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Certified Mail

Ken Larking, City Manager
City of Danville
P.O. Box 3300
Danville, VA 24543

Notice of Violation and Penalty Dismissal **Case Number: 2615**

Dear Mr. Larking,

This letter serves as a follow-up to the Notice of Violation and Opportunity for Good Faith Consideration sent to your office via certified mail on February 4, 2026 (Enclosure 1). That Notice detailed findings of noncompliance related to a shelter inspection conducted on November 19, 2025. This was the second repeat violation of Virginia Code § 3.2-6546 and of 2VAC5-111-30 of the Virginia Administrative Code in the preceding five calendar years. Virginia Code § 3.2-6546 (K) authorizes the Office of Veterinary Services to assess civil penalties for such violations. This office offered the City of Danville an opportunity to provide any additional, relevant facts that would dispute these findings, or provide facts that would demonstrate a good-faith attempt to achieve compliance, within 30 calendar days of receipt of the Notice.

This office received correspondence from the City of Danville on March 6, 2026 (Enclosure 2). The information provided indicates a good faith effort to reach compliance. Therefore, the civil penalty associated with the violation referenced in the Notice of Violation and Opportunity for Good Faith Consideration dated February 3, 2026 is hereby dismissed.

Although the penalty has been rescinded, Danville Public Animal Shelter's violations of Virginia Code § 3.2-6546 and of 2VAC5-111-30 of the Virginia Administrative Code will remain on file.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, 11/19/2025, and continuing until the date of your next inspection.

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Please contact my office by phone (840-692-4001) or email (animalcare@vdacs.virginia.gov) if you have questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Lane Songer, DVM". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" for Songer.

H. Lane Songer, DVM
Animal Care Veterinary Supervisor

Enclosures:

1. Copy of February 3, 2026 Notice of Violation and Opportunity for Good Faith Consideration
2. Copy of Danville Area Humane Society's response to the Notice of Violation and Opportunity for Good Faith Consideration, received March 6, 2026
3. "Comprehensive Animal Law and Related Regulations Civil Penalty Matrix"