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North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Veterinary Division

David T. Marshall, DVM
State Veterinarian

October 12, 2011

Lt. Rick Skeen
Davidson County Animal Shelter
Sheriff's Department
490 Glendale Road
Lexington, NC 27292

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT
REQUESTED

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Notice of Warning

Re: Violation of Title 02, N.C. Administrative Code Chapter 52JB, Section(s)

Shelter: Davidson County Animal Shelter

Dear Lt. Skeen:

Ms. Shelly Swaim and Mr. Joe Blomquist, Animal Health Technicians with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Animal Welfare Section, Veterinary Division, inspected your facility on August 15, 2011, and determined that the shelter facility may be in violation of state law and regulations. On that date they found that a significant number of your animal disposition records are inaccurate and/or incomplete. Specifically, your employees neglected to record animals' weights before the animals were euthanized by injection. Some records indicated animals had been euthanized by injection when they had actually been euthanized by CO.

Based on the results of the above visit, you may have violated the following Agriculture regulation:

02 NORTH CAROLINA ADMINSTRATIVE CODE 52J .0101

Operators of all animal shelters, pet shops, public auctions, and dealers shall maintain records on all dogs and cats showing the following:

(1) Origin of animals (including names and addresses of consignors) and date animals were received;
(2) Description of animals including species, age, sex, breed, and color markings;
(3) Location of animal if not kept at the licensed or registered facility;
(4) Disposition of animals including name and address of person to whom animal is sold, traded or adopted and the date of such transaction; in the event of death, the record shall show the date, signs of illness, or cause of death if identified; if euthanized, the record shall show date and type of euthanasia; and

(5) Record of veterinary care including treatments, immunization and date, time, description of medication (including name and dosage), and initials of person administering any product or procedure.

This letter shall constitute a **WARNING**. If a future violation of these statutes or regulations occurs, it could result in disciplinary action against your facility's certificate of registration pursuant to G.S. 19A-30 or the assessment of a civil penalty of up to $5,000.00 per violation under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 19A-40.

Sincerely,

Lee Hunter, DVM
Director, Animal Welfare Section

BHB/bhb

cc: Mr. Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Shelly Swaim, Animal Health Technician
Mr. Joe Blomquist, Outreach Coordinator