**Dude (D20201086) Intake 09-08-2023** – Bulldog Mix (stray intake) 51.8 lbs on 09/8/23 Heartworm positive

**Nimbus (D2023818) Intake 09-08-2023** – Bulldog Mix (stray intake) 63.10 lbs on 09/08/23

**OS Dog 1 (D2023766) Intake 08-11-2023** (from Decker hoarding case) – Great Pyrenes 62.12 lbs on 08/15/23

All dogs noted above were vaccinated and wormed upon intake as well.

The three dogs noted by the complainant were in the shelter for approximately 9 days after intake on 09-12-2023. Therefore, it appears that their weigh condition was due to neglect at the impound site.

Animal Inventory: 196 dogs;9 cats; 3 pigs; 3 goats



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