ANIMAL WELFARE SECTION
NC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
1080 MAIL SERVICE CENTER
RALEIGH, NC 27699-1030
DAVIDSON COUNTY COMPLAINT #152
AUGUST 15, 2011
10:00
BLOMQUIST/SWAIM

COMPLAINT WAS SUBMITTED BY TINA YORK AND RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE ON AUGUST 9, 2011.

COMPLAINT IS ATTACHED.

COMPLAINT QUESTIONED THE EUTHANASIA BY CARBON MONOXIDE OF UNDERAGED ANIMALS AND IMPROPER DISPOSITION RECORDS AS RELATED TO ADOPTIONS.

COMPLAINT INSPECTION SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSES THESE ISSUES.

10:00 MET JOE BLOMQUIST AT FACILITY

RECORDS WERE MADE READILY AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION.

1) EUTHANASIA BY CO OF UNDERAGED ANIMALS

A) ID# LPD-1427- COMPUTER RECORDS INDICATED THIS WAS A THREE MONTH OLD WHITE PBT THAT WAS EUTHANIZED BY CARBON MONOXIDE. UPON CLOSE EXAMINATION OF DEA DRUG LOGS, ANIMAL'S ID# AND MATCHING DISCRIPTION SHOWED THAT THIS PUPPY WAS ACTUALLY EUTHANIZED BY I.P. INJECTION OF 4CC's SODIUM PENTOBARBITAL ON 6/15/2011.

B) ID# 725-2004-2005- COMPUTER RECORDS INDICATED THIS WAS A THREE MONTH OLD BLACK LAB MIX THAT WAS EUTHANIZED BY CARBON MONOXIDE. UPON CLOSE EXAMINATION OF DEA DRUG LOGS ANIMAL'S ID# AND MATCHING DESCRIPTION WAS EUTHANIZED BY I.P. INJECTION OF 4CC's SODIUM PENTOBARBITAL.

C) ID# 725-2157-COMPUTER RECORDS INDICATED THIS WAS A NEONATAL KITTEN EUTHANIZED BY CO ON 6/14/2011. THIS ID# AND DESCRIPTION COULD NOT BE FOUND IN THE DEA DRUG LOG. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED BY CONTACTING THE COMPLAINTANT WHO HAD REQUESTED TWO KITTENS AND AN ADULT FEMALE CAT BE TRAPPED AND REMOVED FROM PROPERTY. COMP STATED TO ME ALL THREE WERE FERAL AND WERE NOT APPROACHABLE. COMP ALSO STATED HE BELIEVED KITTENS

2) IMPROPER DISPOSITION OF ADOPTED ANIMALS

THE FOLLOWING IS THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES WHEN AN ADOPTABLE ANIMAL'S HOLDING PERIOD IS UP.

A) ANIMAL BECOMES PROPERTY OF DAVIDSON COUNTY

B) IF ANIMAL IS DEEMED ADOPTABLE ANIMAL'S RECORD IS CHANGED IN THE COMPUTER TO REFLECT DAVIDSON COUNTY AS OWNER.

C) ANIMAL IS SENT TO SPAY NEUTER CLINIC FOR STERILIZATION AND VACCINATIONS.

D) ANIMAL IS PLACED IN ADOPTION.

E) WHEN ANIMAL IS ADOPTED NEW OWNER INFORMATION INCLUDING NAME, ADDRESS, AND DATE OF ADOPTION IS ENTERED INTO COMPUTER REPLACING DAVIDSON COUNTY AS THE ADOPTIVE OWNER.

MOST OF THE ANIMALS RECORDS SUBMITTED IN THIS COMPLAINT THAT LISTED DAVIDSON COUNTY AS THE OWNER WERE STILL AT THE SHELTER AWAITING ADOPTION. TWO HAD BEEN ADOPTED AND NEW OWNER INFORMATION HAD REPLACED DAVIDSON COUNTY AS OWNER.

3) EXAMINATION OF OTHER RECORDS RELATED TO ORIGIN AND DISPOSITION ON ANIMALS

RECORDS RELATED TO ORIGIN AND DISPOSITION OF ANIMALS WERE REVIEWED BY BOTH INSPECTORS. IN MANY INSTANCES AGES OF ANIMALS WERE NOTED TO BE ADULT DOG, ADULT CAT, PUPPY, AND KITTEN WITH NO APPROXIMATE AGE. RECOMMEND LISTING ANIMALS APPROXIMATE AGE OR EXACT AGE IF KNOWN ON ALL ORIGIN RECORDS.

02 NCAC 52J .0101 RECORDS; ANIMAL SHELTERS, ETC.
Operators of all animal shelters, pet shops, public auctions, and dealers shall maintain records on all dogs and cats showing the following:

(1) origin of animals (including names and addresses of consignors) and date animals were received;
(2) description of animals including species, age, sex, breed, and color markings;
(3) location of animal if not kept at the licensed or registered facility;
(4) disposition of animals including name and address of person to whom animal is sold, traded or adopted and the date of such transaction; in the event of death, the record shall show the date, signs of illness, or cause of death if identified; if euthanized, the record shall show date and type of euthanasia; and
(5) record of veterinary care including treatments, immunization and date, time, description of medication (including name and dosage), and initials of person administering any product or procedure.