

Cory Mincey
Puppy Love Kennel aka Cory's Cuties
Elkland, MO

Four dogs “died suddenly” at the facility in less than three months; repeat violations for numerous emaciated dogs, dogs with loose stools and excessive feces; owner also refused to allow access to kennel to inspectors in 10 different attempts; when inspectors were able to access the kennel, state inspectors found violations again and again in 2018 and 2019. Violations found in March 2019 included dogs who didn't have the required amount of cage space, dogs who had “little to no water,” or only dirty water, two dogs who had been marked “unsound for breeding” by the facility's veterinarian yet were still housed with intact male dogs as part of the breeding program, and a repeated problem with dogs who had loose stools and had not been adequately treated for the issue. In addition, the operation's license expired on Jan. 31, 2019, and the owner was not immediately granted a new one because they had failed to make the property available for re-inspection in February (one of 10 failed inspection attempts in the course of about one year).

Just a few of the many violations documented during a December 2018 visit included:

- Four dogs were noted to have died suddenly since the inspection in October.
- The enclosures in the whelping building and several outdoor enclosures still contained an excessive amount of feces accumulation. This facility has been having issues with intestinal parasite infestation.
- “The licensee had Logan [an underweight Boxer identified at the previous inspection] examine[d] by a licensed veterinarian and provided documentation of diagnosis and treatment recommendations. However, not all of the treatment recommendations were followed, nor all of the stated treatments documented. Additionally, Logan was still observed to have loose and bloody stools in his enclosure.”
- “There were still several dogs throughout the facility which were observed to be thin with body condition scores of 3/9 or less.”
- There were other violations related to unsafe housing conditions that could injure the dogs; expired veterinary records and numerous other problems.

During an October 2018 inspection, numerous similar violations were found, including the following:

- “Logan, a male, black Boxer which was housed in one of the chain link enclosures was observed to have loose, bloody stool. Fresh blood was observed by Dr. Schmidt in the hair around Logan's anus. Dr. Schmidt noted that Logan was thin with a body score condition of 3/9 on the Nestle Purina Body Score Condition Scoring Chart.”

- “There were thirty adult small breed dogs being housed in [one particular] building.... All of the dogs on this side of the building were wet and covered in mud. We noticed a male Miniature Pinscher named Cooper to be thin with a body score condition of 2/9 on the Nestle Purina Body Score Condition Scoring Chart. We asked Mr. Mincey why Cooper was so thin, and he stated that the two female Miniature Pinchers with which he was housed did not share the food. A majority of the water provided to all of the dogs in this building was dirty and contained debris and algae.”
- **“The allegation that there were multiple dogs that were thin and in need of veterinary care was substantiated.** We noted two dogs at the facility that were thin on the day of the investigation. Mrs. Mincey has been **cited during previous inspections for thin dogs.** We instructed Mrs. Mincey to consult with her attending veterinarian regarding thin dogs to develop a protocol to include body condition scoring and methods to determine the cause of weight loss and implementation of a plan once the cause has been determined. **Furthermore, multiple enclosures were observed to contain loose and in one case, bloody stools on the day of the investigation. The diagnosis of hookworms was made by the attending veterinarian in April 2018, but Mrs. Mincey was not following instructions of the veterinarian to monitor and treat intestinal parasites.”**





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