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Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services



**Division of Animal and Food Industry Services
Office of Veterinary Services**

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COMPLAINT FORM

The Office of Veterinary Services (OVS) investigates complaints alleging violation of the Virginia Laws and Virginia Administrative Codes pertaining to facilities, agencies, and persons subject to direct regulation by this office.

Please use this form to submit such a complaint.

Complaints pertaining to a subject under the enforcement authority or regulation of another agency should be submitted directly to the appropriate state or local enforcement agency.
If such a complaint is received by OVS, it will be forwarded accordingly.

This form may be submitted by mail or fax using the contact information above, or submitted by email to:
animalcare@vdacs.virginia.gov

SECTION 1 – COMPLAINANT INFORMATION			
Mr. Mrs. Ms. Ms.	Last Name Martin	First Name Tanya	Middle Initial M
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City Danville		State VA	Zip Code 24541
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SECTION 2 – SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT		
Subject Name (provide name of individual if subject is a private animal owner, or name of business, non-profit organization, or government agency) Danville Area Humane Society, Inc.		
Street Address 996 South Boston Road		
City Danville	State VA	Zip Code 24540
Telephone number (434) 799-0843	Website URL and/or Email Address www.dahsinc.com	

SECTION 3 – NATURE OF COMPLAINT

Please provide a detailed description of your complaint. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may also attach any supporting documentation in the form of a Word document, PDF, or photocopied image.

Please see the attached detailed description and supporting documentation.

SECTION 4 – RESOLUTION ATTEMPTED BY COMPLAINANT

Have you made direct contact with the subject of the complaint on this matter? Yes or No

If **yes**, name and title (if applicable) of person most recently contacted:

Please see the attached list

Person's telephone number

Please see the attached list.

List any other agencies or organizations you have contacted to attempt to resolve this particular complaint and the outcome:

A detailed list of the state agencies, Danville City government officials, and members of the Danville Area Humane Society board that have been contacted regarding the specifics of this complaint is attached.

SECTION 5 – DISCLAIMER

- All complaints, whether substantiated or not, will be retained within VDACS' records for five years from the date the complaint is received by VDACS. Afterward, VDACS will destroy the records in accordance with the Virginia Public Records Act, Virginia Code Section 42.1-76 et seq.
- Any information provided on this complaint form is subject to disclosure under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Virginia Code Section 2.2-3700 et seq. For this reason, please do not provide any information of a sensitive personal nature on this form. If you wish to remain anonymous, please do not fill out the complainant information section.
- The information requested on this form and on any subsequent requests for additional information is subject to the Virginia Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act, Va. Code Section 2.2-3800 et seq.
- By submitting this form, you authorize the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and any other local, state or federal agencies with which we may work on this matter, to evaluate your complaint, to contact you, and to take whatever lawful actions are deemed appropriate with regard to your complaint.
- By submitting this form, you certify that the statements made herein or on any attached documentation are true and complete to the best of your knowledge, information, and belief.

Date: 08/15/2025

If you are completing this form electronically, please check this box:

Section 1 – Complainant Information

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Section 3: Nature of Complaint:

Virginia law states “any animal euthanized pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be euthanized by one of the methods prescribed or approved by the State Veterinarian” [VA Code § 3.2-6546 (E)]. The State Veterinarian’s Directive 79-1 requires that “all dogs and cats must be sedated prior to the administration of sodium pentobarbital”. According to their own records, Danville Area Humane Society, Inc., operating as the Danville Public Animal Shelter, did not sedate 6 of the animals they euthanized in 2024, and they did not record the route of sedation for 1 animal they euthanized in 2024 which is a violation of Virginia law.

Danville Area Humane Society’s AC6, written by their supervising veterinarian, utilizes acepromazine maleate as a single agent at appropriate doses. The euthanasia records provided by the shelter via FOIA and submitted with our complaint submitted on October 14, 2024, **did not include** evidence or documentation that certified shelter staff are administering the required sedative in cage (for cats) or in kennel (for dogs) as detailed in the AC6 on file at the shelter. Virginia Administrative Code 18VAC110-20-580 allows animal shelters to purchase, possess and administer controlled substances in accordance with the provisions of § 54.1-3423 of the Code of Virginia provided that detailed procedures are followed. This shelter consistently disregards the specific requirements of 18VAC110-20-580(6) which states that “complete and accurate records shall be maintained for two years on the administration of the drug. The record shall show the name and strength of the drug, date of administration, the species of the animal, the weight of animal, the amount of drug administered and the signature of the person administering the drug”. The sedative DAHS claims to use in their operation and control of Danville Public Animal Shelter is listed as Acepromazine Maleate, which is a Schedule IV controlled substance in the Commonwealth of Virginia, yet there is no “complete record” of its administration, and the shelter’s executive director claims “the sedation drug is not required to be included in the Board of Pharmacy logbook” (Paulette Dean, DAHS executive director, in her letter to City Council dated October 16, 2024). Ms. Dean also claims the sedation Interestingly, every other shelter must log their sedation usage, and their logs are inspected. Why is Danville Public Animal Shelter treated differently and allowed to circumvent the laws concerning controlled substances in animal shelters?

Following the complaint and subsequent inspection of DAHS on 12/10/2024, DAHS publicly proclaimed that they sedated all animals prior to euthanasia. On May 1, 2025, we requested the evidence of sedation that was supposedly withheld from the FOIA response by DAHS “by mistake”. DAHS proceeded to close their shelter for several days and refused to allow citizens to see the sedation records of the animals to prove their claims that they have always used sedation. On May 16, 2025, **16 days** after submitting the FOIA request to DAHS again, we received copies of cage cards with sedation remarks notated on them, almost always in the bottom left corner of the cards. The shelter director was adamant that all euthanized animals received the sedation required by law prior to being euthanized. We completely disagree. Based on the way the FOIA request was handled, the time it took to produce copies of records they supposedly had already, and the evidence found when we received the actual copies, we affirm our belief that DAHS did not sedate ANY animals prior to euthanizing them in 2023 and 2024.

Despite making several public statements about how they sedate all the animals prior to euthanizing them, that the sedation information required is written on the cage cards of each individual animal,

and that they will complete the FOIA request to prove it, there is no record of sedation being given to the following dog, puppy, and kittens; for a total of six (6) animals that suffered when they were killed and one (1) kitten that sedation is questionable due to a lack of the route of administration and unclear record of sedation. The copies of these cage cards and custody records are attached to this complaint.

The animal custody record numbers of the animals subjected to this cruelty are as follows:

Custody Record Number	Intake Date	Euthanasia Date
36633	5/4/2024	5/7/2024
36768	5/15/2024	5/15/2024
37706	7/26/2024	8/2/2024
37982	8/17/2024	8/23/2024
37999	8/17/2024	8/23/2024
38059	8/22/2024	8/28/2024
Route of Administration Not Recorded/Record Not Clear		
38958	11/2/2024	11/8/2024

In a letter to Danville City Council dated October 16, 2024, and in response to the allegations made in our first complaint against them, DAHS executive director Paulette Dean stated *“commercials have featured a woman who worked for us for a handful of days in 2008. What she describes is brutal – seeing three puppies in bags with needles sticking out of them. What she saw was one of the steps to determine death and the method is taught by the State Vet during training. When animals are in the state that we are in for surgery, certain steps are taken to make sure the animal is dead. If there is any doubt at all, a needle is stuck near the lungs or heart and is watched for any movement of the needle. Let me emphasize – the animal is in a deep state of sedation that any human who has had surgery has been in”*. There is no mention in any veterinarian training guide, textbook, online search or when practicing veterinarians were asked of any method used to check for an animal’s death as Ms. Dean described. As mentioned in our first complaint, it is our contention that DAHS staff routinely uses intracardiac sticks to illegally euthanize animals and that is what she is describing in the excerpt above. Intracardiac euthanasia is not only illegal by itself, but also painful, cruel and barbaric when not accompanied by the required sedation, which would make the nature of this violation even more horrific. As such, we request this evidence, which we obtained via FOIA from Danville Area Humane Society, to be considered as current due to the violation having been within the last 5 (five) preceding years from the complaint we submitted to your agency on October 14, 2024, followed by our most recent complaint submitted 8/13/2025 showing evidence of 20 animals in DAHS’s care being euthanized without having been sedated first.

Our first complaint should have called your agency to attention and immediate action. Yet the “routine” inspection by two VDACS inspectors on 12/10/2024 occurred almost two months after VDACS was made aware of numerous, heinous violations of the laws and still did not find these violations due to the inspectors’ limited scope of paperwork and policy inspection (even after being given a year of paperwork from DAHS as evidence) and being presented with fraudulent records during said inspection.

The following excerpts from emails, and social media posts and the letter to City Council and City Administration written by Danville Area Humane Society Executive Director Paulette Dean, dictate

in her own words and in writing what their procedures for recording sedation information entail and how long it took to copy the cage cards containing the sedation records.

From: Paulette Dean <dahsinc@yahoo.com>
Date: May 1, 2025 at 5:36:15 AM EDT
To: Cherie Tamson <zztamson@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Missing Data from Sept 16, 2024 FOIA

I am choosing words carefully because in my experience, you believe in sharing conversations that had been thought to be private.

Yes, I freely admit that the mistake was mine. In September 2024, we were navigating our way through uncharted waters of a campaign of harassment. So, when I received your email, my eyes may have read it correctly, but my brain recorded it as "intakes and euthanasia log book."

In an effort to be cooperative, we even gave you a discount. I am personally going to pay DAHS for the significant amount of time it will take to make copies of the sedation records.

Because we will still be operating a shelter and our other programs, we anticipate we will have the copies ready on Friday, May 16th, at noon.


Will we receive a public apology for the very public accusation we do not euthanize? The hateful messages, calling for our deaths, have started again.

Finally and personally, it has surprised me that you, a woman who loves honesty, allows such lies and false accusations to be spread. I am not only referring to the sedation, but to the comments people make about reasons they were declined for adoptions, as well as very false comments made about me. I am the first to say I certainly make mistakes, but I am not guilty of most of what is said.

I chose my words carefully. We can't defend ourselves item by item because then we would be accused of being the bullies.

Paulette Dean
Danville Area Humane Society

Sent from my iPhone


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A valid question about FOIA requests has been asked and we will respond publicly. 3.2-6557 of Virginia Code is specific about what information needs to be recorded on animals received by public shelters, private shelters, and foster based rescues. Further, the law is: Records required by this subsection shall be maintained for at least five years and shall be available for public inspection upon request. A summary of such records shall be submitted annually to the State Veterinarian in a format prescribed by him.

We have asked other shelters (public and private) as well as foster based rescues how they handle the public inspection of the records. Everyone agreed that doesn't mean the public has the right to come in at any time and look. Some require an appointment, some do not allow pictures or notes be taken, and others require a staff member or volunteer be in the room at all times.

If people want copies or digital records, they normally send a FOIA request.

The sedation record request we are working on now is being handled this way: We remove the staples that attach the cage card to the intake record. A copy is made. The name of the employee is redacted on the copy and another copy is made. Since the requested period is from January 1, 2023-September 1, 2024, we estimate there are close to 2,000 records. (Remember, that is an estimate.) All of that takes time.

 **Paulette Dean** 7:26 PM
To: Cherie Tamson >

Mrs. Tamson:

Before 2025, the sedative used was recorded on the individual cage cards. Unlike the euthanasia log book, there is no single record required for the drug used. Hence, the time spent making the copies will be significant. I will send you an estimate of the time and cost Friday afternoon.

Paulette Dean

Sent from my iPhone

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On Apr 30, 2025, at 6:58 PM, Cherie Tamson <zztamson@gmail.com> wrote:



Danville Area Humane Society

October 16, 2024

Via e-mail

Members of City Council and City Administration:

We have read the detailed complaint that was filed with the State Vet's office on October 14, 2024. I am also sending a letter to Dr. Broadus; I am asking that the shelter inspectors come to the shelter for a complete inspection.

The complaint contains a lot of false information and false assumptions. We have spent 250 hours fulfilling all of the FOIA requests and much of that time was spent redacting personal information. Each time, we receive a message that we didn't send the requested information, what we charge is too much, etc. FOIA was never intended to be a fishing expedition or a means of harassment, but there is absolutely nothing we can do about it.

Briefly: We scan each animal that comes into the shelter; they believe we don't because that information was redacted on the intakes. We sedate each animal before euthanasia. The sedation drug is not required to be included in the Board of Pharmacy logbook, so that is why Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Tamson, and Dr. Reid assumed we do not. Nor do we ever make any ill, injured, or unweaned animal suffer for days before we euthanize them. If they, according to the complaint, were not euthanized immediately, it is because we were medicating them, seeking veterinary advice, or placing the unweaned ones in with a nursing mother to see if they would thrive. Frankly, that accusation is one that absolutely astounds us, especially because we are usually accused of euthanizing too soon.

All animals received are held the legally required time. The accusations about bite quarantines and other holding periods is a matter of the complainants not having all of the information. For instance, the bite may have occurred days before we receive the animal.

The matter of missing intakes is also simply not true. Intake numbers are pre-printed on cage cards and transferred to the intake records. Sometimes, there is a printer error and cards are discarded. If an animal is taken to a veterinarian by an animal control officer and the animal is euthanized, we complete an intake. However, if a private citizen picks up an injured or ill stray and takes it to a clinic and the animal is euthanized, we do not fill out an intake; however, we do fill out a cage card and give the clinic the number on the card because that is how they bill us for the euthanasia. In other cases, cage cards are simply destroyed by animals, water being spilled on them, etc.

Since May, our shelter and its staff have been under a relentless campaign. Every word, every keystroke, every action has been examined and hundreds of posts on social media have been made.

Commercials have featured a woman who worked for us for a handful of days in 2008. What she describes is brutal – seeing three puppies in bags with needles sticking out of them. What she saw was one of the steps to determine death and the method is taught by the State Vet during training. When animals are in the state that we are in for surgery, certain steps are taken to make sure the animal is dead. If there is any doubt at all, a needle is stuck near the lungs or heart and is watched for any movement of the needle. Let me emphasize – the animal is in a deep state of sedation that any human who has had surgery has been in.

We have decided not to have our attorney send cease-and-desist letters to people who tell their stories at Council meetings, even though their testimony is not the truth. We do not want to “ratchet up the hate,” and we have also been very mindful that this is an election year. We have been encouraged to file harassment lawsuits, but we hesitate.

We have lost one kennel attendant due to the intimidation and may lose one long-term employee and a front desk secretary because they have said they simply cannot take the pressure for much longer. Others have said they are afraid to answer any telephone questions or sign their name on any form because it will be mocked on social media.

We have re-opened our PetFinder account and hope to hire a part-time media person to help post more pictures. I can say with no hesitation that we are working non-stop and have been since May.

We have received a very small number of abusive telephone calls, mostly from out of town people who have seen the commercials. An employee was eating dinner at a restaurant and was approached by a woman who said, “You work for the killers.” She called me and said she couldn’t take the pressure any more. I encouraged her to wait a few days before giving her official notice and she has.

In the midst of all this, the financial and emotional support has been fantastic. We are receiving donations from people around the country who have heard about us. Shelter staff and members of the public who are in the areas that have entered into contracts with Best Friends have told us we have an army of support throughout the country that we don’t even realize.

I completely understand why localities capitulate to the Best Friends’ demands and why shelter directors opt to resign or retire. We have endured (and so have you) vilification, character assassination, and constant harassment. The easy way, though, is not the right way in most cases.

The heroes in the midst of all this are the shelter staff who get up each morning and come to work to take care of the animals.

Paulette Dean

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Section 4: Resolution Attempted by Complainant

We have been contacting individuals associated with Danville Area Humane Society via social media for the last year and a half. We have also appeared before Danville City Council on separate occasions to speak about these issues and request their assistance.

Most importantly, however, on October 14, 2024, we submitted a lengthy complaint with each potential violation cataloged in an excel spreadsheet and accompanied by over 2,600 pages of evidence to VDACS, the Office of the State Veterinarian (Dr. Bissett), and the Virginia Board of Pharmacy regarding Danville Area Humane Society, Inc. (DAHS) and alleging they committed the following violations of the Code of Virginia in 2023:

- 423 separate instances of animals listed on custody records as stray, animals listed as stray with notes showing evidence of identification, and animals listed as being subject to a bite quarantine of 10 days, being euthanized prior to the hold period provided by § 3.2-6546 C. **[Found and resulted in a critical violation in VDACS inspection on 12/10/2024]**
- 2,200 custody records, representing 3,575 custody record numbers, with approximately 160 records missing and 754 records containing multiple animals in violation of § 3.2-6557 B.
- 217 custody records with errors involving intake dates, species descriptions, custody reasons, identification notes, and disposition dates in violation of § 3.2-6557 B.
- 24 records that had dispositions recorded on custody records as adopted, transferred or returned to owner appear in the euthanasia logs as having been euthanized, in violation of § 3.2-6557 B.
- 48 separate instances where it was noted that animals were sick, unweaned, and/or injured, yet were not euthanized for some period of time, indicating possible cruelty in violation of § 3.2-6566.
- 25 instances of animals being accepted by DAHS from other states without evidence of a health certificate in violation of 2VAC5-141-80 E.
- More than 1,700 animals were listed as stray on the DAHS custody records, yet less than 20 animals show evidence of being checked for a microchip, in violation of § 3.2-6585.1. **[Found and resulted in a non-critical violation in VDACS inspection on 12/10/2024]**
- Euthanasia of animals does not meet the written protocols established and approved by the State Veterinarian or the shelter's own supervising veterinarian in violation of § 54.1-3423 E. **[Found and resulted in a non-critical violation in VDACS inspection on 12/10/2024]**
- No evidence or documentation that certified shelter staff are administering the legally required sedative as detailed in the AC6 on file at the shelter and required to be recorded by 18VAC110-20-580 (6).
- The certificates for two of the three staff members that perform euthanasia at DAHS do not have the required box checked indicating that the supervising veterinarian believes they have demonstrated competency in understanding and applying State Veterinarian's Directive 79-1, Methods Prescribed or Approved for Animal Euthanasia, the absence of which invalidates their certification pursuant to 18VAC110-20-580 (2). **[Found and resulted in a non-critical violation in VDACS inspection on 12/10/2024]**
- There are a significant number of cases where the volume of euthanasia solution given was greater than the animal's weight in pounds. **[Found and resulted in a non-critical violation in VDACS inspection on 12/10/2024]**

- The euthanasia logs kept by DAHS do not meet the requirements of Virginia Administrative Code 18VAC110-20-580 (6). **[Found and resulted in a non-critical violation in VDACS inspection on 12/10/2024]**

As noted above, a routine inspection of Danville Area Humane Society by VDACS on December 10, 2024, **almost 2 months after** our complaint of the numerous and egregious potential violations with over 2,400 pages of evidence was received by this agency, found several of these violations to be valid while only looking at one week of documentation. Danville Area Humane Society was found guilty of several violations, including a critical violation that resulted in the deaths of four puppies prior to their hold period being met. Despite the numerous violations found in just a week's worth of DAHS paperwork and documentation, VDACS did nothing other than to write a report citing the violations and allow DAHS to lie their way out of the penalty. The following is an excerpt from the letter sent by H. Lane Songer, DVM, in response to his revocation of the fine associated with the critical violation:

“Although the penalty has been rescinded, Danville Area Humane Society Public Animal Shelter’s violation of § 3.2-6546, subsection C will remain on file. The Office of Veterinary Services Civil Penalty Matrix (Enclosure 3) provides for an escalating penalty assessment based on the number of repeat violations for the same factual basis within the preceding five calendar years. If your corrective action plan is not implemented and the same violation is cited in future inspections, the assessed civil penalty may be up to \$1,000.00 per day starting the date of your last inspection, December 10, 2024, and continuing until the date of your next inspection.”

As Dr. Songer stated in his letter recinding the fine imposed on DAHS for violating the animal care laws of Virginia, the Office of Veterinary Services Civil Penalty Matrix *“provides for an escalating penalty assessment based on the number of repeat violations for the same factual basis within the preceding five calendar years”* yet none of the evidence and proof of numerous violations we submitted to VDACS, the State Veterinarian or the Virginia Board of Pharmacy was acted upon. What is the purpose of a complaint process if the agencies with the power to inspect and act on public animal shelters that are violating state law do not do so; or more aptly pick and choose who they will use their law-given power on? Our previous complaint which contained the exact proof of nearly every violation Danville Area Humane Society has committed against the animals in their care and nearly all of which were found in ONE DAY of inspection by this agency.

Why is VDACS, the Office of Veterinary Services and the Virginia Department of Pharmacy letting Danville Area Humane Society off the hook, when every other shelter in Virginia must adhere to the animal care laws or face strict penalties and/or fines? For example:

Brunswick County Animal Shelter, January 2023

The State Office of Veterinary Services found multiple violations at the Lawrenceville shelter. Those violations included; animals not appropriately fed, the facility not kept clean, dry, and sanitary, adequate care not provided for seven dogs confined in the facility at the time of the inspection, animals euthanized in a manner that does not comply with methods established by the state veterinarian. “They did a very thorough, detailed inspection and found numerous, numerous deficiencies,” according to Brunswick County Supervisor John Zubrod.

Charlottesville-Albemarle County SPCA, February 2023

A Virginia Department of Agriculture inspection found repeated violations of state law at Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA, including several documents at the shelter that were missing information required by state law. According to a February 15, 2023 article entitled “Who keeps watch over Virginia’s animal shelters?” on WVTF.org, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services employs two inspectors who spend a few hours, even a day reviewing shelter operations. They report to veterinarian Carolynn Bissett. “If we see violations then we’re going to inspect more frequently, but on average it’s about every 12-18 months.” In 2019 an inspector said CASPCA had no critical violations but did not have adequate procedures for deciding if dogs or cats needed veterinary treatment, for controlling contagious and infectious diseases and for managing sick animals. In 2021 the inspector accused CASPCA of poor record-keeping, but Bissett said violations of this kind usually result in a warning or small fine. “Fifty to \$100. They can go up to even \$1,000 per violation, but that can be per day, so if we have a really serious situation which we haven’t gotten into in my tenure here, those certainly could mount up.”

What constitutes a “really serious situation” in Dr. Bissett’s opinion? Thousands of violations in a year that were discovered by regular citizens and submitted to VDACS and all other agencies in a spreadsheet with over 2,400 pages of evidence to prove them and perpetrated by the highest kill shelter in the state of Virginia and the United States for animal shelters that take in more than 2,000 animals a year...would that be considered a “really serious situation”?

As constituents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, we expect the evidence contained in this complaint and any subsequent complaints brought to the attention of your agency and all others tasked with “inspecting public animal shelters for the purposes of determining if a violation of any state law governing the care, control or protection of animals” to be treated as such. We expect swift and immediate action concerning the unlawful acts being committed by our city’s public animal shelter, Danville Area Humane Society, which we have once again brought to your attention, and we do so on behalf of the companion animals that have suffered and died at the hands of the animal shelter that *by statute* must protect them. Any action less than the most severe afforded to an agency tasked with upholding the animal care laws of the Commonwealth is evidence of corruption, incompetence, and engagement of collusion by VDACS and the Office of the State Veterinarian. There is no other logical reason why your agencies would permit these atrocities to continue. Your jobs are to protect the companion animals of the Commonwealth of Virginia and we expect you to do your jobs on each and every complaint you are about to receive, lest you relinquish your positions and allow unbiased and impartial persons of caliber to investigate our complaints.

The following is a list of other contacts that we have had some dialogue with concerning these issues.

Danville Area Humane Society, Inc.:

Kathleen Contratto, DAHS Board President dahsinc@yahoo.com 434-799-0843

Aaron Stainback, DAHS Board Member aaron_stainback83@yahoo.com 434-799-0843

Ms. Paulette Dean, Shelter Director dahsinc@yahoo.com 434-799-0843

Danville City Government:

Ken Larking, City Manager klarking@danvilleva.gov 434-799-5100

Alonzo Jones, Mayor alonzo.jones@danvilleva.gov 434-797-8928

Dr. Gary Miller, Vice Mayor gary.miller@danvilleva.gov 434-799-0908

James Buckner, Councilman james.buckner@danvilleva.gov 434-688-1589

Larry Campbell, Jr. Councilman larry.campbell@danvilleva.gov 434-228-3664

Bryant Hood, Councilman bryant.hood@danvilleva.gov 434-429-5698

Barry Mayo, Councilman barry.mayo@danvilleva.gov 434-792-1041

Sherman Saunders, Councilman sherman.saunders@danvilleva.gov 434-799-8737

Lee Vogler, Councilman lee.vogler@danvilleva.gov 434-548-5335

Madison Whittle, Councilman madison.whittle@danvilleva.gov 434-251-0926

Evidence

The following pages are the copies of custody records and cage cards given to us by Danville Area Humane Society in response to our FOIA requests. Each custody record has the animal's custody number highlighted and is followed by the cage card for that animal, which clearly shows no indication of the animal having been given a sedative prior to them being euthanized by DAHS staff, with the exception of the last animal's custody record and cage card, which is unclear and made it impossible to ascertain if the animal was given sedation.

TIME	800 AM/PM	CUSTODY DATE	5-4-24	I.D. Case No.	36633 36634
REASON FOR CUSTODY (mark appropriate box)					LOCATION WHERE CUSTODY WAS TAKEN
Stray	Owner Surrender	Seized	Bite Case	Transfer from other locality/facility	Other
	X				
OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS (if known)			ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
unknown			get along w/ people and other animals/not from County each other		
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION					
SPECIES	BREED	COLOR/MARKINGS	SEX	APPROX AGE	APPROX WEIGHT
canine	Pit	white & black brindle & white	M	1 1/2 yrs	40+
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (complete all that apply, or indicate "none")					
CITY/COUNTY LICENSE NUMBER	RABIES TAG NUMBER	TATTOO	COLLAR (Color, type, etc.)	OTHER IDENTIFICATION (specify)	
None	None	None	black x2	None detected x2	
CUSTODY RECORD PREPARED BY					DATE
SIGNATURE & TITLE					5-4-24
DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL					DATE
euth x2					5-5-24

This form may be used by animal control officers, custodians of any pound or shelter, representatives of a humane society, or humane investigators to record and maintain the information required by the Code of Virginia. This record shall be maintained for at least five years, and must be made available for public inspection upon request. Information on this form is to be summarized and submitted annually to the State Veterinarian in the prescribed format. Questions regarding this form may be directed to the Office of the State Veterinarian, (804) 786-2483, P.O. Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23216.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Characteristics: Good with children yes Lived Inside/Outside Housebroken yes
 Disposition Health _____ Gets along well with other pets yes not each other
 Did you contact another shelter about this animal? yes Why did they decline to accept? not taking animals
 Has the animal bitten or scratched a person or animal within the past 10 days? NO

STATEMENTS OF SURRENDER

I do not own the above described animal and I relinquish custody to the Danville Area Humane Society.

Signature _____

Or

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DANVILLE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

36633

ANIMAL REPORT FORM

Date 5-4-24 Warden _____ Private Society _____
 Species Canine Sex M Approx. Age 1 1/2 yrs ^{whit} Color Blk Approx. Wt. 40# Breed Pit
 Date Available 5-5-24 Name _____ Seizure Reason DR
 Lic./Tag/Tattoo/Chip BLACK Owner _____
 Disposition Euthanized 6--
 Adopted _____
 Return to _____
 Date 5-7-24 No. of days _____ Fee _____



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TIME	106 AM (PM)	CUSTODY DATE	5-15-24	I.D. Case/No.	36745, 76766, 36767, 76768, 36769	
REASON FOR CUSTODY (mark appropriate box)				LOCATION WHERE CUSTODY WAS TAKEN		
Stray	Owner Surrender	Seized	Bite Case	Transfer from other locality/facility	Other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS (if known)			ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Telephone:			river den weened			
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION						
SPECIES	BREED	COLOR/MARKINGS	SEX	APPROX. AGE	APPROX. WEIGHT	OTHER
SK	DSH	1K7TB 4B-K	DF 3m	3 wks	102	no
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (complete all that apply, or indicate "none")						
CITY/COUNTY LICENSE NUMBER	RABIES TAG NUMBER	TATTOO	COLLAR (Color, type, etc.)	OTHER IDENTIFICATION (specify)		
none	none	none	none	none		
CUSTODY RECORD PREPARED BY					DATE	
SIGNATURE & TITLE <i>Ray</i>					5-15-24	
DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL					DATE	
with XS					5-15-24	

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Name: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Characteristics: Good with children _____ Lived Inside/Outside _____ Housebroken _____
 Disposition _____ Health _____ Gets along well with other pets _____
 Did you contact another shelter about this animal? _____ Why did they decline to accept? _____
 Has the animal bitten or scratched a person or animal within the past 10 days? _____

STATEMENTS OF SURRENDER

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ANIMAL REPORT FORM

Date 5-15-24 Warden _____ Private Society _____
Species k Sex M Approx. Age Jwt Color blk Approx. Wt. 152 Breed Dst
Date Available 5-22-24 Name _____ Seizure Reason ej
Lic./Tag/Tattoo/Collar/Chip _____ Owner _____
Disposition Euthanized _____
Adopted _____
Return to _____
Date 5-15-24 No. of days _____ Fee _____

TIME	1150 <u>AM</u> PM		CUSTODY DATE	7-25-24		I.D. Case/No.	37706 3771	
REASON FOR CUSTODY (mark appropriate box)						LOCATION WHERE CUSTODY WAS TAKEN		
Stray	Owner Surrender	Seized	Bite Case	Transfer from other locality/facility	Other	Shelter		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS (if known)				ADDITIONAL INFORMATION				
Telephone:								
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION								
SPECIES	BREED	COLOR/MARKINGS	SEX	APPROX. AGE	APPROX. WEIGHT	OTHER		
2x Kitten	DSH	Blk/Wh	m	4 wks	2 lb	ns		
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (complete all that apply, or indicate "none")								
CITY/COUNTY LICENSE NUMBER	RABIES TAG NUMBER	TATTOO	COLLAR (Color, type, etc.)		OTHER IDENTIFICATION (specify)			
none	none	none	none		none			
CUSTODY RECORD PREPARED BY							DATE	
SIGNATURE & TITLE <u>AR</u>							7-25-24	
DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL							DATE	
Euth							8-2-24	

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Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Telephone _____

Characteristics: Good with children _____ Lived Inside/Outside _____ Housebroken _____
 Disposition _____ Health _____ Gets along well with other pets _____
 Did you contact another shelter about this animal? NO Why did they decline to accept? _____
 Has the animal bitten or scratched a person or animal within the past 10 days? NO

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DANVILLE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

37706

ANIMAL REPORT FORM

Date 7-2-24 Warden _____ Private Society _____

Species lc Sex M Approx. Age 1 yr Color black Approx. Wt. 25 Breed Dst

Date Available 8-2-24 Name _____ Seizure Reason sf

Lic./Tag/Tattoo/Collar/Chip _____ Owner _____

Disposition: Euthanized see

Adopted _____

Return to _____

Date 8-2-24 No. of days _____ Fee _____



TIME	9:00 AM/PM	CUSTODY DATE	8-17-24	LD. Case No.	(37975) 37979 37978 37979 37980 37981 37982
REASON FOR CUSTODY (mark appropriate box)				LOCATION WHERE CUSTODY WAS TAKEN	
Stray	Owner Surrender	Seized	Bite Case	Transfer from other locality/facility	Other
X					
OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS (if known)			ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Telephone:			Dropped off at - Side of Road -		
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION					
SPECIES	BREED	COLOR/MARKINGS	SEX	APPROX. AGE	APPROX. WEIGHT
feline	PSH	3 del. Calico 5 BLK	3 F 2 F/4M	2yrs 4 mos 8 wks	6# 4# 2#
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (complete all that apply, or indicate "none")					
CITY/COUNTY LICENSE NUMBER	RABIES TAG NUMBER	TATTOO	COLLAR (Color, type, etc.)	OTHER IDENTIFICATION (specify)	
none	none	none	none	none det.	
CUSTODY RECORD PREPARED BY				DATE	
SIGNATURE & TITLE				DATE	
DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL				DATE	
Euth x 8 -				upper respiratory Sick 8-23-24	

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Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Telephone _____

Characteristics: Good with children _____ Lived Inside/Outside _____ Housebroken _____
Disposition _____ Health _____ Gets along well with other pets _____
Did you contact another shelter about this animal? _____ Why did they decline to accept? _____
Has the animal bitten or scratched a person or animal within the past 10 days? _____

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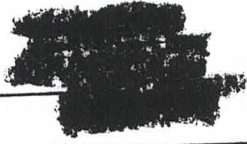
Signature _____

DANVILLE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

37982

ANIMAL REPORT FORM

Date 8-17-24 Warden _____ Private Society _____
Species C Sex F Approx. Age 4 mos Color dk Approx. Wt. 9lb Breed PSH
Date Available 8-24-24 Name _____ Seizure Reason Stray
Lic./Tag/Tattoo/Collar/Chip _____ Owner _____
Disposition: Euthanized 3
Adopted _____
Return to _____
Date 8-22-24 No. of days _____ Fee _____



TIME	AM/PM	CUSTODY DATE	8-17-24		L.D. Case No.	37998 37999	38000 38001 38002
REASON FOR CUSTODY (mark appropriate box)						LOCATION WHERE CUSTODY WAS TAKEN	
Stray	Owner Surrender	Seized	Bite Case	Transfer from other locality/facility	Other	D.A.H.S.	
X							
OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS (if known)				ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
[REDACTED]				[REDACTED]			
Telephone:							
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION							
SPECIES	BREED	COLOR/MARKINGS	SEX	APPROX. AGE	APPROX. WEIGHT	OTHER	
5x Feline	Dsth	Calico 2-Tort - 10% 1-ch/white	F	4 wks 104	5 lb 202		
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (complete all that apply, or indicate "none")							
CITY/COUNTY LICENSE NUMBER	RABIES TAG NUMBER	TATTOO	COLLAR (Color, type, etc.)	OTHER IDENTIFICATION (specify)			
none	none	none	none	none det			
CUSTODY RECORD PREPARED BY						DATE	
SIGNATURE & TITLE						8-17-24	
DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL						DATE	
Euth - Serial						8-23-24	

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Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Telephone _____
 Characteristics: Good with children _____ Lived inside/outside _____ Housebroken _____
 Disposition _____ Health _____ Gets along well with other pets _____
 Did you contact another shelter about this animal? _____ Why did they decline to accept? _____
 Has the animal bitten or scratched a person or animal within the past 10 days? _____

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X
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DANVILLE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

ANIMAL REPORT FORM

Date 8-17-24 Warden Private Society _____
Species K Sex S Approx. Age 1 day old Color TRT Approx. Wt. 20g Breed DSH

Date Available _____ Name _____ Seizure Reason Stray
Lic./Tag/Tattoo/Collar/Chip _____ Owner _____

Disposition: Euthanized lc

Adopted _____

Return to _____

Date 8-29 No. of days _____ Fee _____



TIME	2 AM/PM	CUSTODY DATE	8-22-24	Lib. Case/No.	38058 38059	
REASON FOR CUSTODY (mark appropriate box)				LOCATION WHERE CUSTODY WAS TAKEN		
Stray	Owner Surrender	Seized	Bite Case	Transfer from other local facility	Other	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS (if known)			ADDITIONAL INFORMATION			
Telephone:			Running A+ Large on 58 Both has Blood Above them Not sure where Blood came from.			
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION						
SPECIES	BREED	COLOR/MARKINGS	SEX	APPROX. AGE	APPROX. WEIGHT	OTHER
Canine	G.S./Hound	Tan Black Brown	F	1 1/2	35#	None
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (complete all that apply, or indicate "none")						
CITY/COUNTY LICENSE NUMBER	RABIES TAG NUMBER	TATTOO	COLLAR (Color, type, etc.)	OTHER IDENTIFICATION (specify)		
None	None	None	None	None Det		
CUSTODY RECORD PREPARED BY				DATE		
SIGNATURE & TITLE <i>Anne Turner - Sec</i>				8-22-24		
DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL				DATE		
euth. x2 not friendly				8-28-24		

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Name _____ Date 8/23/24
 Address _____ Telephone _____

Characteristics: Good with children Yes Lived Inside/Outside Outside Housebroken Not Sure
 Disposition _____ Health _____ Gets along well with other pets Not Sure
 Did you contact another shelter about this animal? NO Why did they decline to accept? _____
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38059

ANIMAL REPORT FORM

Date 8-22-24 Warden _____ Private _____ Society

Species CANINE Sex M Approx. Age 1YR Color BRN Approx. Wt. 35# Breed FOUND

Date Available 8-29-24 Name _____ Seizure Reason STRAY

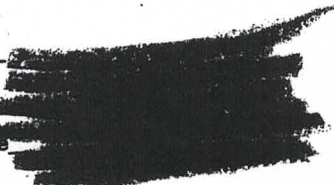
Lic./Tag/Tattoo/Collar/Chip _____ Owner _____

Disposition: Euthanized 6

Adopted _____

Return to _____

Date 8-27-24 No. of days _____ Fee _____



DATE 11/4/11					58958	
REASON FOR CUSTODY (mark appropriate box)					LOCATION WHERE CUSTODY WAS TAKEN	
Stray	Owner Surrender	Seized	Bite Case	Transfer from other locality/facility	Other	
✓					drop off	
OWNER'S NAME & ADDRESS (if known)				ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Telephone:				B Ray		
ANIMAL DESCRIPTION						
SPECIES	BREED	COLOR/MARKINGS	SEX	APPROX AGE	APPROX WEIGHT	OTHER
feline	DSH	3 - Black 1 - gray	3 Black white	F	12 wks	3#
ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION (complete all that apply, or indicate "none")						
CITY/COUNTY LICENSE NUMBER	RABIES TAG NUMBER	TATTOO	COLLAR (Color, type, etc.)	OTHER IDENTIFICATION (specify)		
None	none	none	none	none detected		
CUSTODY RECORD PREPARED BY					DATE	
SIGNATURE & TITLE					10-2-24	
DISPOSITION OF ANIMAL					DATE	
Euth					11-8-24	

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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

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Disposition _____ Health _____ Gets along well with other pets _____

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DANVILLE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.

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38958

ANIMAL REPORT FORM

Date 11-2-24 Warden _____ Private _____ Society

Species Feline Sex F Approx. Age 2 wks Color gray Approx. Wt. 3# Breed DSH

Date Available 11-9-24 Name _____ Seizure Reason DO

Lic./Tag/Tattoo/Collar/Chip _____ Owner _____

Disposition: Euthanized 1/1

Adopted _____

Return to _____

Date 11-8-24 No. of days _____ Fee _____

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