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Ms. Jeri Arledge  
Rusty's Legacy  
139 Lytle Mtn. Road  
Marion, NC 28752

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Dear Ms. Arledge:

Pursuant to your discussions today with this office's counsel, Assistant Attorney General Barry H. Bloch, we will issue a renewal of your Animal Shelter Registration for Rusty's Legacy Animal Shelter, license no. 143, at 139 Lytle Mountain Road, Marion, North Carolina 28752. Please note that the Section reserves the right and authority to revoke or suspend your registration if it finds that your facility is below acceptable state standards when reinspected, as you two discussed.

It is our understanding that you are having a concrete pad installed in the run area to resolve the most serious shelter facility deficiency. We would also point out that dog-damaged wiring in the chain link fencing is also a serious problem requiring immediate correction. Per your discussion with Mr. Bloch, we will re-inspect your shelter facility in seventy days from the date your last registration expired (June 30, 2014). You informed Mr. Bloch that you expect to have the concrete pad installed and in use by that time; we hope that you will have repaired all broken chain link fencing on or before that time, as well. Please note that the main reason that dogs damage chain link fencing is out of boredom, due to lack of stimulation and contact with people. We strongly recommend that you increase the amount of personal contact and stimulation you provide to the dogs to reduce the likelihood they will continue to damage the fencing, dog houses and water containers. Please note that our regulations require contact with people:

NCAC 52J .0209 CLASSIFICATION AND SEPARATION

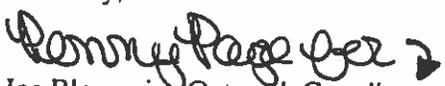
- (6) Animals in long term care which are intended for adoption or sale must be provided the following:
- (a) **Daily access to both human and same species social interaction.**
  - (b) **Daily access to space other than the primary enclosure.**
  - (c) **A species and size-appropriate toy, unless it poses a health threat.**
- (7) All animals shall be confined in primary enclosures or exercise areas.

I note that you informed Mr. Bloch that you had filed your Petition with NC OAH. We respectfully request that, having received your registration, you voluntarily dismiss your petition.

Please note that your facility and records remain subject to inspection without notice as provided by the N.C. Animal Welfare Act, during this seventy day period, June 30, 2014 through September 8, 2014.

If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Bloch.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Blomquist, Outreach Coordinator

NCDA&CS, Veterinary Division, Animal Welfare Section