
To: King, Shirley
Subject: RE: open records request

You will find attached the most recent documents that have been obtained from the inspector for Lowndes Co. Within the file(s) that are maintained by the Animal Protection Sections, there are no documents of any correspondence from Vanessa Sims-Green, Pat Smith, Cora Potter or any other person involved in the investigation back in Feb. 2011. Nor are there any documents, minutes, notes or correspondence of a meeting between Joe Prichard, Linda Patelski, Cora Potter, Pat Smith and Venessa Sims-Green.

Animal Protection Section
Custodian of Records

From: King, Shirley
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 9:47 AM
To: 'SUSAN LEAVENS'
Cc: Mitchell, Patricia; Morgan, Tavarus
Subject: RE: open records request

Ms. Leavens, the Department is in receipt of your open records request. We are in the process of determining whether or not the record(s) you requested are subject to access under the Georgia Open Records Act, and if so, the estimated fee for copying, searching, retrieval, and other administrative costs associated with processing your request.

We may charge a fee of 25¢ per page and an hourly rate that is based on the salary of the lowest paid full time employee who has the skill and training necessary to satisfy the request; there is no charge for the first quarter hour.

You will be notified within three business days whether or not the record(s) you requested are subject to open records and the estimated costs associated with your request. If there is no charge for your request, it will be sent to you electronically.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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From: SUSAN LEAVENS [<mailto:sleavens4@bellsouth.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 9:34 AM
To: King, Shirley
Subject: open records request

Ms. Shirley,

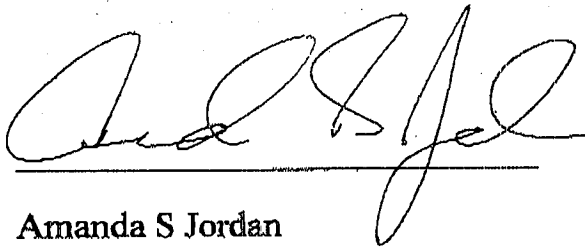
I would like all information regarding the investigation done by pat Smith from the statements from Ronnie Ganas, Amanda Jordan, and my self Susan Leavens that was turned in June of 2010, I would like all corrispondance from Vennessa Green, Pat smith, Cora Potter and any other person involved in the investigation regarding my statements and the other people I spoke of, in Feb. 2011 there was a meetin between the Lowndes County Manager Joe Prichard, Lowndes county shelter director Linda Patelski, and the Lowndes county attorney with Cora Potter, Pat smith, Vennessa Green and several other people I would Like all notes, and findings from that meeting, any information regarding this ivestigation of animal cruelty an neglect that department of agriculture has and there findings.

To Whom it may concern:

May 5, 2010

My name is Amanda Jordan. From June 2005 to December 2007, I worked for the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners Office with the Animal Services division. Linda Patelski was the director and my direct supervisor during that time. I enjoyed my job as a shelter attendant dearly. It was such a pleaser to see animals get adopted to new homes or returned to their owners if they were picked up by Animal Control officers. As rewarding as it was, I also had other jobs that were not as pleasurable. Euthinizing animals were sometimes heartbreaking. While some animals were injured, sick, or feral, others were perfectly healthy and just needed a home. Due to the lack of space in the facility they had to be euthanized. I recall a full term pregnant female dog come into the office. Normally, this would be a reason to put a dog down due to the inability of space to house a mother dog and her puppies. Because this particular mother dog was some sort of small breed and her puppies expected to be small breed Linda Patelski (the director) decided we must keep these puppies for adoption. Even with the risk of diseases they were saved for the adoption room as other healthy dogs were put to sleep to accompany space for the puppies. The shelter also has a very large fenced area in the back of the building. For roughly 15 to 18 months Linda kept her own personal horses there. She had two horses that she decided to keep at the office as she did not have another place for them to stay until she could buy land to put them on. I am sure she never paid a boarding fee to the county for keeping them there, as her reason for bring them there to begin with was she did not want to pay what she was paying to a boarding facility. I also recall during my time there when the office took in a pot belly pig. This pig had his tusk and his testicals. I was instructed to hold this pig weighing about 50 to 60 pounds with a short (3 foot) rabies pole (loop stick) while Linda had cut off his tusk with bolt cutters and also neutered him herself in the intake area of the shelter. Ms. Linda said she worked for a hog confinement for several years and done this kind of stuff on a daily basics. As I held the pig, instructed by the Director, he squealed non stop as she only wearing a pair of gloves with a scalpel blade she cut the pigs testicals as a Veterinarian would do if they were to neuter an animal. The pig was not giving in medication for pain nor was he put on antibiotics for possible infection. I was hurt during all of this from holding the loop stick while the pig pulled, jerked, and squealed out of pain from Ms. Linda attempting to neuter this pig. I wrote out a statement for the admin

building for workman's comp as I was hurt on the job and stated in my statement that I was hurt while assisting Linda in neutering a pig. The Shelter had a Veterinarian that was paid for by the county office but Linda chose not to let him do the neuter. When I left the Shelter in December I was never happier. I left of good terms as if I ever needed to go back there I would be considered. This is just a small amount of things I have seen go seriously wrong in this office. I feel that some detailed financial, paperwork, and computer investigation should be conducted within the Lowndes County Animal Services office. Taxpayer's dollars are spent to keep these animals of Lowndes County safe, and I'm sure if the citizens of Lowndes County were aware of some of these things they may be very hurt and disgusted with the Board Commissioners for not making sure the right measures are being taken to do what is right for this office.



Amanda S Jordan

5-13-10

Date

Kathy Greer

5-13-10



Pre-License Inspection
 Routine
 Re-inspection _____
Original Insp. Date
 Complaint
 Closed Unfounded
 Violation Follow-up
 Investigation

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 COMMISSIONER TOMMY IRVIN
 ANIMAL PROTECTION SECTION

INSPECTION REPORT

Date: 03-15-11

Change of Info.
 Delete
 Meeting
 Not at Home
 Miscellaneous _____
 License Expiration Date: 3/31/11

Establishment Name Lowndes County Animal Services
 Establishment # 79628 License # A238
 Address 337 Gil Harbin Industrial Blvd
 City Valdosta Zip 31601 County Lowndes
 Phone # 229-671-2760 Fax # _____

Name Pat Smith / B. McCann
 Inspector # 9801 / 17401
 Facility: Inside Outside Both
 Begin Time: _____
 End Time: _____

_____ # of Enclosures
 _____ of Breeding Animals



		REQUIREMENTS							
Premise	Pass	Fail	N/A	Performance	Pass	Fail	N/A		
1. Current License Displayed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Record Keeping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2. Housekeeping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Storage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3. Lighting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Pest Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. Adequate Temp. Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Sanitation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
5. Adequate Ventilation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16. Waste Disposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
6. Fire Extinguisher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Animal Care					
Enclosures				17. Classification & Separation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
7. Space Requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Adequate Food	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
8. Interior Surfaces	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Adequate Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
9. Structural Strength	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Selling or adoption of injured/ diseased/abnormal animals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
10. Shelter from the Elements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21. Minimum Age to Sell & Adopt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
11. Drainage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22. Tethering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
				23. Euthanasia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
				24. Humane Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Pass - met all elements of the particular requirement
 Fail - failed to meet one or more elements of the particular requirement

NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS ISSUED DURING THIS INSPECTION: _____

REMARKS: Routine Inspection of a City and County funded Animal Shelter. The city gives the County authority to oversee this facility.

I have read and understood the contents of this report
 Signature Linda Patelki Owner Manager Employee
LINDA PATELSKI
 Printed Name Page 1 of 4

Pat Smith
 Inspector's Signature
Bell McCann
 Assisting Inspector's Signature

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01-31-2011

Animal Shelter License will expire on ~~03/15/11~~
Upon arrival, Field Supervisor Bill McCranie
and myself spoke with Director Linda
Pateloki. A walk through was conducted.

Housekeeping - was in order both inside and
outside of facility.

Lighting - was adequate

Ventilation. Several of the vents in the ceiling
were in need of cleaning. This was in the
process of being done before our departure.

Fire Extinguishers - all appear to be in good repair and
were serviced last year.

Space Requirements - were all adequate.

Interior Surfaces and structural strength of
Kennels were all in good repair.

All animals have shelter from the elements of
the weather.

Drainage - was clean and free flowing.

Storage - All open bags of food are kept in sealed
containers. Newspaper are to be in a sealed
container and out of the open environment.

Pest Control - Contracted out once a month.

Sanitation - all areas/room and cages were
clean and sanitized.

Waste Disposal - All enclosures are cleaned in A.M.
and then spot checked in P.M. and cleaned if needed.

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Classification/Separation - All dogs are separated by sex and size.

Food + Water - All animals have clean water and are fed once a day.

No animals are adopted if sick or injured.

Tethering - N/A

Humane Care - All animals appeared to have humane care at this time.

Record Keeping - Page 186 on 01-26-11 was missing on the Euthanasia paperwork. Total of 36.0 unaccounted for. Violation 40-13-B.08 (11) issued.

Truck Inspection - Animal Control units

* 2008 Ram 3500 with 55,705 miles, Co. gov. tag LV 92272. All enclosures were clean, fire extinguisher in good order. All lights were also in good working order as well as their equipment. Vehicle was clean and in good repair.

* 2003 F250 with 141,600 miles, Co. gov. tag 165785. All enclosures were clean, fire extinguisher in good order. All lights were in working order, except the top ~~back~~ bubble light. All equipment was also in good working order. Vehicle was clean and in good repair.

* 2008 F250 with 46,807 miles, Co. gov. tag 311357. All enclosures were clean, fire extinguisher in good order.

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All lights were in good working order as well as all the equipment. Vehicle was clean and in good repair.

* 2008 Ram 3500 with 57,196 miles, Co. Gov tag GV 92243. Fire extinguisher was in good order.

All lights were in good working order as well as the equipment. Vehicle was clean and in good repair.

* 2005 F250 with 158,422 miles, Co. Gov tag # GV 30693. Fire extinguisher was in good order.

All lights were in good working order as well as equipment. Vehicle was clean and in good repair.

Violation issued today.

Euthanasia 40-13-13. 08 (11)


A New copy of Agency transfer authorization Document given to the Director and explained.

Foster Home Agreements were checked. Director will go over forms with shelter employees.

Rescue groups will now have to have a Foster Home Agreement form on each person who pulls from this facility.

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Due to missing euthanasia form date 1-26-11
Page 186, Dr. Timothy Thornhill DVM, Mr. Joe
Pritchard Lowndes county manager and Director
of Animal Protection Vanessa Sims Roen will
be notified. Total of 36 cc are missing.
Bottle number 460 ~~has~~ shows 203 cc which
were all accounted for.
End of report. 

Inspector [Signature]
 Signature [Signature]
 Date 5-3-11

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 ANIMAL PROTECTION SECTION
 NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Stop Order Issued: YES NO 4-11-9.1(b)
 Quarantine Issued: YES NO 4-11-9.1(a)
 Supervisor Notified: YES NO

Establishment Name [Handwritten Name] Est.#/Lic.# [Handwritten]
 Address [Handwritten Address] City [Handwritten] Zip [Handwritten] County [Handwritten]
 Phone [Handwritten] Email [Handwritten]

Inspection of this establishment revealed 1 violation(s) of the Georgia Animal Protection Act O.C.G.A. 4-11-1 and/or Bird Dealers Licensing Act O.C.G.A. 4-10-1. The violation(s) listed below must be corrected within the stated amount of time. Failure to comply may result in administrative action including, but limited to, settlement conference, administrative hearing, suspension and/or revocation of license.

- Humane Care Violations**
1. Failure to Provide Humane Care 4-11-10(4)/40-13-13-04(1)(d) _____
 2. Adequate Water and/or Food 4-11-10(3)/40-13-13-04(1)(d) _____
 3. Adequate Lighting 4-11-10(4)/40-13-13-04(1)(f) _____
 4. Pest Control 4-11-10(4)/4-13-13-04(1)(g) _____
 5. Sanitation 4-11-10(2)/40-13-13-04(1)(i) _____
 6. Shelter 4-11-10(4)/40-13-13-04(1)(k) or 40-13-13-04(1)(l) _____
 7. Space Requirements 4-11-10(4)/40-13-13-04(1)(m) _____
 8. Structural Strength 4-11-10(2)/40-13-13-04(1)(o) _____
 9. Tethering 4-11-10(4)/40-13-13-04(1)(p) _____

- Premise Requirement Violations**
20. Failure to Allow Inspection 4-11-8/40-13-13-03 _____
 21. Classification/Separation 4-11-10(4)/40-13-13-04(1)(a) _____
 22. Drainage 4-11-10(2)/40-13-13-04(1)(b) _____
 23. Housekeeping 4-11-10(2)/40-13-13-04(1)(c) _____
 24. Interior Surfaces 4-11-10(2)/40-13-13-02(1)(e) _____
 25. Pest Control 4-11-10(2)/40-13-13-04(1)(g) _____
 26. Storage 4-11-7(9)/40-13-13-04(1)(n) _____
 27. Waste Disposal 4-11-10(2)/40-13-13-04(1)(q) _____
 28. Fire Extinguisher 4-11-7(9)/40-13-13-02(4) _____

- Record Keeping & Disease Control/Reporting Violations**
10. Record Keeping 40-13-13-04(1)(h) _____
 11. Minimum age 40-13-13-04(2) _____
 12. Releasing Animals 4-11-10(5)/40-13-13-02(1)(j) _____
 13. Notification of Disease 4-11-9.7 _____

- Licensing Violations**
29. Valid License 4-11-3(a)/40-13-13-09(1) _____
 30. License Prominently Displayed 4-11-4/40-13-13-02(6) _____
 31. Non-Resident 4-11-6/40-13-13-02(9) _____
 32. Willful Disregard 4-11-7(2)/40-13-13-02(10)(b) _____
 33. Aiding or Abetting 4-11-7(3)/40-13-13-02(10)(c) _____
 34. Substantial Misrepresentation 4-11-7(6)/40-13-13-02(10)(f) _____
 34. Necessary Qualifications 4-11-7(8)/40-13-13-02(10)(h) _____
 36. Proper Facilities 4-11-7(9)/40-13-13-02(10)(i) _____

- Euthanasia**
14. Order of Preference 4-11-5.1(a)(1)(2)(3)/40-13-13-08(1)(a)(b)(c) _____
 15. Current Layperson Letter 40-13-13-08(8) _____
 16. Euthanasia Records on Approved Forms 40-13-13-08(11) 1 _____
 17. Animals Left Unattended 40-13-13-08(9) _____
 18. Current DEA License 40-13-13-08(13) _____
 19. Proper Drug Storage 40-13-13-08(14) _____

Additional Violations/Comments:
[Handwritten Notes]

- Bird Dealers**
37. Valid License 4-10-4 _____
 38. Record Keeping 4-10-6 _____
- Other Violations: _____

Authorized Signature [Signature] Print Name LINDA RAJESKI