

Statement of Unleashed Pet Rescue and Adoption Inc.

On November 22, 2022, the Kansas Department of Agriculture's Animal Health Division ("AHD") commenced agency proceedings seeking to impose monetary penalties and revoke Unleashed Pet Rescue and Adoption Inc.'s license to operate for alleged violations of AHD's regulations adopted under the Kansas Pet Animal Act ("KPAA"). The alleged violations arose from an October 24, 2022, inspection conducted by three inspectors of the Animal Facilities Inspection Program ("AFI"), which is the branch of the AHD responsible for regulating facilities required to be licensed under the provisions of the KPAA. The conditions noted as alleged violations in the October 24, 2022, inspection have all been corrected, many of them immediately upon completion of the inspection. Although some of the conditions were not in fact violations of any identifiable AHD regulation, Unleashed has gone above and beyond to satisfy AFI's demands and firmly believes the agency proceedings will be resolved in favor of Unleashed continuing to operate as it has since 2011 for the benefit of the animal community.

While these proceedings were pending, Unleashed discovered that one of the dogs in its care ("Dexter") had skin irritation under an anti-anxiety vest that was placed on him by Unleashed to sooth his anxiousness and panting in the shelter. As soon the situation was discovered, he was immediately provided adequate veterinary medical care by Unleashed's attendant veterinarian as required by AHD regulations. The veterinarian determined that the skin irritation occurred due to a combination of Dexter's drooling on the vest, which was designed to fit snug, and the vest rubbing on his skin. Unleashed is aware that AFI is also investigating this situation. Unleashed is cooperating fully and is confident that no regulatory violations occurred.

If anyone would like to come see how Unleashed operates, the facility is open 7 days a week. Please feel free to email unleashedrescue@gmail.com at any time to set up a tour.