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ANIMAL WELFARE INSPECTION

GPS Coordinates - N: 35.35186 **W:** 81.95051

LICENSE #: 65
TYPE FACILITY: Animal Shelter (Private/Public) ☒ **Boarding Kennel** ☐ **Pet Shop** ☐ **Public Auction** ☐
BUSINESS NAME: Rutherford Co. Animal Shelter
OWNER: Sheriff's Dept
ADDRESS: 576 Laurel Hill Rd Rutherfordton
TELEPHONE: (828) 287-6025
VMO Hunter
COUNTY Rutherford

Number of Primary Enclosures 35 **Animals Present: Dogs** 43 **Cats** 24

Inspector: Mark "X" in each box, if adequate.
Circle each item number, if inadequate.
Use NA if not applicable

STRUCTURE

Housing Facilities
☐ 1. Structure & Repair
☐ 2. Ventilation & Temp.
☒ 3. Lighting
☐ 4. Ceiling, Wall, Floors
☒ 5. Storage
☐ 6. Water Drainage

Primary Enclosures
☐ 7. Structure & Repair
☒ 8. Space
☐ 9. Ventilation & Temp.
☒ 10. Adequate Shelter

SANITATION

☒ 11. Waste Disposal
☐ 12. Odor
☒ 13. Ceiling, Wall, Floors
☐ 14. Primary Enclosures
☒ 15. Equipment & Supplies
☒ 16. Washrooms, Sinks, Basins
☒ 17. Insect/Vermin Control
☐ 18. Building & Grounds

HUSBANDRY
☒ 19. Adequate Feed/Water
☒ 20. Food Storage
☐ 21. Personnel
~~N/A~~ Ratio of 1:10 personnel to animals if >4 in primary enclosure or common area
☒ 23. Animals' Appearance

SPECIAL ITEMS

Records
☒ 24. Description of Animals
☒ 25. Records/Vet Treatment
☒ 26. Origin/Disposition
~~N/A~~ Signature (boarding kennel)
~~N/A~~ Written permission from owner for commingling (doggie daycare)

Transportation
☒ 29. Care in Transit Discussed

Veterinary Care
☒ 30. Isolation Facility
☒ 31. No Signs of Illness/ Treated

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Animal Welfare Section, NCDA&CS
Euthanasia Inspection Report

Name of business: RUTHERFORD Co ANIMAL SHELTER

City: RUTHERFORDTON | License number (if currently licensed): 65 | license type:

Duties of a CET

Prepare animals for euthanasia .0418: NOT ACCEPTABLE	Properly record all data .0418: ACCEPTABLE	Security, controlled substances .0418: ACCEPTABLE
Supervise Prob. CET .0418: N/A	Properly euthanize .0418: NOT ACCEPTABLE	Properly dispose of dead .0418: ACCEPTABLE

Euthanasia by injection

IC only on anesth. or sedated .0501: N/A

Euthanasia by CO

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

Records of monthly inspection .0606: N/A	Records of yearly inspection .0606: N/A	Visual inspection by AWS: N/A
Chamber cleaned b/t uses .0607: N/A	Operational guide & or manual .0608: N/A	>= 2 adults present when used .0609: N/A

Extraordinary methods

Reports of extraordinary euth. .0705: N/A AT THIS TIME

Policy and procedure manual

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

Signature of inspector: [signature] date: 9/1/09

Signature of management: [signature]

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Item Number	Explanation of Inadequacy (circled items above) And Recommendation For Compliance	Date Corrections Must Be Completed
Euthanasia	Arrived at Shelter at 08:13 Cpl Brad Jones Sarah Hartman, Both CETs, and Dept Jordan Ray were present during euthanasia. I observed the euthanasia by injection of Sodium Pentobarbital of 11 cats and 10 dogs. Euthanasia by injection is the only method utilized at this facility.	
Inadequacies or unacceptable practices observed:		
52J .0418	Properly Euthanize	
52J .0418	Prepare animals for euthanasia	
	Dogs - Euthanasia of dogs was performed outside back of Kennel and storage area on covered concrete slab. A new trustee brought all dogs to the euthanasia area. Registry forms or animal information was not observed and animals were not scanned for microchips prior to euthanasia. Use of Sodium Pentobarbital was not adequately recorded until I recommended the handler bring the registry form with the animal.	
	Recommend - Verifying every animal - record on check ID # species sex breed, description and date and scanning for microchips prior to euthanasia. County policy states that All animals shall be scanned prior to euth	
	Cats - feral cats are housed in a regular dog kennel and are colonized	

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	During euthanasia cats were either scruffed or held with cat tongs. One employee performed restraint and euthanasia inside the kennel. Cats were injected with 1cc Sodium Pentobarbital and released. I observed cats in various stages of euthanasia in the same enclosure. Several cats were injected while hanging at the top of the chainlink fencing and were left there until they fell off to the floor. ~~Cats that were~~ Several cats went through a highly excitable phase which not only appeared to add to the remaining cats anxiety but put the CET in a potentially hazardous situation. Euthanasia times varied from immediate to aprox 45 minutes.	
	Recommend - removing and separating animals housed in a colonized manner - Euthanasia should take place in a calm orderly environment that minimizes stress. Cat Tongs should never be used to administer an IP injection	
.0418	Properly euthanize 10 dogs were euthanized by IV injection using the same disposable needle. Needle was changed before cat	

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	Euthanasia however the same needle was used on sight cats before it was changed again.	
	Recommend - Use disposable needles only once and then dispose of them in a sharps container (AH)	
52J.0418	Properly Euthanize (proper and accurate verification of death)	
	Dogs - Of 10 dogs there was only one that was palpated for a heart beat. The dogs were taken by A pick up to the landfill before rigor had set. I witnessed the dogs being placed in the front bucket of a loader with no verification of death.	
	County policy states: "After an appropriate amount of time check animal for a pulse using a stethoscope or place fingers over heart to verify death."	
	Recommend - Positively verify each animal death in every instance no exceptions.	
	At least 3 cats were placed in a trash bag by a trustee with out death verification	

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52 J .0803	Complete policy and procedure manual - done at time of inspection	
	This is an older facility that does not provide an adequate area for performing injectable euthanasia - possible solutions include but are not limited to the following	
	(1) Modify kitchen house area	
	(2) Enclose back covered concrete slab	
	Performing euthanasia properly and humanely is crucial. To better achieve this create a suitable environment that meets the needs of both CET's and animals. EBI should be performed in a room separated from the public and general activities of the shelter. A quiet, clean, orderly environment helps reduce stress in both animals and CET's.	
(1) (7)	Concrete flooring in general kennel area and cattle house - repaint and/or seal making impervious to moisture	
(6)	Improper drainage as noted in inspections dated 6/8/08 5/28/08 4/2/08 12/19/07 6/28/06 12/4/06 1/12/07 has not been addressed - an adequate drainage system must be provided for facility	
(6) (14)	Cross contamination is unavoidable. Primary enclosures SHALL be constructed as to	

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	prevent contamination from waste and waste water - see past inspections	
18	Clean up trash and debri around housing facility	
	Food trash and debri have accumulated in and around drains - clean out daily	

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