

**COUNTY OF MADISON, VIRGINIA
ANIMAL SHELTER**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – NOVEMBER 8, 2019

The Virginia State Police and the Virginia Office of Veterinary Services completed their investigations related to the complaints made about the management of Madison County Animal Shelter and the Madison County Animal Control Office.

After an eight week investigation following up all of the complaints, reports to the investigators and after two onsite visits by the Office of Veterinary Services, the Office cited the shelter for “noncritical violations” related to medical record keeping; separating sick animals from healthy animals; and storage of antibiotic drugs. The reports from the Office further suggested certain policy changes related to record keeping in the office. Jack Hobbs, Madison County Administrator, already met with Greg Cave, Shelter Manager, to insure Madison County’s continued compliance with the protocols articulated by the State Veterinarian’s Office.

Three Virginia State Police Special Agents spent eight weeks investigating the reported allegations. Madison County provided all records requested by the Virginia State Police and the Office of Veterinary Services. Madison County’s shelter and animal control office are substantially in compliance with Virginia laws.

The investigation revealed no criminal activity by the Animal Shelter Manager. The Virginia State Police and the Office of Veterinary Services both confirmed that none of the allegations related to alleged criminal activity by the Shelter Director were confirmed.

Regarding the allegations of financial misconduct, one complaining witness claimed that a \$500.00 donation was not properly deposited by the animal shelter. A review of the accounting records confirmed that the funds were properly deposited in the Madison County Treasurer’s Office and used by the Shelter.

Moving forward, Madison County is making changes to its Shelter policies. The Board looks forward to working with local non-profit and rescue organizations to provide additional resources for spaying and neutering cats.

The Madison County Board of Supervisors appreciates the efforts made by the Virginia State Police and the Office of Veterinary Services to help Madison County maintain a shelter facility our citizens can be proud to support.

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November 1, 2019

Via email

Special Agent Joseph Williams
Virginia State Police
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Culpeper, Virginia 22701

Re: Investigation into Madison County Animal Shelter (MCAS)

Dear S/A Williams:

Thank you for your time, attention, and diligence in this investigation; it was very thorough and clarified the facts and available evidence. The goal of your investigation and the substance of my office's evaluation of the evidence is solely to determine if criminal charges are appropriate under these facts. Decisions relating to policy changes lie outside the scope of this investigation. Based on your comprehensive investigation, inspections by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), and after consultation with the Office of the Attorney General's Animal Law Section, my office declines prosecution at this time for the reasons outlined below. My office is deeply concerned about allegations involving the mistreatment of venerable victims such as animals, so should additional information and evidence come forward, the Commonwealth will re-examine the case.

As mentioned above, the Virginia State Police investigation was very thorough. Agents formally interviewed more than a dozen individuals and conducted follow up interviews. MCAS and Madison County administration provided written and electronic documents, including training records of their employees, current and proposed policies and procedures, and financial information. In addition, VDACS completed two separate shelter inspections upon receiving complaints and pursuant to their mandate to enforce laws and regulations relating to animal shelters in Virginia. Va. Code § 3.2-6502. They did find "non-critical violations" relating to record keeping and policies.

This declination should not be construed as a finding that all is well at MCAS. There are changes that must be made to correct adverse findings by VDACS and ensure the continued safety of the animals. To that end, I shared some of the facts and findings of this investigation with the Madison County Board of Supervisors. Because that conversation took place during a closed session of a monthly meeting, I cannot share the specifics of that meeting. However, the Board clearly understood that changes must be made. In addition to the discussion relating to the operation of the shelter and the policy changes suggested by VDACS (which are already in the process of being enacted), Board members had their own ideas for potential changes at the conclusion of this investigation.

As you know, criminal violations of law must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. While this does not require the Commonwealth to disprove every theory of innocence, the evidence must be more than suspicion or probability of guilt. While the allegations posted on social media were certainly disconcerting and upsetting, the investigation did not find evidence to support charges against the shelter manger. There were inconsistencies between the allegations as presented on social media and the evidence obtained from witness interviews, county records, and MCAS records.

It is important to note that the intake sheets, which were also used to document the condition of the animals, do not contain enough documentation to either support or disprove the allegations. VDACS noted the lack of necessary records and the need for updated policies and procedures in the two inspection reports containing findings of non-critical violations. The shelter manager provided the Virginia State Police via the County Administrator proposed updated policies and procedures currently being reviewed and awaiting formal approval. These updated policies and procedures will clearly delineate the condition of animals and any needed veterinary care.

Additionally, because no contemporaneous complaints of failure to secure care were made, the animals were not sent to the state lab for necropsies to determine cause of death nor were they made available to veterinarians to document their condition by independent observations. Additionally, when considering proof beyond a reasonable doubt, it is important to note that multiple individuals (employees and volunteers) had ample opportunity to seek vet care and/or contact appropriate authorities (such as law enforcement, VDACS, County Administration, and/or the Board of Supervisors) about the perceived lack of vet care and did not. It is important to note that the lack of contemporaneous complaint is not dispositive in this investigation, but it would have allowed the allegations to be more fully investigated providing valuable evidence.

Regarding allegations of unnecessary euthanasia of animals at MCAS, no criminal conduct was found. The Code of Virginia allows for an animal shelter to euthanize an animal upon either the expiration of a stray hold or immediately if brought to the shelter as an owner surrender.¹ Other than one occasion when the veterinarian came to MCAS to euthanize an animal, all animals were euthanized at the veterinary hospital. It is outside the scope of this investigation to make recommendations or evaluations regarding the appropriateness of the frequency of euthanasia at MCAS as the euthanasia was performed in accordance with the Code of Virginia.

In closing, while there will be no criminal charges from these allegations brought to the attention of the Virginia State Police, in the future improved record keeping of veterinary care/consultations and clearer

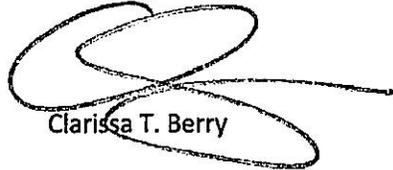
¹ Public animal shelters accept "seized, stray, homeless, abandoned, unwanted, or surrendered animals." Code of Va. § 3.2-6500. "Feral" and "stray" are not defined in the Comprehensive Animal Care Act. "'Owner' means any person who: (i) has a right of property in an animal; (ii) keeps or harbors an animal; (iii) has an animal in his care; or (iv) acts as a custodian of an animal." Code of Va. § 3.2-6500. Animals brought to a public animal shelter must stay for at least five days, which is commonly called a "stray hold". Va. Code § 3.2-6546(C). Once the hold has expired, the animal is deemed abandoned and becomes property of the animal shelter. Va. Code § 3.2-6546(D). The animal may then be euthanized, adopted, or released to another agency. Id. There is no mandate in the Code of Virginia for any additional holding time prior to euthanasia. Feral cats and dogs may be euthanized after three days with a written statement from a disinterested person regarding the animal's behavior. Va. Code § 3.2-6546(G). Moreover, animals that are surrendered by their owner (as defined in § 3.2-6500) may be immediately euthanized; MCAS intake sheets for owner surrender clearly state, "I understand and acknowledge that described animal(s) may be immediately euthanized." Va. Code § 3.2-6546(F).

S/A Joseph Williams
November 1, 2019
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policies regarding veterinary care would only improve outcomes for animals at MCAS. The revised policies and forms will hopefully ensure that all employees and volunteers feel empowered to speak up for any animal that appears to need medical care. My office understands that the goals in updating these forms and policies are to create more transparency in how animals are cared for, enable that care be more easily tracked and verified, and foster an animal-health centered culture.

While the Commonwealth declines to pursue charges at this time for the reasons stated above, should any additional information come forward, the Commonwealth will review that information and re-evaluate this decision.

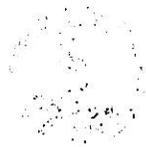
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Clarissa T. Berry', written over a printed name.

Clarissa T. Berry

cc (via email): Mr. R. Clay Jackson, Chairman of the Madison County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Jack Hobbs, County Administrator for Madison County
Mr. Sean Gregg, Madison County Attorney
ACO Greg Cave, Madison County Animal Shelter Manager

Rec'd 9/30/2019



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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

September 23, 2019

To: Jack Hobbs, County Administrator
Madison County
P.O. Box 705
Madison, VA 22727

On September 11, 2019, I inspected the **Madison County Public Animal Shelter**. This inspection was conducted in order to investigate a complaint and evaluate compliance with the Virginia Comprehensive Animal Care laws, as well as pursuant regulations and directives. Please find attached the *Animal Shelter Inspection Summary* and the *Animal Shelter Inspection Form* (a copy of which was left on site at the conclusion of the inspection). The result of this inspection is as follows:

There were no significant findings of noncompliance.

There were findings of non-critical violation.

A description of the findings is included on the attached "*Animal Shelter Inspection Summary*". Failure to correct the violation(s) may result in referral of this case for enforcement action. You may submit a written response to this inspection, providing an update on actions taken or planned in order to achieve compliance, for consideration in the process of future inspections, enforcement, and civil penalty assessment.

In accordance with the Office of Animal Care and Emergency Response Civil Penalty Matrix, these violations are regarded as "first non-critical violation" (the first cited non-critical noncompliance with the Code of Virginia or Virginia Administrative Code found upon an animal shelter inspection by a State Veterinarian's representative within the preceding five calendar years). The Civil Penalty Matrix can be found online at:
<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals-animal-care-and-emergencv.shtml>.

If you have any questions, you may contact this office at 804-692-4001 or animalcare@vdacs.virginia.gov.

Respectfully,

Sherry Helsel, LVT
Animal Shelter Inspector



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ANIMAL SHELTER INSPECTION SUMMARY

Facility Name/ID: Madison County Public Animal Shelter	Unannounced Inspection
	Date: 9/11/19

Facility Physical Address: 4590 Shelby Road Shelby, VA 22738	Facility Mailing Address: P.O. Box 705 Madison, VA 22727
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Facility Telephone Number: 540-948-6945	Facility Email Address: mcshelter@madisonco.virginia.gov
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Type of Facility: Public Animal Shelter	Owned By: Local Governing Body	Operated By: Local Governing Body
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Facility Designation: Entire Building	Weekly Hours of Public Access: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Contractual Agreements:	

Facility Supervisor: Greg Cave, ACO	Facility Supervisor Email Address: gcave@madisonco.virginia.gov
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Number of Dogs on Site:	8	Number of Cats on Site:	12	Number of Other Companion Animals on Site:	0
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Responsible Authority Name, Title, and Address:

Jack Hobbs, County Administrator
Madison County
P.O. Box 705
Madison, VA 22727

NOTES OR NARRATIVE SUMMARY (if applicable):

This inspection was performed in order to investigate a complaint. Dr. Reinhold Pfaff, the Madison Companion Animal Hospital veterinarian providing the majority of veterinary care for the animals in the custody of this facility, was in attendance for the latter part of this inspection.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

3.2-6546(C) Non-Critical Violation: The required holding period was not satisfied for cat #88191. This cat was euthanized on the third day of confinement as an exception to the holding period based on determination by the shelter and a veterinarian that the cat was feral. However, there was not a written statement from a disinterested party that the cat exhibited behavior that posed a risk of physical injury to any person confining it.

2 VAC 5
111-30 (A) Non-Critical Violation: The shelter has not followed the veterinarian's protocol for determining when an animal requires veterinary treatment. The protocol requires that each animal is to be monitored daily for health status and those results recorded on a log which is to be maintained on or near the animal's enclosure. There was no such form in use for any of the animals currently confined in the shelter, and this data had not been recorded for any animals previously disposed. This protocol indicates that certain signs of illness or abnormality that worsen over a specified period of time are a determining factor for obtaining veterinary care. The progression of illness or injury for three animals (#727191, #727192, and #78192) was not monitored in a manner conducive to obtaining veterinary care in compliance with timelines directed by the protocol.

2 VAC 5
111-30 (B) Non-Critical Violation: The shelter was not following the veterinarian's protocol for the control of contagious and infectious disease. This protocol also requires that each animal is to be monitored daily for health status and those results recorded on a log which is to be maintained on or near the animal's enclosure.

Notes:

- 1) Although there was not documentation of the provision of veterinary care for cat #816183 for injury/abnormality of an extremity missing a paw, discussion with Dr. Pfaff revealed that he examined the animal shortly after intake and advised that no immediate treatment was indicated.
- 2) At the time of this inspection, there was no indication that any dog was being provided an excessive amount of food, and no dog was showing signs of adverse effects related to dietary indiscretion.

State Veterinarian's Representative

Name: Sherry Helsel, LVT

Signature:

Title: Animal Shelter Inspector



Date: 9/23/19



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ANIMAL SHELTER INSPECTION FORM

Facility Name/ID: *Madison County
Public Animal Shelter*

Date: *9/11/19*
Time: *10:15a*

Elements of Inspection

- 1) Animals on premises. Inspected Not Inspected - Explain:
- 2) Areas of facility. Inspected Not Inspected - Explain:
- 3) Animal enclosures. Inspected Not Inspected - Explain:
- 4) Methods of animal euthanasia. Inspected Not Inspected - Explain:
- 5) Other (specify or indicate "N/A"): *Specific animal custody records*

Results of Inspection

No Violations Cited

Violations Cited (Details of the violations will be provided in an Inspection Summary and included in the Inspection Report and mailed to the responsible authority. The Inspection Report will also include information regarding questions or submission of a response upon receipt of the report.)

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Reference Materials Provided

- Virginia Administrative Code, Title 2, Agency 5, Chapter 111 "Public and Private Animal Shelters"
- Virginia Administrative Code, Title 2, Agency 5, Chapter 150 "Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Companion Animals"
- Virginia Administrative Code, Title 2, Agency 5, Chapter 141 "Health Requirements, Governing the Admission of Agricultural Animals, Companion Animals, and Other Animals or Birds into Virginia"
- Division Administrative Directive 79-1 "Methods Prescribed or Approved for Animal Euthanasia and Competency Certification Requirements"
- VDACS Form "Animal Custody Record"
- Virginia Animal Shelter Civil Penalty Matrix - Guidelines for Enforcement
- Other (Specify): *Guidance Document - Veterinary Protocols*

State Veterinarian's Representative

Name: *Sherry Helzel W*

Signature: *[Signature]*

REVIEWED WITH: Printed Name *Greg Cave*

Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: *9-11-19*



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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

October 29, 2019

To: Jack Hobbs, County Administrator
Madison County
P.O. Box 705
Madison, VA 22727

On October 9, 2019, I inspected the **Madison County Public Animal Shelter**. This inspection was conducted in order to investigate a complaint and evaluate compliance with the Virginia Comprehensive Animal Care laws, as well as pursuant regulations and directives. Please find attached the *Animal Shelter Inspection Summary* and the *Animal Shelter Inspection Form* (a copy of which was left on site at the conclusion of the inspection). The result of this inspection is as follows:

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ANIMAL SHELTER INSPECTION SUMMARY

Facility Name/ID: Madison County Public Animal Shelter		Unannounced Inspection	
		Date: 10/9/19	
Facility Physical Address: 4590 Shelby Road Shelby, VA 22738		Facility Mailing Address: P.O. Box 705 Madison, VA 22727	
Facility Telephone Number: 540-948-6945		Facility Email Address: mcshelter@madisonco.virginia.gov	
Type of Facility: Public Animal Shelter	Owned By: Local Governing Body	Operated By: Local Governing Body	
Facility Designation: Entire Building		Weekly Hours of Public Access: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	
Contractual Agreements:			
Facility Supervisor: Greg Cave, ACO		Facility Supervisor Email Address: gcave@madisonco.virginia.gov	
Number of Dogs on Site:	1	Number of Cats on Site:	~9
		Number of Other Companion Animals on Site:	0
Responsible Authority Name, Title, and Address: Jack Hobbs, County Administrator Madison County P.O. Box 705 Madison, VA 22727			

NOTES OR NARRATIVE SUMMARY (if applicable):

This inspection was performed in order to investigate a complaint. Conducive to multiagency investigative cooperation, VSP Special Agent Bruggeman was in attendance for this inspection.

ACO Greg Cave and Deputy ACO Annette Dodson were present at the shelter for the duration of this inspection.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

2 VAC 5
111-30 (C)

Non-Critical Violation: Interview of staff members and inspection of available documentation revealed that the shelter has not adhered to the veterinarian's protocol for the management of medically compromised animals in a manner that ensures consistency among attendants and animals and provides proper and safe housing of such animals. The protocol requires that medically managed animals be housed separately from the general population in an enclosure consistent with the veterinarian's direction and in consideration with the animal's condition. The protocol also requires that attendants obtain training or instruction from the veterinarian that is specific for each animal's condition.

Because there had not consistently been medical records created by the veterinarian for each shelter animal treated, the shelter has created a form for requested use by the veterinarian in those cases. This had been initiated to establish documentation of the shelter's provision of adequate veterinary care when no patient record was generated. Neither these "animal record" forms nor the veterinary establishment patient records, when created, contained the specific management instructions required by the protocol for four medically compromised animals (Dale-105191 currently in custody, Deago-6202913, Jodi-515192, and Gizmo-326191) and there were no such records produced for one medically compromised animal (Eunice-219193).

There are several areas and rooms in the shelter that could be utilized to house a medically compromised animal separately from the general population in cages or crates which allow for safe and proper management of the animal's medical condition, such the restriction of activity and protection of an incision site or wound. However, it was determined that this was not implemented for four of the postoperative dog cases investigated. Additionally, it was discovered that the shelter maintains a stock of several Schedule VI drugs, utilizing accounts established with the assistance of the veterinarian, for use by the shelter as needed and upon veterinarian recommendation for medically compromised animals.

Specifically, verbal accounts and available documents indicated the following:

- Dog "Dale", taken into custody on 10/5/19, had a skin condition documented upon intake, and was examined by the veterinarian on 10/7/19 with the examination and recommendations recorded on the shelter's "animal record" form. It was recommended that this dog be given Amoxicillin twice a day from the shelter's supply for 14 days, and there was not an established staff schedule in effect to administer this medication every 12 hours on each day of this period. This dog was housed in a run enclosure in the general dog population area, and there were no other indicators that the shelter obtained specific instructions from the veterinarian regarding management or housing.

- Dog "Deago", taken into custody on 6/20/19, had no evident signs of abnormality documented upon intake. Animal shelter records indicate that the veterinary establishment administered a rabies vaccination on 6/21/19 and performed a heartworm test on 6/24/19. Veterinary establishment patient record indicates that he was surgically sterilized on 6/24/19. There were no indicators that the shelter obtained specific instructions from the veterinarian regarding postoperative care, management, or housing. Verbal accounts indicate that this dog would have been provided bedding and housed in a run enclosure in the general dog population area, as per routine. The shelter staff discovered bleeding from the incision site and swelling of the scrotum, and he was returned to the veterinary establishment, hospitalized, and discharged to the adoptive owner on 6/29/19. (Note: This dog's animal custody record indicates that he was disposed by adoption on 6/22/19. However, this dog was in the custody of the animal shelter at the time of surgery and taken back into the shelter following surgery.)

- Dog "Jodi", taken into custody on 5/15/19, had signs of injury on her feet documented upon intake. Veterinary establishment patient record indicates that she was examined and treated for overgrown embedded toenails and pododermatitis, and dispensed Clindamycin to be given twice a day for 14 days. Animal shelter records indicate that she lost three teeth on 5/19/19 and that on 6/10/19, the veterinary establishment performed a heartworm test, surgical sterilization, and surgical removal of a growth on her foot. There were no indicators that the shelter obtained specific instructions from the veterinarian regarding post-treatment or postoperative care, management, or housing. Verbal accounts indicate that this dog would have been provided bedding and housed in a run enclosure in the general dog population area, as per routine. This dog was transferred to another releasing agency on 6/15/19.

- Dog "Gizmo", taken into custody on 3/26/19, had no evident signs of significant abnormality documented upon intake. Veterinary establishment patient record indicates that he was surgically sterilized on 4/1/19. There were no indicators that the shelter obtained specific instructions from the veterinarian regarding postoperative care, management, or housing. Verbal accounts indicate that this dog would have been provided bedding and housed in a run enclosure in the general dog population area, as per routine. This dog was returned to the veterinary establishment on 4/2/19 for signs of postoperative complications, examined by the veterinarian, given a guarded prognosis, and euthanized.

- Dog "Eunice", taken into custody on 2/19/19, had a low body score and no other evident signs of significant abnormality documented upon intake. The animal custody record indicates that she was surgically sterilized (date not noted), returned to the veterinary establishment on 3/4/19 due to a dehiscence and signs of infection, and upon the veterinarian's recommendation, she was euthanized. There were not any records produced for this dog other than the animal custody record. There were no indicators that the shelter obtained specific instructions from the veterinarian regarding postoperative care, management, or housing. Verbal accounts indicate that this dog would have been provided bedding and housed in a run enclosure in the general dog population area, as per routine.

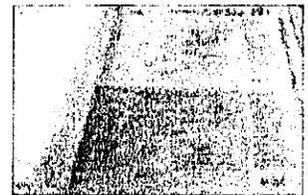
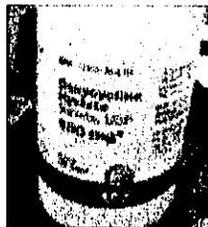
Note: These findings will be referred to the Virginia Department of Health Professions, as they may include evidence of potential violation of law or regulation by a licensed person or establishment under the purview of that agency.

Incidental Findings The following incidental findings will also be referred to the Virginia Department of Health Professions, as they may constitute a violation of law or regulation by a licensed person or establishment under the purview of that agency:

- Schedule VI drugs found on site included Cephalexin 500 mg (500 tablets), Amoxicillin Oral Suspension 250 mg/ 5 ml (3 un-reconstituted 100 ml bottles), Amoxicillin 250 mg (100 capsules), and Doxycycline 100 mg (500 tablets). These were ordered/purchased by the shelter staff and shipped directly to the shelter under accounts established with the assistance of the veterinarian under his licensure. These drugs were removed by VSP.

- Rabies vaccines are purchased by the shelter staff, stored at the shelter, and then administered by the visiting veterinarian. The shelter staff generate their own rabies vaccination certificates for the vaccinated animals utilizing booklets provided by the vaccine distributor, and these are stamped with the name and address of the veterinary establishment. They are not signed by the veterinarian, nor are they maintained by the veterinarian as part of a patient record. All copies of the certificates are maintained at the animal shelter.

- Diagnostic test kits are purchased by the shelter staff and stored at the shelter. Shelter records indicate that the heartworm testing is performed by the veterinary establishment.



State Veterinarian's Representative	
Name: Sherry Helsel, LVT	Signature: 
Title: Animal Shelter Inspector	Date: 10/29/19



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ANIMAL SHELTER INSPECTION FORM

Facility Name/ID: *Madison County
Public Animal Shelter*

Date: *10/9/19*

Time: *10:15a*

Elements of Inspection

1) Animals on premises. Inspected Not Inspected – Explain:

2) Animal enclosures. Inspected Not Inspected – Explain:

3) Areas of facility. Inspected Not Inspected – Explain:

4) Methods of animal euthanasia. Inspected Not Inspected – Explain:

5) Other (specify or indicate "N/A"): *Specific Animal Custody Records*

Results of Inspection

No Violations Cited

Violations Cited (Details of the violations will be provided in an Inspection Summary and included in the Inspection Report and mailed to the responsible authority. The Inspection Report will also include information regarding questions or submission of a response upon receipt of the report.)

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Reference Materials Provided

- Virginia Administrative Code, Title 2, Agency 5, Chapter 111 "Public and Private Animal Shelters"
- Virginia Administrative Code, Title 2, Agency 5, Chapter 150 "Rules and Regulations Governing the Transportation of Companion Animals"
- VDACS Guidance Document "Guidelines Governing the Veterinary Protocols Required by Virginia Administrative Code 2 VAC 5-111-30"
- Division Administrative Directive 79-1 "Methods Prescribed or Approved for Animal Euthanasia and Competency Certification Requirements"
- VDACS Form "Animal Custody Record"
- Virginia Animal Shelter Civil Penalty Matrix – Guidelines for Enforcement
- Other (Specify):

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