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Chief Donnie Greene
Town of Farmville
3672 N. Main Street
Farmville, NC 27828

RE: Farmville Police Department Animal Control Shelter

Dear Chief Greene:

On November 5, 2015, the Animal Welfare Section ("AWS") of the N. C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services received a complaint concerning the Farmville Police Department Animal Control Shelter ("the shelter").

The complaint alleged that the shelter was holding the animals too long and that the animals were being transported in groups rather than individually. In addition, the complaint noted a suspicion that the facilities were not adequate for the number of animals housed at the shelter.

The AWS opened an investigation into this complaint. A site visit and records review were conducted on November 9, 2015. The site visit noted adequate housing that appeared to be in compliance with the N. C. Animal Welfare Act and its associated rules and regulations ("the AWA"). The investigation noted the animals currently housed at the shelter to be housed adequately. A review of the records of the animals currently-housed, as well as the records of the animals transported on the date in question in the complaint, showed the records to be in compliance with the AWA.

The records review did not reveal any violation of the 72 hour minimum holding period in the observed documents. The holding periods also appear to be in compliance with the Town of Farmville's ordinance to hold the animals for a minimum of 5 days before transport.

The holding of animals beyond 72 hour minimum holding period is not a violation of the AWA. The transportation of more than one animal at a time is also not a violation of the AWA.

Therefore due to the findings above, the AWS is closing this investigation with the finding of no violations of the AWA.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Norris', written in a cursive style.

Patricia Norris, DVM
Director of Animal Welfare Section
Veterinary Division
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Services