

Inspection for Animal Shelter, Impoundment, and Rabies Quarantine Facilities

Date 8/16/23 Name of Manager Rich Wright Registration No. 11-018
 Name of Establishment Palm Valley Animal Center Inspector Robert Ramos, DVM
 Location of Establishment 2501 West Trenton Rd Mailing Address P.O. Box 1829, Edinburg, TX 78540
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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 - [TAC Section 169.26(a)]		Heating	
Structural Strength		14. Are animals protected from cold and inclement weather and direct effects of wind, rain, and snow?	Yes
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?	Yes	15. Is auxiliary heat or bedding provided if the temperature is below 50°F when animals are present?	Yes
Water and Electric Power		Cooling and Ventilation	
2. Does the facility have reliable and adequate electricity to comply with other requirements?	Yes	16. Are animals protected from any form of overheating and from direct rays of the sun?	Yes
3. Does the facility have fresh, clean water available?	Yes	17. Are fresh air and adequate ventilation to minimize drafts, odors, and moisture condensation provided?	Yes
Storage		18. Is extra ventilation, such as fans or air conditioning, provided in indoor facilities if the temperature is 85°F or above when animals are present?	Yes
4. Are food and bedding stored to protect them against infestation or contamination by vermin?	Yes	Lighting	
5. Is a refrigerator available for perishable foods?	Yes	19. Is lighting adequate to permit routine inspection and cleaning?	Yes
Waste Disposal		20. Are primary enclosures situated to protect the animals from excessive illumination (man-made or natural)?	Yes
6. Are there provisions for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris?	Yes	Construction	
7. Are disposal facilities operated in a manner that minimizes vermin infestations, odors, and disease hazards?	Yes	21. Is the facility constructed to protect the animals and not create a health risk or public nuisance?	Yes
8. Is there a suitable method for rapidly and safely removing water and other liquid wastes?	Yes	22. Are building surfaces constructed and maintained so that they are impervious to moisture and can be readily sanitized?	Yes
Washrooms and Sinks		23. Is the floor made of durable, nonabsorbent material?	Yes
9. Are there facilities (such as washrooms, basins, or sinks) for employees to wash their hands?	Yes	Primary Enclosures	
Management		24. Are primary enclosures structurally sound, maintained, and constructed with surfaces that are impervious to moisture and can be readily sanitized?	Yes
10. For facilities located in a county with a population of 75,000 or over (only), in accordance with THSC Section 823.003:		25. Do primary enclosures enable the animal to remain dry and clean and protect the animal's feet and legs from injury?	Yes
a. Are animals separated by species and by sex?	Yes	26. Do the cages and kennels provide enough space for each animal to make normal postural adjustments without touching the top of the enclosure, including turning freely, standing easily, sitting, stretching, moving its head, lying in a comfortable position with limbs extended, and moving and assuming a comfortable posture for feeding, drinking, urinating, and defecating?	Yes
b. If not related to one another, are animals of relatively the same size sharing cages/pens?	Yes	B. Feeding - [TAC Section 169.26(b)]	
c. Are sick or injured animals segregated from healthy animals?	Yes	27. Are dogs and cats fed at least once a day or more often as appropriate for the age and condition of the animal, 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)?	Yes
11. For facilities located in a county with a population of 75,000 or over (only), in accordance with THSC Section 823.005:			
Has the governing body of the city or county in which the shelter is located established an advisory committee to assist in compliance with THSC Chapter 823?	No		
Records			
12. Does the facility keep records on each animal?			
13. Do records document animal description, impoundment and disposition dates and method of disposition?	Yes		

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Feeding (cont.)		Rabies Quarantine Facilities (Completed by DSHS Only) - [TAC Section 169.27(a)]
28. Is food wholesome, palatable, free from contamination, of sufficient nutritive value to meet daily requirements, and accessible to animals?	yes	38. Is there documentation of twice-daily observations of quarantined animals?
29. Are food pans kept clean and sanitary, and if disposable food pans are used, are they discarded after each feeding?	yes	Rabies Quarantine Facilities (Completed by DSHS Only) - [TAC Section 169.28(a) and THSC Section 826.042(g)]
C. Watering - [TAC Section 169.26(c)]		39. Does the facility have a written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)?
30. Do animals have convenient access to fresh water and is it offered at least twice daily for at least an hour (except as directed by a veterinarian)?	yes	40. Is the SOP specific for the facility?
31. Are the water bowls clean and sanitary?	yes	41. Is the SOP posted or otherwise readily available to all employees?
32. Do domestic ferrets have 24-hour access to water in a drinking bottle and to food?	yes	42. Is the SOP designed to ensure effective and safe quarantine procedures?
D. Sanitation - [TAC Section 169.26(d)]		43. Do enclosures have solid walls to prevent physical contact between animals?
33. Are excreta removed from primary enclosures often enough to prevent contamination of the animals (at least once a day)?	yes	44. Are the primary enclosures enclosed on all sides, including the top, to prevent escape?
34. Are cages, rooms, and pens maintained in a sanitary condition?	yes	45. Does each quarantine run, cage, and kennel containing a quarantined animal have a "Rabies Quarantine" placard/sign posted on it?
35. Are the building and premises kept clean?	yes	For Facilities Subject to THSC Chapter 829 (Located in Non-exempt County) - (Sections 829.002 and 829.007)
E. Pest Control - [TAC Section 169.26(e)]		46. This standard is for purposes of meeting requirements set forth in THSC 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?	yes	
37. Is the facility free of visible signs of rodents and are other vermin infestations kept to a minimum at all times?	yes	

This facility has approximately 70 cat cages and 413 dog cages/pens.

When the facility was inspected today, it was housing approximately 30 cats and 599 dogs.

Inspector Comments: Check here if additional inspector comments are attached

Facility Rating: Satisfactory Unsatisfactory _____ Probation _____

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.

[Signature]
Inspector Signature

8/16/2023
Date

The signatures below acknowledge completion and receipt of the inspection form:

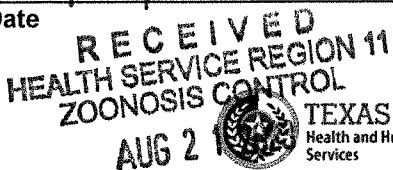
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Manager (retain pink copy after signature)

8/16/2023
Date

[Signature]
Regional Zoonosis Control (ZC) Veterinarian

8/22/2023
Date

White original and yellow copy to DSHS Regional Office after Inspector's and Manager's signatures. Regional Office retains yellow copy after ZC Veterinarian's signature and returns original with all signatures to facility.



TAC=Texas Administrative Code, THSC=Texas Health and Safety Code
DSHS=Texas Department of State Health Services

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