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Inspection for Rabies Quarantine Facilities and Impoundment/Shelter Facilities

Date 10/22/12 Name of Manager Alycia Smith Registration No. 07-0131
 Name of Establishment Austin Animal Center - TLAC Inspector Beverlee 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)]		Records (cont.)	
Structural Strength			
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>check gates - smell and vent</i>	N	13. Do records document animal description, impoundment and disposition dates, and method of disposition?	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? <i>heater available</i>	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? <i>operational today</i>	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? <i>external drain →</i>	Y/N	20. Are primary enclosures situated to protect the animals from excessive illumination (man-made or natural)?	Y
Washrooms and Sinks <i>closing - standing waste in trench</i>		Construction	
9. Are there facilities (washrooms, basins, or sinks) for water 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
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? <i>hand gates on some</i>	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? <i>same committee serves this site as well as the LeVander loop site</i>	Y	B. Feeding - [Section 169.26(b)] - no cats at AAC-TLAC	
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?	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?	Y	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?	Y	38. Does the facility have a written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)?
31. Are the water bowls clean and sanitary?	Y	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?	N/A	40. Is the SOP posted or otherwise readily available to all employees?
		41. Is the SOP designed to ensure effective and safe quarantine procedures?
D. Sanitation - [Section 169.26(d)]		For Facilities Subject to Chapter 829 (Located in Non-exempt County) - (Sections 829.002 and 829.007)
33. Are excreta removed from primary enclosures often enough to prevent contamination of the animals (at least once a day)?	Y	42. Do enclosures have solid walls to prevent physical contact between animals?
34. Are primary enclosures maintained in a sanitary condition?	Y	43. Do enclosures have tops to prevent escape?
35. Are the building and premises kept clean?	(2) Y/N	44. Do quarantine runs, cages, or rooms have "Rabies Quarantine" signs posted?
E. Pest Control - [Section 169.26(e)]		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.
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>city contract covers entire site APA + AAE through Nov 2012; after that the contract only covers AAC's</u>	Y	

not applicable

60 dog pens
This facility has approximately 0 cat cages and ~~60~~ dog cages/pens.

When the facility was inspected today, it was housing approximately 0 cats and 60 dogs.

Inspector Comments: DSHS was led on tour today by Jennifer. She was very well informed and helpful. Described which 60 pens are operated by

Check here if additional inspector comments are attached

Facility Rating: Satisfactory _____ Unsatisfactory _____ Probation X - 1^o enclosure construction/decay

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 E. McDaniel

10/22/12

Inspector

Date

[Signature]

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Manager

Date

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Regional Veterinarian

Date



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Z-3 Supplemental for Additional Comments

Inspector comments continued: Austin Animal Center. From Bldg B's entrance, the 60 pens are immediately to the left. There are exercise pens near the dog pens. AAC uses these pens exclusively.

DSHS made today's visit while in town to do the quarantine facility inspection at the Levander loop. Since general population dogs are housed by the city at 2 locations, DSHS needed to visit the Town Lake Animal Center site. The Town Lake Animal Center has previously been documented as sub par. Its primary enclosures are decades old concrete rebar structures. There are cracks, holes, chips + metal exposed throughout the 60 dog pens. These pens cannot be adequately sanitized due to surfaces being pot marked and subject to moisture retention. Pathogens can remain despite employees' best cleaning efforts.

DSHS had been under the impression that TLAC use (or return to use) would occur after primary enclosures had been upgraded to minimum state standards. That doesn't appear to have happened. The City's live out come goal ~~is~~ seems to have created a large population of dogs that had to be housed somewhere in addition to the Levander loop location. The City should apply resources to the dog primary enclosures under its control (Pens 1-60) to bring them into housing compliance or the City should come up with a better location to contain them.

DSHS respectfully disagrees with some of the findings from the August 1, 2012 veterinary inspection. (2) Bldg B - exterior trench drain clogged - stagnant water - APA's job to repair (?)

Please make primary enclosure walls smooth + impervious to moisture prior to reinspection October 2013 - preferably much sooner.

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