

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Office of Animal Welfare

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# Delaware Office of Animal Welfare Animal Shelter Inspection Report

Facility Name: Delaware SPCA

Street Address: 455 Stanton Christiana Rd. Newark DE 19713

**Date of Inspection:** 4/12/2022 **Time:** 12:30 □ a.m. ⊠p.m.

Person Interviewed: E. Pashley Title: Director of Operations

## Type of Inspection: Annual Complaint # (if applicable):

Inspection Actions: Warning

This inspection is based on 16 DE Admin. Code 4501 promulgated under the authority of 16 Del. C. §3008 F.

C = Compliant NC = Not Compliant N/A= Not Applicable

## NUMBER OF ANIMALS AT THE FACILITY (List species and numbers)

Species	No.	Other Species	No.	Other Species	No.	Other Species	No.
Dogs	56						
Cats	23						

	Area to be Inspected	Law/Regulation Reference	Compliant	Non- Compliant	N/A			
SH	SHELTER CARE AND TREATMENT – 16 Del. C. §3002F							
a.	Veterinary Advisor: Dr. Elissa Green	§3002F(a)	$\boxtimes$					
b.	Written veterinary protocols	8.1	$\boxtimes$					
с.	Intake vaccinations	8.2-3	$\boxtimes$					
d.	Intake examination	8.4		$\boxtimes$				
e.	Timely or urgent veterinary care	§3002F(d)	$\boxtimes$					
f.	Treatment area	§3002F(e)	$\boxtimes$					
g.	Isolation and quarantine areas	§3002F(e)	$\boxtimes$					
AN	ANIMAL ADOPTION, RECOVERY, AND REHABILITATION – 16 DEL. C. §3003F							
a.	Strays posted to website	9.1	$\boxtimes$					
b.	Business hours	9.2	$\boxtimes$					
с.	Stray holding period	§3003F(b)	$\boxtimes$					
d.	Animal recovery procedures	§3003F(c)	$\boxtimes$					
e.	Rescue registry	§3003F(d)	$\boxtimes$					
f.	Health certificates	§3003F(e)	$\boxtimes$					
EU	EUTHANASIA IN ANIMAL SHELTERS – 16 DEL. C. §3004F							
a.	Conditions met-no reasonable alternatives	§3004F(b)	$\boxtimes$					

b.	Health/behavior-veterinarian determination	§3004F(c)	$\boxtimes$				
C.	Method and procedures						
	1. Persons administering euthanasia	10.1	$\boxtimes$				
	2. Euthanasia area and equipment	10.2	$\boxtimes$				
	3. Method and procedure	11.0	$\boxtimes$				
d.	Euthanasia technician certification on file	6.3	$\boxtimes$				
REC	RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING – 16 DEL.C. §3007F						
a.	Animal Statistics						
	1. Quarterly report on website	14.2	$\boxtimes$				
	2. Annual Report on file	14.2	$\boxtimes$				
b.	Animal records complete	14.1-14.6	$\boxtimes$				

#### FINDINGS:

Inspection of the shelter facility took place on April 12, 2022. A total of 56 dogs and 23 cats were located on the premises at the time of the inspection . The inspection as of April 12<sup>th</sup> is as follows:

## 1. 16 Admin Code, subsection 8.4

• Five (5) records out of eighteen (18) records examined, though properly documented, had exams conducted after the required time frame of 72 hours within intake.

An examination of animals entering an animal shelter shall be performed within 72 hours of entry. Exam must be performed by a licensed veterinarian, veterinary technician, or shelter personnel with knowledge and training in animal health assessment under the direction of a veterinarian, veterinary technician, or animal care manager. In rare circumstances where handling of an animal may be unsafe, the exam may be done visually with the reason for a visual exam clearly documented. Written examination findings must be kept in the animal's record and a copy provided to the Department upon request.

#### **CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:**

1. Ensure all animals have documented and complete intake exam within 72 hours of intake.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Update schedule of vaccinations for kittens and puppies in protocols, in particular to include timely revaccination of animals in shelter and foster care.

During an unannounced annual 2023 inspection, Office of Animal Welfare will inspect for compliance of this violation.

Inspecting Officials: N. Titus, DVM; Capt. R. Stratton