



USDA, APHIS, Animal Care



ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINT

Complaint No. E09-202	Date Entered 17 July 2009	Received By J Meek
Referred To Baltrush/Smith	Reply Due 19 August 2009	

Facility or Person Complaint Filed Against

Name Leah Shattuck/ Winterhill Kennel		Customer/License/Registration No. 322200	
Address 76 Birch Hill Road			
City West Brookfield	State MA	Zip 01585	Phone No 508-867-6929

Complainant

Name (b)(6)		Organization Wickaboag Veterinary Clinic	
Address PO Box 392			
City West Brookfield	State MA	Zip 01585	Phone No./Email address 508-867-9894

How was complaint received? fax

Forward response to FOIA: Yes No

Details of Complaint: Complainant states that Leah Shattuck is selling wholesale and does not have proper vet care for her dogs.

Results: This complaint investigation was conducted on July 30, 2009. I spoke to Leah Shattuck regarding the items that the complainant was concerned about. At the time of this inspection she had ~100 breeders and ~50 puppies on the premise.

The complainant was concerned about a 4 yr old yellow lab. He was concerned that the animal had severe hip dysplasia, severe bilateral allergic otitis, had severed dental disease, was thin, and came up positive for hookworm / heartworm / Lyme disease. And due to the fact that she had 20 breeding animals, that needed radiographs for hip dysplasia, on her property she must be selling wholesale.

Mrs. Shattuck had her daughter bring the dog to me. This dog was very active and showed no signs of lameness at the time that I saw him. He had very good muscle tone in his hip and rear leg regions. Therefore, I am unable to determine if this animal indeed has dysplasia or not.

This dog showed no signs of ear problems. He was not shaking his head, pawing at his ears, scratching his ears, etc..

According to the complainant, he did perform a dental. So the teeth did look

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clean.

This dog was a bit thin - his ribs could be seen as he moved about. However, his hips, nor his spinal vertebra were visible. She did mention that he had lost a few pounds since that vet visit. She also claimed that her dogs were on monthly Ivermectin treatments. Therefore, I am not able to verify if this dog had hookworms / heartworm / or Lyme disease.

Mrs. Shattuck informed me that this particular complainant has never liked her. She was aware of 2 or 3 other complaints that were filed against her from this same complainant. And she also plans to bring this dog to another vet clinic for a second opinion.

Mrs. Shattuck also stated that all her dogs are sold to private individuals. All sales are on a retail basis. No animals are sold on a wholesale level.

Therefore, it appears that this complaint is not valid.

Application packet provided? Yes No

INSPECTOR
Jan Baltrush



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