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Caboodle Ranch Inspection

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My associate and I arrived at Caboodle Ranch right before 11:00 am. As we walked to the front gate we noticed about 6 cats in front of the main gate. The area was free of litter and had been freshly raked. We noticed that the food bowls that were visible were all topped off with fresh food and the water bowls were full of fresh clean water. Since this was an unexpected visit no one was there to let us in. I called out to Craig and one of his new assistants, Debbie, came to the gate and let us in. she went to get Craig while we waited in the middle of the courtyard area. As we waited we looked around to see how many sick cats we could find. Out of the 100+ that were present we could identify about 3-5 sick ones.

Craig said that we had caught him by surprise and that he was in the middle of doing his chores. I apologized and said that we could look around without him. He stated that he wanted to show me the new buildings, and took us on a tour. We looked at 2 new 2 story cabin type buildings that were going to replace the old trailers that he had been using. They were in the process of getting wired for electrical and receiving dry wall as well as the impervious surface treatment that was recommended by our local veterinarian as well as animal control to help aid in easier and more effective disinfection of living quarters.

The large cat boxes continue to be used by the cats which greatly cut down the amount of feces on the main grounds as well as flies and smell.

Next we went to the HIV and Leukemia positive cat building. This building was 100% complete. New cat proof fencing is going up to allow these cats to be contained and still have a good bit of room to be outside the building without infecting the others.

As we toured the grounds Craig showed us the newly constructed feeding stations spread out around the facility. We noticed that an overwhelming majority of the cats were in good to excellent health.

We next visited the sick ward where the sickest of the cats are held for confinement and for treatment. The sick ward was being cleaned at the time but we were able to go in and view the cats. There were approximately 15-20 sick cats in the ward. Craig pointed out which ones were under the care of Dr. Lewis and which ones had already been treated by him.

Next we went to his records keeping building. He did show me many records he had on file for a majority of the cats at the sanctuary. He also stated that he was in the process of getting a new office

building located at the main entrance to house his records. He stated that his lawyer had copies of all the records he had. He also stated that Dr. Lewis kept records of all the cats under his care and assured me that the cats he takes in are spayed and neutered and current on their vaccinations. The ones that had no records to prove current status are being seen by Dr. Lewis. He is also in the process of implementing a micro chipping program to better ID the cats for future records. Dr. Lewis and his staff will be heading up this project.

Our last stop on this tour was the food storage unit which was kept neat and tidy and was well stocked with quality food for the animals.

I left Craig with a few suggestions that I felt needed addressing.

- 1- He is also in the process of implementing a micro chipping program to better ID the cats for future records I recommended that Craig develop and put into writing a disaster response plan detailing how he plans to evacuate and transport his animals in a time of crisis.
- 2- I recommended that he take an accurate head count and post this number on his web site. This can be done during the micro chipping project.
- 3- I recommended that he halt the taking in of anymore cats until all these other issues can be resolved.

I saw that many of the things we had suggested to Mr. Grant over the last couple of years had or were being implemented within reason. I feel that Mr. Grant is continuing to provide the best possible care he can give the cats at this time.

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