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Veterinary Division

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Steve and Linden Spear
The Haven – Friends for Life
400 Fulford McMillan Drive
Raeford, NC 28376

Re: APPLICATION FOR ANIMAL SHELTER REGISTRATION
The Haven – Friends for Life Animal Shelter

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Spear:

The Haven – Friends for Life Animal Shelter (“The Haven”) has applied to the Animal Welfare Section (“AWS”) of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (“NCDA&CS”) for registration as an animal shelter. As you are aware, pursuant to N. C. General Statute §19-26, no person shall operate an animal shelter without a certification of registration.

Pursuant to your request, AWS conducted a Courtesy Inspection of The Haven on May 27, 2015. This inspection noted numerous deficiencies and areas of non-compliance with the N. C. Animal Welfare Act (“AWA”) and its associated regulations that needed to be corrected in order for The Haven to receive its certification of registration. AWS provided you a copy of the AWA and the associated rules and regulations (02 NCAC 52J) at the time of this courtesy inspection. AWS conducted a subsequent inspection on September 2, 2015. This inspection noted numerous continuing deficiencies and areas of non-compliance. This inspection was marked “Disapproved” due to the number and severity of the deficiencies as reflected in the inspection report attached hereto. The deficiencies were related to the failure to provide adequate housing facilities and/or primary enclosures; failure to provide proper sanitation; inadequate temperature, ventilation and odor control; inadequate pest and insect control; failure to provide continuous access to fresh water; lack of adequate socialization and long-term care programs; failure to properly confine animals; failure to provide adequate veterinary care; improper record keeping and inadequate number of employees to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices set forth in the AWA and its associated rules.

Pursuant to N. C. General Statute §19A-30, this letter in conjunction with the enclosed September 2, 2015 Inspection Report serves as written notice indicting in which respects the Haven has failed to satisfy the requirements for the holding of a certificate of registration.

If you have completed remediation of the conditions listed in the courtesy inspection and the September 2, 2015 inspection and believe that the shelter now satisfies the required minimum standards, you may submit to AWS documentation of these corrective actions. AWS must be in receipt of this documentation within 5 business days of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Norris', written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Norris, DVM,
Director, Animal Welfare Section
Veterinary Division, NCDA&CS

Enclosures

cc:

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