

Inspection for Rabies Quarantine Facilities and Impoundment/Shelter Facilities

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Date 10/22/12 Name of Manager Ellen Jefferson Registration No. 07-0130
 Name of Establishment Austin Pets Alive - TLAC Inspector Beverly E. Nix DVM
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Note to Inspector: Put Yes, No, or N/A (Not Applicable) in the columns to the right of the question.

A. General (Section 169.26(a))			
Structural Strength		Records (cont.)	
1. Is the facility structurally sound and maintained in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury, contain them, and prevent transmission of diseases? <i>a few bent gates</i>	N/A	13. Do records document animal description, impoundment and disposition dates, and method of disposition? <i>through</i>	Y
Water and Electric Power		Heating	
2. Does the facility have reliable and adequate electricity to comply with other requirements?	Y	14. Are animals protected from cold and inclement weather and direct effects of wind, rain, and snow?	Y
3. Does the facility have potable water?	Y	15. Is auxiliary heat or bedding provided if temperature is below 50°F?	Y
Storage		Cooling and Ventilation	
4. Are food and bedding stored to protect them against infestation or contamination by vermin?	Y	16. Are animals protected from any form of overheating and from direct rays of sun?	Y
5. Is a refrigerator available for perishable foods?	Y	17. Is there adequate ventilation to minimize drafts, odors, and moisture condensation, plus fresh air provided?	Y
Waste Disposal		18. Is extra ventilation, such as fans or air conditioning, provided in indoor facilities if temperature is 85°F or above?	Y
6. Are there provisions for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris?	Y	Lighting	
7. Are disposal facilities operated in a manner that minimizes vermin infestations, odors, and disease hazards?	Y	19. Is lighting adequate to permit routine inspection and cleaning?	Y
8. Is there a suitable method for rapidly and safely removing water and other liquid wastes?	Y	20. Are primary enclosures situated to protect the animals from excessive illumination (man-made or natural)?	Y
Washrooms and Sinks		Construction	
9. Are there facilities (washrooms, basins, or sinks) for employees to wash their hands?	Y	21. Is the facility constructed to protect the animals and not create a health risk or public nuisance?	Y/N/A
Management		22. Are building surfaces constructed of nonabsorbent materials that can be readily sanitized?	NO
10. For facilities located in a county with a population of 75,000 or over (only), in accordance with Chapter 823.003:		23. Is the floor made of durable, nonabsorbent material?	Y
a. Are animals separated by species and by sex?	Y	Primary Enclosures	
b. Are animals of relatively the same size sharing cages/pens?	Y	24. Are primary enclosures maintained in good repair, impervious to moisture, and readily sanitized?	NO
c. Are sick or injured animals segregated from healthy animals?	Y	25. Do primary enclosures enable the animal to remain dry and clean and protect the animal's feet and legs from injury?	Y
11. For facilities located in a county with a population of 75,000 or over (only), in accordance with Chapter 823.005:		26. Do the cages and kennels provide enough space for each animal to be in comfortable positions?	Y
Has the governing body of the city or county in which the shelter is located established an advisory committee to assist in compliance with Chapter 823?	Y	B. Feeding (Section 169.26(b))	
Records		27. Are dogs and cats fed at least once a day, except as directed by a veterinarian? Are other animals fed as described on packaging of a commercial, species-specific food or as directed by a veterinarian (see #32 for ferret requirements)?	Y
12. Does the facility keep records on each animal? <i>records, collars color coded for animal behavior tendencies</i>	Y	28. Is food wholesome, palatable, free from contamination, of sufficient nutritive value, and accessible to animals?	Y

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Feeding (cont.)		Rabies Quarantine Facilities (Completed by DSHS Only) - [Section 169.27(a)]	
29. Are food pans kept clean and sanitary, and if disposable food pans are used, are they discarded after each feeding?	<u>Y</u>	37. Is there documentation of twice-daily observations of quarantined animals?	
C. Watering - [Section 169.26(c)]		Rabies Quarantine Facilities (Completed by DSHS Only) - [Section 169.28(a)]	
30. Do animals have convenient access to fresh water and is it offered at least twice daily for at least an hour?	<u>Y</u>	38. Does the facility have a written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)?	
31. Are the water bowls clean and sanitary?	<u>Y</u>	39. Is the SOP specific for the facility?	
32. Do domestic ferrets have 24-hour access to water in a drinking bottle and to food?	<u>N/A</u>	40. Is the SOP posted or otherwise readily available to all employees?	
D. Sanitation - [Section 169.26(d)]		41. Is the SOP designed to ensure effective and safe quarantine procedures?	
33. Are excreta removed from primary enclosures often enough to prevent contamination of the animals (at least once a day)?	<u>Y</u>	42. Do enclosures have solid walls to prevent physical contact between animals?	<u>N/A</u>
34. Are primary enclosures maintained in a sanitary condition?		43. Do enclosures have tops to prevent escape?	
35. Are the building and premises kept clean?	<u>Y</u>	44. Do quarantine runs, cages, or rooms have "Rabies Quarantine" signs posted?	
E. Pest Control - [Section 169.26(e)]		For Facilities Subject to Chapter 829 (Located in Non-exempt County) - (Sections 829.002 and 829.007)	
36. Is there a regular program in place for control of insects, ectoparasites, and other pests and is the facility free from visible signs of vermin? <u>through Nov 2012 (?); then APA is responsible for own pest control</u>	<u>Y</u>	45. This standard is for purposes of meeting requirements set forth in Chapter 829 only. Are all employees whose primary job is to enforce animal control laws in compliance with training requirements (Sec. 829.002)? If so, this inspection form serves as a certificate of compliance per Section 829.007.	

This facility has approximately 94 cat cages and 164 dog cages/pens.

When the facility was inspected today, it was housing approximately 210 cats and 165 dogs.

Inspector Comments: DSHS conducted unannounced impoundment facility inspection of APA-TLAC after performing one on the AAC-TLAC side of the
 Check here if additional inspector comments are attached

Facility Rating: Satisfactory _____ Unsatisfactory _____ Probation X for 1^o enclosures

If applicable, timeline for probationary period _____

As the inspector, I certify that I have personally inspected this facility and that it conforms to the statements above.

Beverlee S. Mc DVM

10/22/12

Inspector Fish Wright

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Manager Beverlee S. Mc DVM

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Regional Veterinarian

Date



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Z-3 Supplemental for Additional Comments**

Led on tour by
Faith Wright
Animal Care Programs Director

Inspector comments continued:

facility. APA-TLAC houses dogs and cats. Dogs outnumber cats by a wide margin. In addition to healthy cats, the shelter also houses ring worm positive and feline leukemia positive cats. The shelter receives dogs from city of Austin, Pflugerville, Lockhart, Bastrop County and Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter.

① The dog buildings and primary enclosures are decades old. Interior surfaces are cracked, pot marked, uneven. The surfaces have been painted with a white substance. ~~In taller~~ on some walls the rebar is exposed, ~~so~~ or holes are sizable, so APA tries to place smaller dogs in these pens. Water pooled by cage doors where grooves in the concrete are present. Dogs have access to this water.

DSTHS was given the impression by APA and City of Austin that the entire facility was to be closed due to age and decay of the animal pens. The City of Austin opted to open the facility to APA and AAC, but no substantive changes to the impoundment pens by either APA or AAC has occurred. The primary enclosures should be smooth, sealed, impervious to moisture, so that pathogens will not survive during the cleaning process. APA should apply resources to bring the 1st dog enclosures into compliance, or alternatively, prepare for another location to house its animals, whether a lease is temporary or not, the walls and floors should meet minimum standards.

② There are lots of unused animal cages and crates in the back driveway by the former TLAC dog quarantine building. These need to be removed + the area kept clean. It can harbor rodents and other pests.

Please make 1st enclosure walls + floors smooth + impervious to moisture

prior to reinspection October 2013 - preferably much sooner.

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③ Nix unsure about advisory committee.

Even with old facility, the animal care effort is good.
Bevilee S. Huff DM