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Memorandum Regarding Saint Louis County Pet Adoption Center
Audit Report Number 005-100

The County Auditor's Office received a telephonic response and inquiry from an official with the Drug Enforcement Administration as a follow-up to the previously published Audit Report. The Auditor discussed the matter with the DEA official who expressed concern and indicated he would speak with his superior relative to the DEA conducting further investigation. No additional response has been received by the Auditor, to date. The Auditor did advise the official to contact County Authorities regarding any further action.

In conjunction with the above discussion, the Auditor attaches MISSOURI STATE VETERINARY BOARD REQUIRED LEVELS OF SUPERVISION, a chart which delineates information regarding State requirements concerning the administration of medicine to animals and the professional supervision relative thereto. See attached document which can also be located at the following website:
<https://pr.mo.gov/boards/veterinary/VetSupervisionChart.pdf>

On May 8, 2018, Fox 2 News, KPLR 11, reported a story titled "St. Louis County to step in and help South County residents with feral cat problem". The media outlet interviewed Dr. Faisal Khan, the Director of the St. Louis County Health Department, who said staff will use what is called the "TNR" method, which means trap, neuter and return. Per the report, Dr. Khan said staff will return the cats to the same area and it's important residents of a nearby senior living community stop feeding the cats. County staff said they previously captured and euthanized feral cats but have not done it in years and have no plans to do so. The Office of the County Auditor shall continue to monitor this matter.

Office of the Saint Louis County Auditor

**MISSOURI STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
REQUIRED LEVELS OF SUPERVISION**

	ANES- THESIA MONITOR- ING*	INDUC- TION	EUTHA- NIZA	SURGERY	DIAG- NOSIS	PRESCRIBING		TREATMENT		ADMIN- ISTER RABIES	BIOLOGICS OTHER	ROUTINE DENTAL PROPHY- LAXIS
						CON- TROLLED	NOT CON- TROLLED	@ FACILITY	NOT @ FACILITY			
TEMPORARY LICENSE	B	B	B	B	B	D	B	C	C	C	C	B
(RVT) REGISTERED VET. TECHNICIAN	B	A	B	D	D	D	D	C	B	D	B	B
UNREGISTERED ASSISTANT	A	D	A	D	D	D	D	C	A	D	A	A
VETERINARY STUDENT	A	A	A	A	A	D	D	C	B	D	B	A
CONSULTING** LICENSEE FROM ALLIED PROFESSIONS	D	D	D	A	A	D	D	A	A	D	D	A

* Monitoring of or administration of pre-calculated dose of anesthesia
** Dentist, Chiropractor, Physician, etc.

A = Immediate Supervision: the licensed veterinarian is in the immediate area and within audible and visual range of animal patient and the person treating the patient;

B = Direct Supervision: the licensed veterinarian is on the premises where the animal is being treated and is quickly and easily available and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task;

C = Indirect Supervision: the licensed veterinarian need not be on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient or treatment protocol has been established and the animal has been examined by a license veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires consistent with the particular delegated health care task; provided that the patient is not in a surgical plane of anesthesia and the licensed veterinarian is available for consultation on at least a daily basis;

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