



Inspection Report

Blue Ridge Kennel
P.O. Box 1207
Wetumpka, AL 36092

Customer ID: **928**
Certificate: **64-R-0102**
Site: 001
BLUE RIDGE KENNEL

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 11-JUL-2023

2.33(b)(2) Repeat
Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

Several dogs were noted during this inspection as requiring veterinary care/follow-up. One dog needs follow-up medical evaluation. From the medical records pulled and reviewed, at least 4 dogs failed to receive follow up care as directed by the Attending Veterinarian (AV), and 1 dog did not receive medication as prescribed.

***One dog, "Bow" (female yellow lab, 11 year old, 900215003196985) was noted to be severely overweight and having much difficulty rising from the concrete floor. She has excess fat deposits over her entire body including the ribs, backbone and limbs. Her ribs could not be palpated. It took her eleven seconds and many attempts to get her front legs up off the ground and her weight on them to get up off the floor. Her front limbs kept sliding out from under her. No rubber mats were present in his enclosure. Previous examination results show her being placed on thyroid medication but no evaluation for her weight or difficulty rising.

***Medical records show "Shadow" (10-year-old female black lab, microchip 900215003196997) was seen for heart issues on 5/2/23, and the AV requested a recheck in 2-6 weeks. At the time of the inspection, no recheck had been performed.

***Medical records show 3 dogs were diagnosed with low thyroid blood test levels over the last approximately four months and started on supplemental thyroid medication. The medical records for all three dogs state that the dogs were to have follow-up thyroid testing after being on the medication for several weeks but the records do not show that these tests have been done. "Snow" (10-year-old female yellow Labrador, microchip 900215003196989) was diagnosed and started on treatment on 3/27/23 with a recheck to be done in 45-55 days. "Chance" (5-year-old male yellow Labrador, microchip 900215003196995) was diagnosed and started on treatment on 3/24/23 with a recheck test to be done in 45-55 days. "Ritz"(1.5-year-old female black Labrador, microchip 900215003196821) was diagnosed and started on treatment on 4/17/23 with a recheck test to be done in 50-70 days. None of these dogs had received follow up testing by the time of the inspection.

***One dog, "Snowflake", (twelve year old yellow lab 956000012520418) did not receive a daily medication as prescribed on 6/9/23 to 6/11/23. The kennel manager stated that the AV did not give permission for this medication to be stopped. Follow up testing requested by the veterinarian is important to ensure that the correct dosage of medications is administered. Follow up examinations are essential for monitoring disease progression and response to treatments. Following the AV's instructions regarding daily prescription medications is vital for animal health. Correct by 1) having the veterinarian re-evaluate Bow to develop a treatment and husbandry plan going forward to address her health issues and by 2) using appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries in consultation with the AV, including the timely provision of follow-up care as prescribed by the AV.

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3.1(a) Repeat

Housing facilities, general.

The exercise yards' fencing has had major repairs done since the last inspection however one section of fencing is still in need of repair (far yard past building 3). When the top frame was repaired, it left the chain link fencing loose in two of the sections of the fence at ground level. Two long pieces of wood were stacked on top of each other on the ground between two supports and one long piece of wood was laid at ground level between the adjacent two supports. These pieces of wood are not attached to the fence. A simple push on the top piece of the stacked wood caused it to fall. If the dogs cause the stacked wood to fall, try to move the wood or if they access the loose chain link fencing behind the pieces of wood, the dogs may injure themselves.

Correct by repairing this section of fencing so that it is structurally sound and protects the dogs from injury.

3.9(b)

Feeding

In approximately 20 percent of dog enclosures, dry feed kibble was noted on the floor/ground of the outdoor portion of the dog enclosure. In one enclosure, the dry feed kibble was on the ground of the inside portion of the dog enclosure. Food fed on the ground may become contaminated by excreta and pests. Food receptacles must be used for dogs. Correct by 7/14/23.

3.13(b)(3) Repeat

Veterinary care for dogs.

Medical records were incomplete. "Too Smart", an adult black and tan female Rottweiler dog (microchip 985112008412306) was prescribed an antibiotic for 7 days on 5/24/23, but the medical record does not show that this medication was given for 7 days. The kennel manager stated that the medication had been given to the dog as prescribed. The same dog was prescribed a long-term daily medication, but the medical record does not show a record of treatments completed on 5/9/23 and 5/10/23 (although the kennel manager stated that the medicine was administered on those days).

Medical records are important because they document treatments given and help prevent missed or duplicate treatments. Correct by ensuring that future treatments are documented in the medical record for each dog including the date, dose, and type of medications given.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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928	64-R-0102	001	BLUE RIDGE KENNEL	11-JUL-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000080	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000080	Total	