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Veterinary Division

R. Douglas Meckes, DVM
State Veterinarian

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Jessica Wall
Shelter Manager
Yadkin County Animal Shelter
1027 Speaks Street
Yadkinville, NC 27055

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Notice of Warning

Re: **Violations of Title 02, Administrative Code (NCAC) Chapter 52J**

Facility: Yadkin County Animal Shelter

Dear Ms. Wall:

Ms. Lindsey Lloyd, Inspector with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Animal Welfare Section ("AWS"), Veterinary Division, inspected your facility on February 27, 2015. She observed an injured dog that appeared to be in significant pain and distress. Investigation into this matter has revealed the following facts:

1. According to the Yadkin County Shelter records, this dog, named Fluffy, had been surrendered by the owner to Yadkin County Animal Control due to an injury.
2. The dog was admitted to the shelter a 5:33 PM on February 26, 2015.
3. The intake registry for this dog notes that he was injured.
4. When Inspector Lloyd arrived at the Yadkin County Shelter on the morning of February 27, 2015, the shelter manager had been called about the dog but no veterinary care had been provided from the time of intake until the dog was euthanized that morning.
5. Discussion with you and a representative of the Yadkin County Health Department on March 19, 2015 revealed that the facility does not have a written policy on the provision of adequate veterinary care or procedures for the assessment of animal injury/illness by the shelter staff.
6. This discussion also revealed that only one person is authorized to make euthanasia decisions.

Based on the investigation into this incident, AWS has determined that the facility may be in violation of the North Carolina Animal Welfare Act ("AWA") and its regulations:

02 NCAC 52J .0210 VETERINARY CARE

(a) A written program of veterinary care to include disease control and prevention, vaccination, euthanasia, and adequate veterinary care shall be established with the assistance of a licensed veterinarian by any person who is required to be licensed or registered under the Animal Welfare Act, Article 3 of Chapter 19A of the General Statutes.

(c) Each dog and cat shall be observed daily by the animal caretaker in charge, or by someone under his direct supervision. Sick or diseased, injured, lame, or blind dogs or cats shall be provided with veterinary care or be euthanized, provided that this shall not affect compliance with any state or local law requiring the holding, for a specified period, of animals suspected of being diseased. If euthanasia is performed at a certified facility, a list of personnel approved to perform euthanasia shall be maintained in a Policy and Procedure Manual as described in 02 NCAC 52J .0800. Diseased or deformed animals shall be sold or adopted only under the policy set forth in the "Program of Veterinary Care." Full written disclosure of the medical condition of the animal shall be provided to the new owner.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 19A-24;
Eff. April 1, 1984;
Amended Eff. March 23, 2009; January 1, 2005.*

You are hereby requested to address the above concerns by providing a written policy and procedure protocol which addresses but is not limited to: provision of adequate veterinary care, daily observation of animals, assessment of animals upon intake for injury or illness, policies outlining communication protocols concerning injured/ill animals and euthanasia, guidelines for euthanasia decisions and procedures, and protocols for when primary decision-making staff is not available. Please provide your written protocols to AWS by no later than fourteen business days from the date you receive this Notice of Warning.

If you do not respond as requested, AWS, upon confirming that serious violations continue to exist in your facility, may take appropriate action as authorized under the AWA. Such action may include suspension or revocation of your public animal shelter registration.

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

Sincerely,



Patricia Norris, DVM,
Director, Animal Welfare Section,
Veterinary Division, NCDA&CS

cc: Barry Bloch, Assistant Attorney General, NCDOJ; Joe Blomquist, AWS Outreach Coordinator
Lindsey Lloyd, AWS Inspector; Dr. Doug Meckes, NC State Veterinarian