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Ms. Susan E. Lebright  
108 Hope's Path  
Rocky Point, NC 28457

Re: Warning Letter; Unregistered Animal Shelter

Dear Ms. Lebright:

This office has received reports that you are offering cats for adoption through Craigslist, charging fees for adoptions and representing that you are operating a "cat rescue." This office sent an Order to you last year requiring you to cease and desist from operation of an animal shelter.

Under North Carolina's Animal Welfare Act, an animal shelter is defined as:

... a facility which is used to house or contain seized, stray, homeless, quarantined, abandoned or unwanted animals and which is under contract with, owned, operated, or maintained by a county, city, town, or other municipality, or by a duly incorporated humane society, animal welfare society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or other nonprofit organization devoted to the welfare, protection, rehabilitation, or humane treatment of animals.

G.S. § 19A-23(5)

While this office is aware that you have dissolved your nonprofit corporation, it is apparent that you are continuing to take in, house, care for and offer cats for adoption to the public as a "cat rescue."

This letter shall constitute a **WARNING**. If a future violation of these statutes or regulations occurs, it could result in the assessment of a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.00 per violation under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 19A-40.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our office at (919) 715-7111.

Sincerely,

David T. Marshall, DVM  
State Veterinarian

cc: Barry H. Bloch, Assistant Attorney General, NCDOJ