

**Inspection for Rabies Quarantine Facilities and
Impoundment/Shelter Facilities**

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Date 10-17-11 *quarantine* ← Name of Manager Dr. Linda Geisny / Abigail Smith Registration No. 07-0009
 Name of Establishment Town Lake Animal Center Inspector Beverlee E. Nix DVM
 Location of Establishment 1156 W. Cesar Chavez Mailing Address 1156 W Cesar Chavez
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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)]			
<i>Structural Strength</i>		<i>Records (cont.)</i>	
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?	N ^①	13. Do records document animal description, impoundment and disposition dates, and method of disposition?	Y
<i>Water and Electric Power</i>		<i>Heating</i>	
2. Does the facility have reliable and adequate electricity to comply with other requirements?	Y ^②	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
<i>Storage</i>		<i>Cooling and Ventilation</i>	
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
<i>Waste Disposal</i>		18. Is extra ventilation, such as fans or air conditioning, provided in indoor facilities if temperature is 85°F or above?	Y ^③
6. Are there provisions for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris?	Y	<i>Lighting</i>	
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/N ^④
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
<i>Washrooms and Sinks</i>		<i>Construction</i>	
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?	NO
<i>Management</i>		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/NO
a. Are animals separated by species and by sex?	Y	<i>Primary Enclosures</i>	
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?	N ^④
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? <i>one animal per cage should be the goal; unless small liters</i>	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)]	
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<i>Records</i>		28. Is food wholesome, palatable, free from contamination, of sufficient nutritive value, and accessible to animals?	Y
12. Does the facility keep records on each animal?	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?	<u>Y</u>
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)?	<u>Y</u>
31. Are the water bowls clean and sanitary?	<u>↓</u>	39. Is the SOP specific for the facility?	<u>↓</u>
32. Do domestic ferrets have 24-hour access to water in a drinking bottle and to food?	<u>↓</u>	40. Is the SOP posted or otherwise readily available to all employees?	<u>↓</u>
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>↓</u>
34. Are primary enclosures maintained in a sanitary condition?	<u>Y</u>	43. Do enclosures have tops to prevent escape?	<u>↓</u>
35. Are the building and premises kept clean?	<u>NO</u>	44. Do quarantine runs, cages, or rooms have "Rabies Quarantine" signs posted?	<u>↓</u> <u>(6)</u>
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>commercial monthly</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. <u>DSHS will request form ACO unit by email this week</u>	<u>Y</u> <u>(7)</u>

This facility has approximately 104 cat cages and 249 dog cages/pens.

When the facility was inspected today, it was housing approximately 156 cats and 293 dogs.

Inspector Comments: Quarantine facility (dog & cat) as is majority of shelter is old and in decay. The entire shelter and quarantine animals are scheduled to be transferred to the new shelter by the first week of Nov. 2011.
 Check here if additional inspector comments are attached

Facility Rating: Satisfactory _____ Unsatisfactory _____ Probation X _____

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.

Beoulee E. McFDM 10-17-11
 Inspector Date

Rachel M. Heays 10-17-11
 Manager Date

Beoulee E. McFDM 10-17-11
 Regional Veterinarian Date

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Inspector comments continued: DSHS is relieved City of Austin is vacating this property.

Problems Noted ① Dog + cat quarantine rooms - 2 lights out in cat/puppy room; sagging wet ceiling tiles; dog and cats housed together; rabies suspects and isolation ("sick") animals housed together - ideally only RO animals should be in any RO room. dog runs remain unsatisfactory - chipped paint, walls; rebar showing through concrete patches; gates in disrepair (especially exterior gates on pens 900, 903, 914, 916, 918. Could not get exterior lights to work over outside dog quarantine runs. Summary - facility cat be well sanitized, which can be more problematic than most RO rooms because "public" animals are housed among rabies suspect animals, which can spread disease more easily.

② Facility has power, but lights are out or not working in the quarantine area.

③ Air conditioning has failed or been marginal in quarantine areas throughout this year. Semi-cool air blowing in dog quarantine runs today.

④ One of the cages #903 had wire protruding into a boxer dog pen. Could poke on leg out.

⑤ Grounds outside of dog quarantine pens are littered w/ cages, crates, old appliances, etc. That ~~area~~ rodent harborage. Rat infestation (odor, stench, excreta) very evident in dry food storage. Conditions could pose a human health hazard. Suggest storing food elsewhere, so personnel don't need to access that room. Also, shift Aloc from this room for their data entry. This problem warrants prompt (this week) resolution. **ACTION ITEM III**

⑥ To the untrained observer it was hard to distinguish bite cases from all the non-bite animals being housed in dog and cat quarantine. DSHS prefers more obvious signage to distinguish each rabies suspect animal.

⑦ DSHS will request Aco CE data from Hollie Odem.

DSHS left a copy of The Association of Shelter Veterinarians guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters. During the city's "no-kill" efforts care must be taken to not house more animals than the facility is designed to hold. Limit one dog per pen (cats too) unless in humane group housing. Veterinarians can allow multiple animals such as litters if in the best humane interests of the puppies or kittens

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Inspector comments continued:

① Additional comments - because co housing of "public" non-quarantine rabies suspects w/ rabies suspect animals occurs in high volume, there are lots of employees, volunteers, rescue group personnel + owners entering the rabies observation rooms; rabies observation areas should be limited to employees trained in handling rabies suspect animals and protected by post exposure rabies vaccinations; if other types of visitors want to see animals in these areas, take photos or move animals to them rather than take people into an RO ward

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