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## Caboodle Ranch Inspection

December 6, 2010

On the day of December the 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 I visited Craig Grant at his cat sanctuary located at 711 Benchmark Drive in Lee Florida otherwise known as Caboodle Ranch. I was there to conduct a routine inspection of the grounds and adjacent facilities that harbored most of the cats. My first impressions of the grounds were that they were neat and clean and had been freshly raked. There was fresh running water for the cats to drink and fresh food in the bowls for the cats to eat. I announced my arrival to Grant who immediately led me to the new construction that was going on behind the infirmary. There was a new building going up that would serve as the leukemia positive cat shelter. It was donated and built by a gentleman from Texas. The construction was about 45% complete on the building. Grant also showed me a couple of invoices for two more buildings one for an infirmary, and one for an office/living space for the cats. These would replace the older buildings that were serving this function.

Craig then took me into the infirmary. The first thing I noticed was the smell of bleach. He mentioned that the infirmary had recently been cleaned and scrubbed. I also noted the ventilation was adequate and he had good heating for the sick cats. I noticed about 20-25 cats in the sick ward. Some were obviously sick and others seemed healthy.

We next visited the office area. It was well heated and contained about 30+ sleeping cats. I noticed the fact that all of these cats were cohabitating peacefully together with no visible signs of fighting or aggression. There was some debris on the floor but this was mainly due to the abundance of food bowls as well as kitty litter trays that were scattered around the office. The area was sufficiently clean given the number of cats in the space.

Next we visited the trailer in the back of the property. It is one that will be replaced with the new building project. Craig opened the door and I noticed it was well heated and there was about 10-15 cats lounging in this trailer. Some seemed afraid when he opened the door but the majority was calm and relaxed. I also observed some extra holding cages for new arrivals being stored in the trailer.

Craig then led me to the very back of the property where the outside kennels are. This is where the new arrivals are contained when they first arrive so they can be introduced to the area slowly with the hopes they will not run off when turned loose into general population. I immediately noticed large containers full of fresh drinking water that was dripping from water lines and spigots. Craig has also provided heat for the kennels and has used tarps to insulate the facility. Food was also in abundance. The paths and trails all seemed to have been raked and cleaned throughout the sanctuary. I didn't see any litter, trash or debris anywhere on the property.

