



Puppies On Wheels

February 11, 2010 Inspection Report

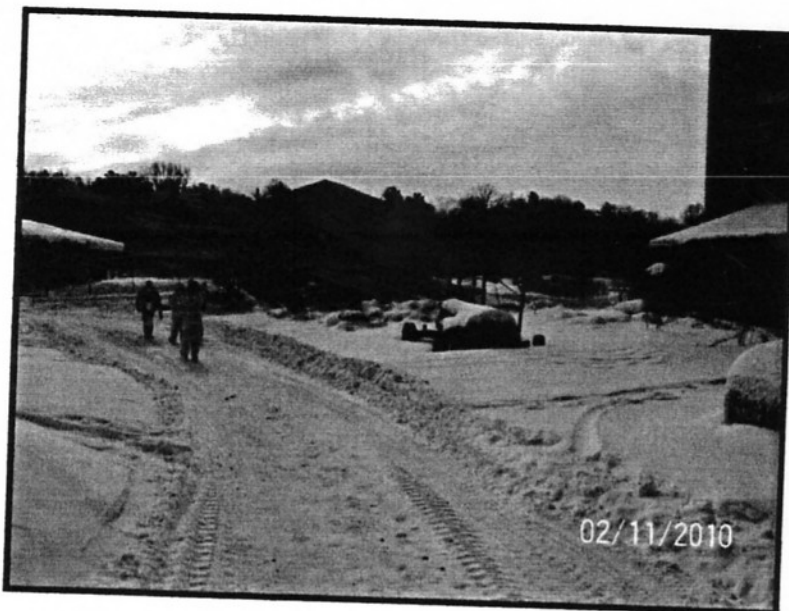
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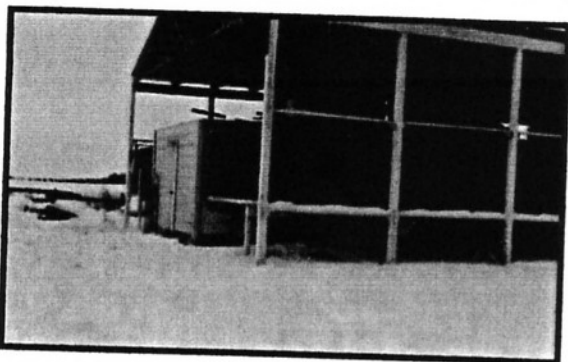
Overview

On February 11, 2009, at the request of Otter Tail County, the Minnesota Humane Society conducted a follow-up inspection of the Puppies on Wheels dog breeding facility located at 51402 410th Street, New York Mills, Minnesota. The inspection team had the following four team members: Linda Challeen, President of the Minnesota Humane Society; Dr. Charles Gumbusky, Minnesota licensed veterinarian; Bill Stephenson, Supervisor of Animal Control for the City of St. Paul; and Sheryl Hogg, videographer and veterinary technician in training. Also present were Mindy Sachs, Otter Tail County Probation Officer, Kathy and Allan Bauck, and Dr. Teal, the veterinarian for Puppies on Wheels.



There are twelve buildings on the property, including the family home. Since the last inspection on December 1st, Puppies on Wheels has sold enough adult dogs that the Dollar Barn no longer houses any dogs. The inspection team inquired as to where these dogs have gone. Kathy Bauck was unwilling to provide any details and responded that it was her business, not the inspection team's business. Currently dogs are housed in the Bread and Butter Barn, the Red Barn and the Puppy Whelping Barn. Other animals observed on the property: twelve horses, numerous cats, one macaw, lovebirds and an aquarium with fish.

Dollar Barn

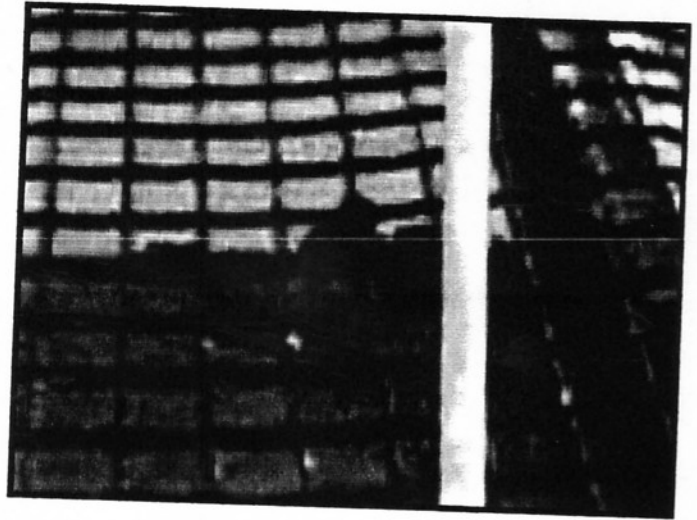
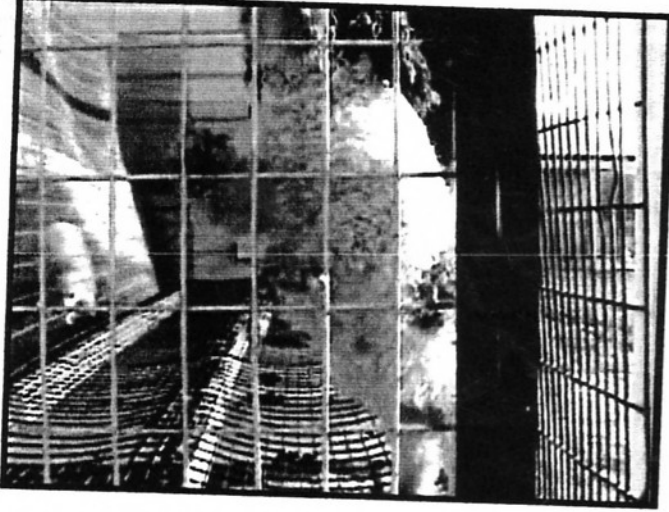


The Dollar Barn, pictured to the left, previously housed various small breed dogs. The dogs were housed in elevated cages with doors allowing the dogs to go in and out of the building. Each cage generally housed three dogs. On the day of the inspection, this building was empty and did not house any dogs. The concerns/violations raised in the December 1, 2009 Inspection Report with respect to the cage construction have not been addressed. They were as follows:

- The construction of the cages allows for fecal matter to catch up under the cage; removal of this fecal matter is nearly impossible (see photographs on following page).

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 346.39, Subd. 12, "wastes must be disposed of properly" and "outdoor enclosures must be kept clean."

Pursuant to USDA Regulation 3.11(a), "Excreta and food waste must be removed from primary enclosures daily, and from under primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent an excessive accumulation of feces and food waste..."



Recommendation:

Increase the staff to dog ratio to enable more frequent cleaning of dog kennels. Reconstruct the supports under the cages to allow access for staff to clean or to prevent the fecal matter from getting stuck.

- The kennels, both outside and inside, had sharp wire sticking out into the cages, which could cause injury to the dogs. Inspection team members observed dog fur on the wire, indicating the dogs are in contact with the wire (see photographs below and on the following page).

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 346.39, Subd. 10, dog and cat confinement and exercise area surfaces must "protect the animal from injury and be kept in good repair."

Pursuant to USDA Regulation 3.1 (c)(II), housing facilities in general must be "free of jagged edges or sharp points that might injure the animals."

Pursuant to USDA Regulation 3.6 (2)(I), primary enclosures must "have no sharp points or edges that could injure the dogs and cats."



