



## Delaware Office of Animal Welfare Animal Shelter Inspection Report

**Facility Name:** First State Animal Center & SPCA  
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**Date of Inspection:** 12/14/2021 **Time:** 1:00  a.m.  p.m.  
**Name of Inspecting Official:** Natalie Titus DVM, Captain Rebecca Stratton  
**Person Interviewed:** Jessica Tyler **Title:** Shelter Manager  
**Type of Inspection:** Annual **Complaint # (if applicable):** [Click here to enter text.](#)  
**Inspection Results:** Conditionally Approved  
 This inspection is based on 16 DE Admin. Code 4501 promulgated under the authority of 16 Del. C. §3008 F.

AREA TO BE INSPECTED	REGULATIONS	C	NC	N/A
<b>Shelter Care and Treatment – 16 Del. C. §3002 F</b>				
a. Disease control and health care program by a veterinarian: Dr. Franzcek		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Written veterinary protocols	8.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Vaccinations	8.2-3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Examination within 72 hours	8.4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Veterinary care/medical treatment provided		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Designated treatment and isolation and/or quarantine areas		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Animal Adoption, Recovery, and Rehabilitation – 16 Del. C. §3003F</b>				
a. Business hours	9.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. 72 hour stray holding period		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Animal recovery procedures				
1. Checking for identification on strays		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Lost/found lists; post on website	9.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Five-day recovery period implemented		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Maintains and utilizes rescue registry		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Health certifications on imported animals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Euthanasia in Animal Shelters – 16 Del. C. §3004F</b>				
a. Five-day hold period		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Conditions met-no reasonable alternatives		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Animal care/control manager authorization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Health/behavior-veterinarian determination		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Euthanasia technician certification on file	6.3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

f. Method and procedures				
1. Euthanasia area and equipment	10.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Current policy and procedure manual		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Persons administering euthanasia	10.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Proper authorization	11.7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Method and procedure	11.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Verification of death	13.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Record Keeping and Reporting – 16 Del.C. §3007F</b>				
a. Animal Statistics	14.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Quarterly report on website	14.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Annual Report	14.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Animal records complete	14.3-14.6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**REMARKS:**

Inspection of the shelter facility took place on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A total of 17 dogs, 35 cats, 6 birds, 1 rabbit, and 1 guinea pig were located on the premises at the time of the inspection. The inspection of December 14<sup>th</sup> is as follows:

**1. 16 Delaware Code §3002F(d)**

- Three (3) dogs known to be positive for heartworm disease were administered Immiticide for their heartworm treatment without veterinary examination and supervision.
- One (1) dog was surrendered to the shelter with bilateral ear infections and multiple hotspots as noted in record. No diagnostics, veterinary exam or medical treatment was noted in the records.

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**2. 16 Admin Code, subsection 14.3.5**

- Four (4) records mentioned above lacked required documentation of provider of medical treatments.

*Animal shelters shall maintain records regarding the following information:*

*14.3.5 medical condition at initial exam given within 72 hours of intake, and any subsequent medical care including examinations, treatments date and time, name and dosage of medication, and name of provider;*

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:**

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2. Ensure record keeping is complete and accurate for all vaccinations, examinations and treatments, meeting the requirements of the law and regulations.

During an unannounced annual 2022 inspection, Office of Animal Welfare will inspect for compliance of these violations.

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

<b>Species</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Other Species</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Other Species</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Other Species</b>	<b>No.</b>
Dogs	17	Guinea pig	3	Pigs	0	Parakeet	4
Cats	35	Rabbit	1	Amazon Parrots	2		

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