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North Carolina Department of Agriculture
and Consumer Services
Veterinary Division

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June 17, 2015

Rusty's Legacy Animal Rescue, Inc.
Attn: Ms. Jeri Arledge
139 Lytle Mountain Road
Marion, North Carolina 28752

By Email and UPS Signature Required
1Z 210 617 42 58598821

Notice of Warning

Re: Violation of Title 02, N. C. Administrative Code ("NCAC") Chapter 52J, Section .0103

Shelter: Rusty's Legacy Animal Rescue, Inc.
Certification No. 143

Dear Ms. Arledge:

Animal Welfare Section ("AWS") Inspector Lloyd and AWS Inspector Blatche with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services ("NCAGR&CS") inspected your facility on June 15, 2015. They determined that the shelter facility may be in violation of state law and regulations. On that date they were unable to access some of your required shelter records. You stated that the records could not be accessed on your personal computer because it was "frozen."

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

02 NCAC 52J .0103 INSPECTION OF RECORDS

All operators of animal shelters, pet shops, boarding kennels, public auctions, and persons operating as dealers shall make all required records available to the director or his authorized representative on request, during the business and cleaning hours listed on the license application. The operator must be able to match each animal to its record upon request. Records shall be maintained for a period of one year after the animal is released.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24; 19A-25;
Eff. April 1, 1984;
Amended Eff. January 1, 2005; April 1, 1985.*

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 N. C. General Statute §19A-30 or the assessment of a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.00 per violation under N. C. Gen. Statute §19A-40.

The Animal Welfare Section wishes to complete the inspection referred to above. To do so, we would like to inspect the records that could not be accessed at the earliest date when they become available. This can be done by one of two means:

a) You may voluntarily print or scan copies of the records and send them to this office by mail, commercial carrier or e-mail attachment, certifying that the records are true and complete; or

b) If you decline to provide them as described in a), one of the Section's inspectors will inspect the records during a subsequent, unannounced inspection, as authorized by 02 NCAC 52J .0103.

Please reply immediately upon receipt of this letter stating your choice between these options. If you decline to do so I will presume that you prefer an inspection, choice b), and arrange to provide one.

Your immediate attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

Patricia Norris, DVM

cc: Ms. Tina Hlabse, General Counsel, NCDA&CS
Dr. R. Douglas Meckes, N. C. State Veterinarian, NCDA&CS