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Euthanasia Inspection Report

Feb 12, 2015  
 Date of inspection

Name of business

City  License number (if currently licensed)  license type

**Duties of a CET**

Prepare animals for euthanasia .0418 <input type="text" value="Not Acceptable"/>	Properly record all data .0418 <input type="text" value="Not Acceptable"/>	Security, controlled substance .0418 <input type="text" value="Not Acceptable"/>
Supervise Prob. CET .0418 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Properly euthanize .0418 <input type="text" value="Not Acceptable"/>	Properly dispose of dead .0418 <input type="text" value="Not Acceptable"/>

**Euthanasia by Injection**

IC only on anesth. or sedated .0501

**Euthanasia by CO**

Use only bottled gas .0601 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Use only comm. mfd chamber .0601 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Only same species in chamber .0601 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	In chamber for >= 20 min. .0601 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>
Not used on < 16 weeks .0602 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Not used on pregnant .0602 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Not used on near death .0602 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	No live with dead .0603 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>
Animals separated .0604 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	At least 1 viewport .0605 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Chamber in good order .0605 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Airtight seals present .0605 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>
Light shatterproof .0605 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Chamber sufficiently lit .0605 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Electrical explosion-proof .0605 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	If inside, two CO monitors .0605 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>

**CO chamber inspections & records**

Records of monthly inspection .0606 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Records of yearly inspection .0606 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Visual inspection by AWS <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>
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**CO chamber, miscellaneous**

Chamber cleaned b/t uses .0607 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	Operational guide & or manual .0608 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	>= 2 adults present when used .0609 <input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>
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**Extraordinary methods**

Reports of extraordinary euth. .0705

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 Management

# Euthanasia Inspection Report

**Feb 12, 2015**  
 Date of inspection

Name of business Martin County Animal Shelter

City Williamston License number (if currently licensed) 89

## Policy and procedure manual

Current copy of AWA in manual .0803	Current AVMA euth. in manual .0803	Current HSUS euth. in manual .0803	Current AHA euth. in manual .0803
Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable
List of approved euth. methods .0803	List of CETs & methods .0803	Contact info for DVM in PVC .0803	Contact info for DVM care . 0803
Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable
List after hour euth. meth. 0803	Euth. methods if no CET present 0803	Policy for verifying death . 0803	Contact info for suppliers. 0803
Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable
DEA certificate . 0803	MSDS sheets, chemical or gas . 0803	MSDS sheets, tranq. or anesth. . 0803	Signs & symptoms, human . 0803
Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable
First aid information . 0803	MD contact information . 0803		
Not Acceptable	Not Acceptable		

## Narrative Explanation, if needed

I arrived today to perform a euthanasia inspection at the shelter. ACO Kevin Beck is in attendance. Upon entering the back area of the shelter I found a cat in a trap appearing to be in distress. ACO Beck asked me if I could euthanize. I told him I could not. He then told me that his supervisor ACO Pete Brock had told him that he had euthanized the cat in the trap but to check on the cat a little while later and if it wasn't dead to go ahead and finish euthanizing it. Supervisor Brock then left for the day. ACO Beck then showed me a 6cc syringe filled with 3cc's of a pink solution sitting on a wood shelf that he stated Supervisor Brock drew up from a bottle of Euthasol that he keeps in the side pocket door of his county truck. ACO Beck is not certified to perform euthanasia. I instructed ACO Beck to take the cat in the trap to Williamston Vet Clinic to complete euthanasia and to have them call me. Vet Tech Cheryle Barnes did call me and said they felt the cat had been injected with something and that it was ineffective in reaching the end result of a humane death. Dr. Rhames euthanized the cat. Vet Tech Barnes then stated to me that this was not the first time that something like this has occurred. She then went on to further explain that approximately a week ago ACO Beck showed up at the vet hospital in a panic with a teen-aged kitten that was barely alive, extremely low body temperature, cold to the touch and had formed icicles on it's whiskers, ear tips and fur. He stated to her that he opened the freezer where the cat carcasses from the previous days euthanasia were placed and he found this one alive. Vet Tech Barnes took the kitten and they (the vets office) were able to save this kitten and I am told the kitten is thriving and named "Chilly". ACO Beck confirms this.

There is impound paperwork for 9 cats. There are 8 cat carcasses in the freezer and 1 cat in a trap that went to the vet's office. The Fatal Plus drug log shows that only 6 cats were euthanized. The paperwork remains blank for euthanasia dates. No drug log was found for Euthasol, the drug that that is believed to be in the 6cc syringe.

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ACO Beck has observed numerous euthanasia's and has never seen Brock pre-sedate an animal. Beck also states that Brock injects the euthanasia solution in multiple different areas of the cat. Injections are being done through the wires of the trap.

I found an empty used 3cc syringe in plain view on Supervisor Brock's desk. Injectable Ketamine products and Fatal Plus were found in an unlocked desk drawer next to an unlocked drug box. No drug book was found for the Ketamine products.

I cannot find the Euthanasia manual with the current AVMA and HSUS guidelines. No stethoscope is on the premises to confirm death.

Improper documentation of cats in traps is noted. As it is now, Supervisor Brock has mandated that 1 impound paper to the address of trapping be initiated with the first trapped cat. Sequential trapped cats from the same address are simply added to the form by placing a check mark in the corner. No other form of identification or dates is being done. Thus the cats are being euthanized as they come in and not noted anywhere on the paperwork until trapping is completed at the address.

On 2/13/2015 I requested a meeting with County Manager David Bone to inform him of my findings. Chief Deputy Tim Manning was included in this meeting as well. During this session it was clear that Mr. Bone had not known of any of the improprieties and showed much shock and surprise. Chief Deputy Manning and County Manager Bone concurred at the end of our meeting that with all things concerned, Supervisor Brock will be put on administrative leave pending further investigation. In doing so they have seized his county vehicle in where the bottle of Euthasol was found unsecured. The Sheriff's Office has placed it along with the controlled drugs I found unsecured at the shelter into their chain of custody.

I have requested a meeting with my Department Head and Boss Dr. Patricia Norris and Supervisor Joe Blomquist for Monday at 9am in our Raleigh offices to inform them of my findings and for further instruction with all the issues/concerns in this report.