

Animal Care Investigations



Dr. Scott Leibsle DVM, DABVP



Animal Care Legislation

As of July 1, 2011 – (ID Code Title 25, Chapter 35)

Local law enforcement agencies shall be responsible for the administration of the provisions of animal care as they pertain to **companion animals** and shall be authorized to call upon the division to aid in fulfillment of the requirements.



In cases where **production animals** are subject to a violation of Idaho Code, law enforcement agencies shall not enforce the law or remove an animal from a production facility without first obtaining an inspection and written documentation from an ISDA investigator.



Production vs. Companion Animals

Companion

Those animals including, but not limited to, domestic dogs, cats, rabbits, companion birds and other animals commonly kept as pets



Production

Animals owned for the express purpose of producing food or fiber, or other commercial activity in furtherance of the production of food or fiber.



Horses?

- In many cases, horses will be considered a “companion” for animal care purposes.
- If there is ever a question, ISDA may be called in for consultation at any time, but the decision ultimately lies with local law enforcement



Historically – equine cases have comprised the majority of animal care complaints in Idaho.

- Fiscal Year 2010 – 174 (218 total complaints)
- Fiscal Year 2011 – 136 (210 total)
- Fiscal Year 2012 – 31* (62 total)
- Fiscal Year 2013 – 30* (61 total)

*most likely due to statutory change; county requesting assistance

Animal Care Legislation

Effective July 1, 2012 – (ID Code Title 25, Chapter 35)

- Animal Cruelty – 3rd offense felony provision
- Gamecock fighting – anyone who advertises, promotes or organizes a gamecock fight shall be guilty of:
 - 1st offense felony for gambling and possessing a controlled substance while participating
 - 2nd offense felony for implementing mechanical enhancements to inflict pain/injury or administering substances to increase activity or aggressiveness while participating



Body Condition Scoring

A numerical scale to grade the physical condition of an animal (*relative to breed and discipline)

1 – Emaciated (thin)

2

3

4

5 – Moderate

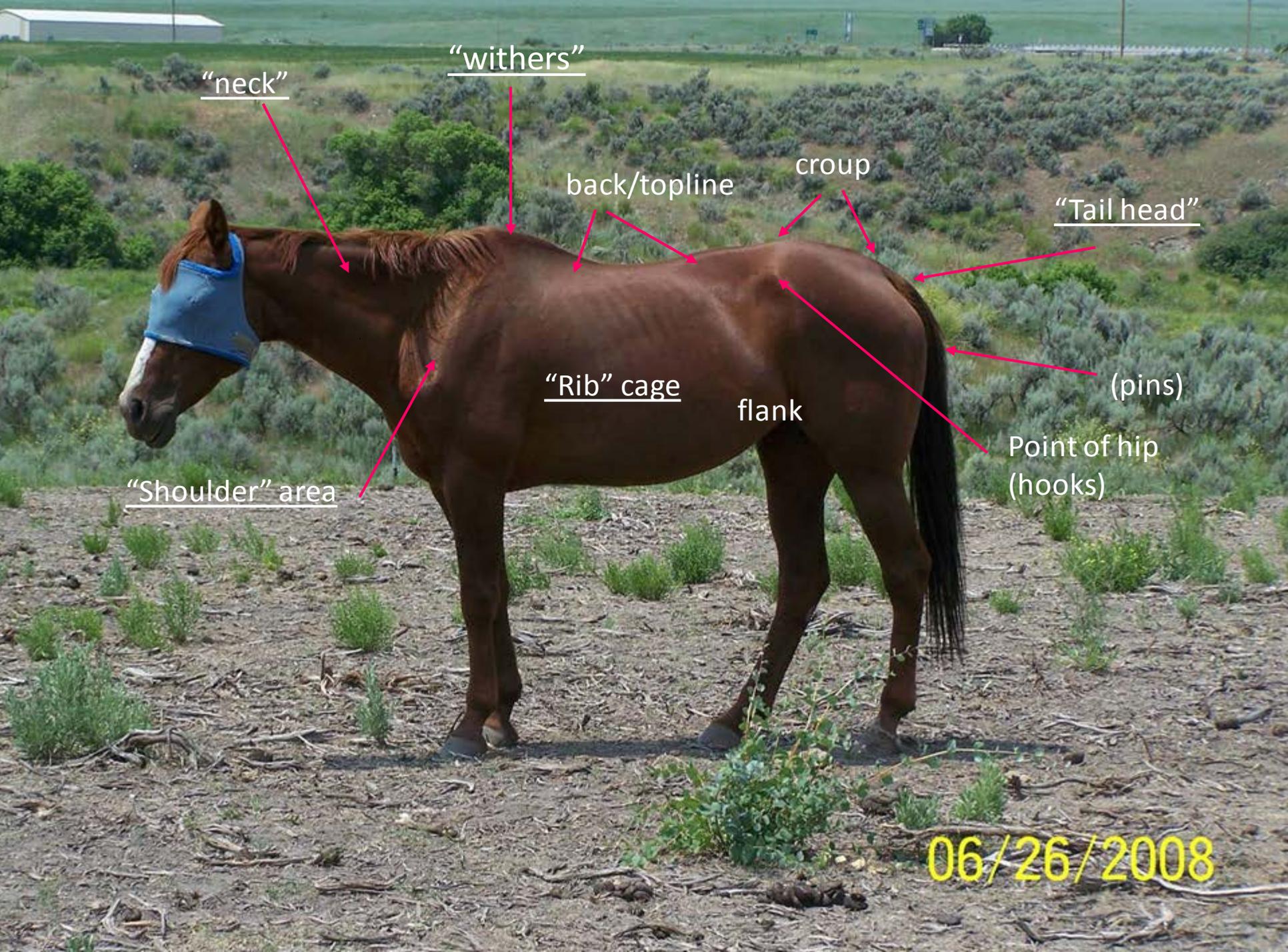
6

7

8

9 – Obese (fat)





"neck"

"withers"

back/topline

croup

"Tail head"

"Rib" cage

flank

(pins)

Point of hip
(hooks)

"Shoulder" area

06/26/2008

BCS 1

Generally poor condition

No fat tissue can be identified

Ribs, spine, withers, hooks and pins prominent

Bone structure of withers, shoulders and neck easily seen



BCS 2

Very Thin

Slight amount of fat covering the base of the spine

Ribs, spine, withers, hooks and pins somewhat prominent

Bone structure of neck and shoulders faintly discernable



BCS 3

Thin

Tailhead still prominent, but
vertebrae cannot be identified

Hooks are rounded, but visible

Ribs still visible with slight fat
cover



BCS 4

Slightly Thin

Hooks not visible

Faint outline of ribs

Withers, shoulders, neck
obviously not thin



BCS 5

Moderate

Ribs not visible, but can be easily felt

Withers are rounded

Neck and shoulders blend smoothly into body



BCS 6

Moderately Fleshy

May have a slight crease down the back

Fat is accumulating at the tailhead and along the sides of the withers, shoulders and neck



BCS 7

Fleshy

Crease down the back

Ribs can be felt individually,
but noticeable fat is present
between ribs

Noticeable fat along the
withers, behind shoulders
and along the neck



BCS 8

Fat

Prominent crease down the back

Difficult to feel ribs due to fat accumulation

Withers and tailhead filled with fat

Area behind shoulders is filled in and flush with the barrel of the body

Neck is thickened and fat is accumulating along the inner buttocks



BCS 9

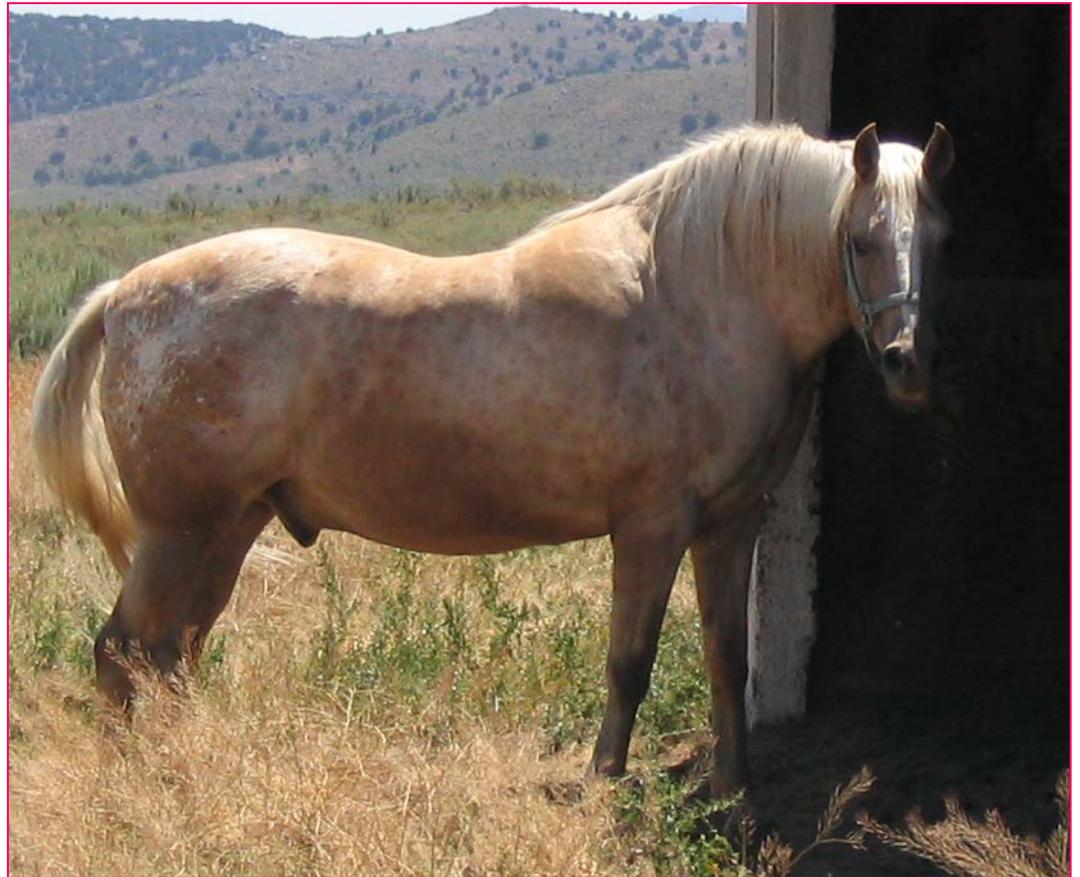
Extremely Fat

Significant crease down the back

Cannot feel rib cage

Fat is bulging over tailhead, withers, neck and shoulders

Fat along inner buttocks may rub together



BCS 2-3



06/26/2008

BCS 1-2



A brown horse with a thick, light-colored mane is standing in a snowy field behind a wire fence. The horse is looking towards the right. In the background, there is a wooden building and a line of trees.

Evaluating from a distance is not
always accurate!!

BCS 4-5 ?

Actually 2-3

Typical Reasons for Poor Body Condition

- Neglect/Malnutrition
 - Too Little Feed
 - Poor Feed Quality
- Age-associated Conditions
 - Impaired Digestive Ability
- Parasite Infestation
- Poor Dentition
- Medical Conditions



“Old Age” is not a good reason for poor body condition

Geriatric horses are not thin because they're old – there is always a reason for it

- Inappropriate feed
- Digestive Malabsorption
- Dental Condition (Teeth require floating)
- Metabolic/Endocrine Disease (Cushings)
- Cancer



Case #1

IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL INDUSTRIES CASE INVESTIGATION FORM

NAME/ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL/COMPANY ALLEGED TO BE CAUSE OF COMPLAINT: Fenn, ID		DATE AND TIME RECEIVED: 11/27/07 9:23am	COMPLAINT NUMBER: AC-08-0121	
COUNTY: Idaho		TYPE OF COMPLAINT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANIMAL CARE <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> MISCELLANEOUS <input type="checkbox"/> ODOR <input type="checkbox"/> DEAD ANIMAL		COMPLAINT DETAIL: DATE INCIDENT OCCURRED: TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED: DURATION OF INCIDENT:
NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE # OF COMPLAINANT:		ASSIGNED TO: Amity Larsen		DATE: 11/27/07
NATURE OF COMPLAINT: This is regarding [redacted] and a horse they have in Fenn, ID. Amity told them to get him a bigger pen and a building for shelter. None of that has been done. Thank you. Bye.				DOES COMPLAINANT EXPECT ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT CONTACT?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
ILLNESS INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:		HOSPITALIZATION REQUIRED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:	
SPECIES: Equidae	NUMBER AFFECTED: 1	FACILITY TYPE: Corral	FACILITY CONDITION:	
FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION:	GENERAL CONDITION OF ANIMALS: Good	AVERAGE BODY CONDITION SCORE OF ALL ANIMALS:	BODY CONDITION SCORE RANGE OF ANIMALS:	
ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		NAME OF WATERWAY AFFECTED:		EVIDENCE/SAMPLE OBTAINED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DISPOSITION: INITIAL INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES CLOSED WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY ISDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO REFERRED TO:			FOLLOW-UP NEEDED BY ISDA: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO FOLLOW-UP TIMEFRAME:	





Case #1

1			2			3			4			6			7		
ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO						NAME OF WATERWAY AFFECTED:						EVIDENCE/SAMPLE OBTAINED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
DISPOSITION:									FOLLOW-UP NEEDED BY ISDA: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO								
INITIAL INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES									FOLLOW-UP TIMEFRAME: [REDACTED]								
CLOSED WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY ISDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO									REFERRED TO: [REDACTED]								
REMARKS: Upon receiving this complaint I read that the complainant had stated I had instructed the [REDACTED] to get a larger pen for the horse and to build a shelter. That was not true.																	
On November 29, 2007 I went to the [REDACTED] residence and viewed the Paint horse that they contained in a round-pen, which was frequently moved to ensure there was not an excessive build-up of manure. I found the horse had food and water and was in good general condition.																	
I did not find that this complaint warranted further investigation by ISDA.																	

Case #2

IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – ANIMAL INDUSTRIES CASE INVESTIGATION FORM

NAME/ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL/COMPANY ALLEGED TO BE CAUSE OF COMPLAINT: [REDACTED] Mt. Idaho		DATE AND TIME RECEIVED: 12/01/07 PM	COMPLAINT NUMBER: AC-08-0128
COUNTY: Idaho		TYPE OF COMPLAINT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANIMAL CARE <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> MISCELLANEOUS <input type="checkbox"/> ODOR <input type="checkbox"/> DEAD ANIMAL	COMPLAINT DETAIL: DATE INCIDENT OCCURRED: [REDACTED] TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED: [REDACTED] DURATION OF INCIDENT: on-going
NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE # OF COMPLAINANT: Sgt. Herb Lindsey Idaho County Sheriff's Office Grangeville, ID 83855 (208) 983-1100		ASSIGNED TO: Amity Larsen	DATE: 12/01/07
NATURE OF COMPLAINT: The [REDACTED]s have a horse that is reportedly in poor condition and not appropriately being cared for.			DOES COMPLAINANT EXPECT ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT CONTACT?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ILLNESS INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE: [REDACTED]	HOSPITALIZATION REQUIRED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE: [REDACTED]	
SPECIES: Equidae	NUMBER AFFECTED: 1	FACILITY TYPE: Pasture	FACILITY CONDITION: [REDACTED]
FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION: [REDACTED]	GENERAL CONDITION OF ANIMALS: Fair	AVERAGE BODY CONDITION SCORE OF ALL ANIMALS: [REDACTED]	BODY CONDITION SCORE RANGE OF ANIMALS: [REDACTED]
ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO [REDACTED]		NAME OF WATERWAY AFFECTED: [REDACTED]	EVIDENCE/SAMPLE OBTAINED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DISPOSITION: INITIAL INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES CLOSED WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY ISDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO REFERRED TO: Idaho County Sheriff's Office		FOLLOW-UP NEEDED BY ISDA: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO FOLLOW-UP TIMEFRAME: [REDACTED]	









Case #2

SPECIES: Equidae	NUMBER AFFECTED: 1	FACILITY TYPE: Pasture	FACILITY CONDITION: [REDACTED]	
FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION: [REDACTED]	GENERAL CONDITION OF ANIMALS: Fair	AVERAGE BODY CONDITION SCORE OF ALL ANIMALS: [REDACTED]	BODY CONDITION SCORE RANGE OF ANIMALS: [REDACTED]	
ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		NAME OF WATERWAY AFFECTED: [REDACTED]	EVIDENCE/SAMPLE OBTAINED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DISPOSITION: INITIAL INVESTIGATION COMPLETE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES CLOSED WITHOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION BY ISDA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO REFERRED TO: Idaho County Sheriff's Office			FOLLOW-UP NEEDED BY ISDA: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO FOLLOW-UP TIMEFRAME: [REDACTED]	

REMARKS: I was contacted by Sergeant Herb Lindsey of the Idaho County Sheriff's Office and asked to look at a horse located just out-side of Grangeville, Idaho. I was told the horse was owned by someone with the last name of [REDACTED]. I was also told that the Sheriff's Office had received multiple complaints and he wanted me to evaluate the horse's condition.

On December 03, 2007 I inspected the horse on Mt. Idaho in a pasture. There was some food and water present. I conducted a visual evaluation so as not to trespass. The bay horse appeared to be lacking fat cover over its shoulder, back, ribs and hind-quarters.

I reported my findings to Sgt. Lindsey. I explained that due to the thin nature of the horse, it would be appropriate for the horse to have access to free-choice quality grass hay. I told him I believed the owners needed to provide more calories to the horse. I also suggested that they have a veterinarian examine the horse to determine if it had any underlying health concerns if they were not able to improve the horse's condition with more nutrition. I also recommended that they have a farrier inspect the horse's hooves to address any issues, though I did not view the horse walk or identify lameness.

Sgt. Lindsey told me he would contact the owners and speak with them about my findings. He indicated he would follow-up to ensure the horse received appropriate care.

Case #3

RELATED REPORT NUMBER(S):09-25077

NARRATIVE: On 8/26/10 at approx. 1654 Hrs. I met C- ISP Sgt. K White and Deputy J. Shaw in the driveway at 23504 N. Hwy 95 in response to an agency assist, for a horse loose on the highway. Upon arrival, Dept. Shaw informed me the horse had been contained by himself, the ISP officer, and a neighbor of the horse owner. The ISP Officer was holding the haltered horse with a lead rope and talking with the owner S- [REDACTED]. Dept. Shaw also informed me the neighbor stated the same horse had been out previously causing traffic problems on the highway. In addition, Dept. Shaw thought the call might be considered an animal abuse case given that the horse was extremely thin.

I approached [REDACTED] and asked him how his horse got on to the highway and why the horse was in such condition. He stated he didn't know a good answer to either question, but would check the fence and confine it so it didn't get out again. [REDACTED] also stated he has been "trying everything" to put some weight on the horse. He said he has been feeding it grain and all the hay it can eat, had it's teeth floated the previous Fall, and recently wormed it, so it wasn't clear to him why it seemed to keep losing weight. Johnson also stated it was one of the same horses I had seen when I had been out to his place in Oct. 2009 (report #09-25077)that was not as thin as it is now.

I took some photographs of the horse, a sorrel stallion with a small star and two rear socks, with my department issued digital camera. It had hooves that were overgrown and cracking, and its pelvic bones, spine and ribs where very evident. I could not see any evidence of testes, however, [REDACTED] stated the horse was a 4 year old stallion. I could not see any evidence on the horse that it might have chronic diarrhea.

At that point Dept. Shaw and Trooper Sgt. White turned the case over to me for investigation of the abuse, and left the scene. I asked [REDACTED] to make an appointment with a Vet. for the following week for an evaluation and possibly blood work to determine why the horse was so thin if he indeed was feeding and worming it properly. He agreed to do so. I informed him I would follow up with him the following day. [REDACTED] then said he would return the neighbor's borrowed halter and lead, and take the horse home.

Case #3



Zoom

Color/Grayscale

Window

Macros

Name: S.OSBURN Date: 12:52:04 09/01/2010

On 9/1/10 at approx. 1048 hrs. I (ACO S. Osburn) met [REDACTED] at his residence to discuss the results of the Vet. appointment that he had for his horse, with W) Dr. Annie Bowes.

[REDACTED] stated the Vet. had just left and stated a summary of what she found: The horse's teeth were in good condition and appeared to be processing food appropriately as determined by the fiber length, and lack of whole grain pieces seen in the horse's soft feces. However, the horse appeared to have intestinal problems because it was not absorbing the food and putting on weight. The horse also had two retained testes, which was probably genetic as its sire had one undescended testee. Because the testes had not dropped yet, it was possible a cord to the testes could be wrapped around the intestine causing problems. The horse also had a heart murmur. It was unclear as to whether the murmur was a genetic defect like that of its dam, or a result of having lost so much weight. In either case, the horse could not be operated on to correct the retained testes because of the heart murmur.

Johnson stated the Vet. gave him an additional dewormer to try, but recommended having the horse euthanized if it didn't start putting on weight, since it would require some very expensive Veterinary care/treatments with no guarantee the horse would survive. He then said he wanted to look into donating the horse and some hay to a Rescue that might have available Vet. care. [REDACTED] stated if he could not find someone to take the horse and it didn't start putting on weight within the next couple weeks, then he would agree to euthanize the horse.

On 9/1/10 at approx. 1009 hrs. I spoke to Dr. Annie Bowes regarding her evaluation of [REDACTED] horse. She confirmed [REDACTED] summary, adding that she had palpated the horse's abdomen to feel for fat rings that should be present and found none, and that she felt if the horse was not euthanized it would need to be put on an easily digested pellet diet to try and put some weight on the horse. She stated she estimated the horse's current weight to be 750 lbs., and felt if it continued to lose weight, the humane thing would be to euthanize it. Dr. Bowes agreed to fax the Sheriff's Dept. a copy of her report. As of writing this supplement the fax had not arrived.



09/20/2010 13:16



09/20/2010 13:16



09/20/2010 13:17



09/20/2010 13:18



09/20/2010 13:19

Case #3

Idaho State Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Animal Health
Directive Compliance Agreement

Case # _____

Name [REDACTED] _____

Equine

Location 23322 N Hwy 95, Hahol, ID

Bovine

Ovine

Telephone (208) 772-2692 Date 9/20/10 Time 1320

Caprine

Suidae

Cervidae

Other

- Obtain a private veterinary exam for proper diagnosis and treatment plan.
- Do not use animal(s) until approval by veterinarian.
- Obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and any required necessary testing.
(See Special Instructions.)
- Nutrition: Increase the caloric intake by feeding more and higher quality hay, concentrated feed, and/or senior diet. Provide vitamin-mineral supplement and/or free-choice salt.
- Provide continuous access to clean, ice-free drinkable water.
- Provide shelter from wind, rain and snow.
- Repair fences and gates, remove dangerous hazards from area. (See Special Instructions.)
- Separate animals by age, sex, size, species or dominance to ensure each has access to feed, water and shelter.
- Wean over-age young stock from poor condition mothers.
- Appropriately trim feet to treat or avoid lameness.
- Humanely euthanize this animal. Proper disposal is required.
- Remove manure and litter from stalls, pens, and corrals.
- Adequate care is present. No corrective action necessary at this time.

Special Instructions:

If you choose not to euthanize this horse, please have him examined by a veterinarian for proper diagnosis and treatment plan.

Case #4

NAME/ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL/COMPANY ALLEGED TO BE CAUSE OF COMPLAINT: [REDACTED] Orofino, ID 83544		DATE AND TIME RECEIVED: 03/26/12 PM	COMPLAINT NUMBER: AC-12-0041	
COUNTY: Clearwater		TYPE OF COMPLAINT: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANIMAL CARE <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> MISCELLANEOUS <input type="checkbox"/> ODOR <input type="checkbox"/> DEAD ANIMAL		COMPLAINT DETAIL: DATE INCIDENT OCCURRED: [REDACTED] TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED: [REDACTED] DURATION OF INCIDENT: on-going
NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE # OF COMPLAINANT: Detective Amanda Barlow Clearwater County Sheriff's Office Orofino, Idaho (208) 476-4521		ASSIGNED TO: Amity Larsen		DATE: 03/26/12
NATURE OF COMPLAINT: The Sheriff's Office has received new complaints about the manner in which [REDACTED] keeps her horses. They requested ISDA assist them with determining if the horses were receiving appropriate care.				DOES COMPLAINANT EXPECT ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT CONTACT?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ILLNESS INVOLVED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INVOLVED?: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE: Dave Rustebakke, DVM		HOSPITALIZATION REQUIRED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE: [REDACTED]	
SPECIES: Equidae	NUMBER AFFECTED: 11	FACILITY TYPE: [REDACTED]	FACILITY CONDITION: [REDACTED]	
FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION: [REDACTED]	GENERAL CONDITION OF ANIMALS: [REDACTED]	AVERAGE BODY CONDITION SCORE OF ALL ANIMALS: [REDACTED]		BODY CONDITION SCORE RANGE OF ANIMALS: [REDACTED]
ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		NAME OF WATERWAY AFFECTED: [REDACTED]		EVIDENCE/SAMPLE OBTAINED?: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO



07/06/2010 12:12



07/06/2010 12:13



03/30/2010 13:01



04/03/2012



04/03/2012

Case #4

On Thursday, March 29, 2012 I spoke with Dr. Rustebakke about this complaint. He told me that he had been to ██████████ residence in response to a call requesting he examine a horse. He reported it was for a stallion that was down and he euthanized it in the pen. He indicated that had been several years ago, but told me he remembered having concerns for the conditions in which the horses were kept. He told me he believed the pens were inadequate to keep horses in due to the excessive mud and manure. He told me she did have two horses euthanized in 2011, but that they were hauled into the clinic and they were euthanized by a different veterinarian.

I then spoke with Scott Barnes, DVM ISDA VMO about this complaint. I gave him the details and told him about my conversation with Dr. Rustebakke. He told me he agreed that he had concerns for the manner in which ██████████ kept her horses. He also stated he had concerns for the horses' safety based on the construction and design of the pens as well as the excessive mud and manure that had been present when he viewed them in 2010.

That day I attempted to contact Detective Barlow to find out what information she had regarding Ms. ██████████ horses. I was told when I contacted the Sheriff's Office that she was not working at that time and I would have to speak with her on Monday, April 02, 2012.

On Monday, April 2, 2012 I was able to speak with Detective Barlow. She told me she had gone to Ms. ██████████' residence, where she had viewed several of the horses standing in excessive mud and manure. She told me she took photographs, which she emailed to me that day. She told me she had been able to speak with ██████████ who alleged there were a total of 11 horses present on the property. I was told that ██████████ gave the "usual excuses" as to why the horses were kept in pens that were inappropriate. Reportedly Ms. ██████████ alleged the Paint stud who was housed in a pen containing manure past his knees could get into a horse trailer, which had not been cleaned out recently. Detective Barlow also told me that ██████████ indicated she had plans to improve the conditions, with similar plans being outlined by her during previous investigations.

I told Detective Barlow about my conversations with Dr. Rustebakke and Dr. Barnes. I told her I concurred with the veterinarians and that I would work to resolve the matter. I said I would attempt to meet with ██████████ to inspect her horses. We talked about the difficulty we would encounter trying to conduct a physical examination of the horses due to the inappropriate facilities. I also told her I would speak with Clearwater County Prosecutor Lori Gilmore, as this would likely be her case if criminal charges were filed.

Case #5

<u>NAME/ADDRESS OF INDIVIDUAL/COMPANY ALLEGED TO BE CAUSE OF COMPLAINT:</u> [REDACTED] /26 Caldwell, ID		<u>DATE AND TIME RECEIVED:</u> 3/24/09 12:47pm	<u>COMPLAINT NUMBER:</u> AC-09-0216
<u>COUNTY:</u> Canyon		<u>TYPE OF COMPLAINT:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANIMAL CARE <input type="checkbox"/> ENVIRONMENTAL <input type="checkbox"/> MISCELLANEOUS <input type="checkbox"/> ODOR <input type="checkbox"/> DEAD ANIMAL	<u>COMPLAINT DETAIL:</u> DATE INCIDENT OCCURRED: [REDACTED] TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED: [REDACTED] DURATION OF INCIDENT: [REDACTED]
<u>NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE # OF COMPLAINANT:</u> [REDACTED] Parma, ID 208-722-6299		<u>ASSIGNED TO:</u> Dawn Schooley	<u>DATE:</u> 3/24/09
<u>NATURE OF COMPLAINT:</u> Concerned about some cattle that are extremely thin. The complainant stated she had contacted the county and was unsatisfied with their determination. She is requesting an evaluation of the cattle by ISDA. She stated the cows she's concerned about are the ones to the right of the driveway in a corn stubble field. She feels they are extremely thin. She would like contacted by an inspector, preferably before the investigation.			<u>DOES COMPLAINANT EXPECT ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT CONTACT?:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<u>ILLNESS INVOLVED?:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<u>HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INVOLVED?:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <u>NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:</u> [REDACTED]	<u>HOSPITALIZATION REQUIRED?:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <u>NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:</u> [REDACTED]	
<u>SPECIES:</u> Bovine	<u>NUMBER AFFECTED:</u> 160	<u>FACILITY TYPE:</u> Farm	<u>FACILITY CONDITION:</u> Average
<u>FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION:</u> Average	<u>GENERAL CONDITION OF ANIMALS:</u> Good	<u>AVERAGE BODY CONDITION SCORE OF ALL ANIMALS:</u> 4.5	<u>BODY CONDITION SCORE RANGE OF ANIMALS:</u> 2.5-5.5
<u>ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGES?:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<u>NAME OF WATERWAY AFFECTED:</u>		<u>EVIDENCE/SAMPLE OBTAINED?:</u>



03/24/2009



03/24/2009



03/24/2009



03/24/2009



03/24/2009

Case #5

asked [REDACTED] if she could show me all of their cattle. She agreed and we walked around the farm evaluating all of the King's cattle. The [REDACTED] raise purebred Tarentaise cattle.

Ms [REDACTED] informed me she had separated the seven head of cows in question out of the herd because they need additional feed and care. Ms [REDACTED] told me the thinnest cow in the bunch had gotten turned over in a ditch about three weeks prior. They had to use the tractor to lift her daily for a couple of weeks before she was able to get up on her own. Ms [REDACTED] told me she was an older broken mouth cow. The other cows in the group are nursing twins so the Kings are supplementing them with grain and providing them with ad lib hay.

Based on my training and experience the seven head of cows, located in the stubble field, Body Condition Scores (BCS) varied from 2.5 to 3.5. These scores are based on a scale from 1-9, with 1 being severely emaciated, 9 being obese and 4-5 being adequate. The cow with the lowest BCS was the cow that had gotten stuck in the ditch and was not able to get up on her own. At the time of this visit the cattle in question had water and feed available. There was an adequate amount of fresh manure indicating the cattle had been receiving feed on a daily basis.

The other cattle on the Kings farm all ranged in BCS from 4.0-5.5. The [REDACTED] have approximately 140 head of mother cows, along with herd bulls, replacement heifers and yearling sell bulls. Approximately 4% of the herd is below adequate BCS. It is not uncommon to have a small percentage of thin cattle within a herd due to age, health and reproduction issues.

I observed several round bales of hay on the property and the King's have several acres of grass pasture for the cattle to graze on.

Case is closed. No follow-up at this time.

Dead Animal Disposal

- All dead animals must be disposed of in 72 hours
- No dead animals shall be loaded into the same vehicle with live animals
- Carcasses shall be disposed of by one of the following methods: Burial, Rendering, Landfill Deposit, Natural Decomposition or (w/ permit) Burning or Composting



Dead Animal Disposal

Burial Requirements

- Animals shall be buried no closer than 3 feet to the surface
- 300 feet from drinking water source
- 300 feet from existing residences
- 50 feet from property lines
- 100 feet from roadways
- 200 feet from any body of water
- Not in any area subject to flooding or seasonal high waters



roadway

E Thompson Rd

Residence/water well

300'

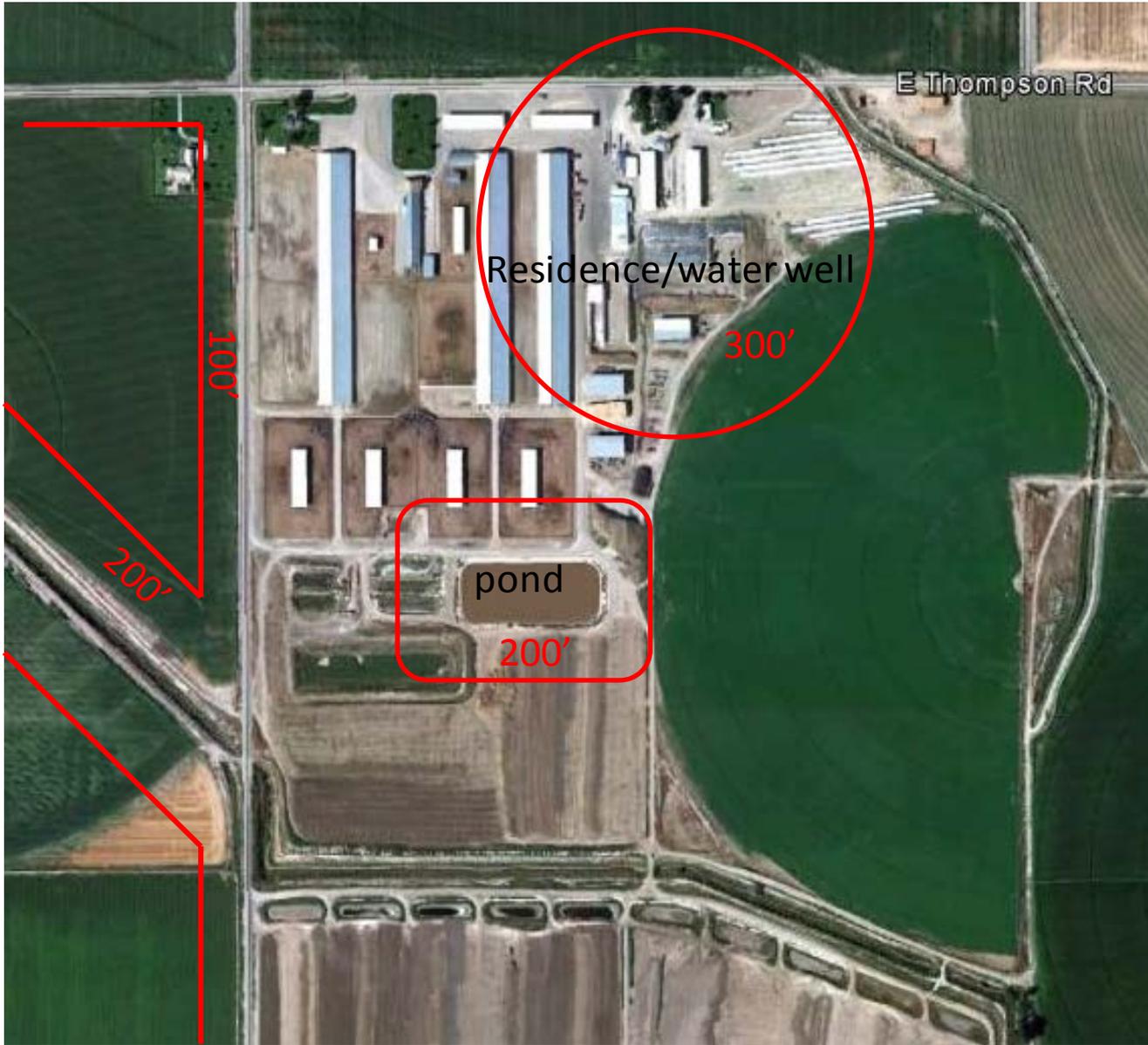
waterway

200'

100'

pond

200'



Dead Animal Disposal

- Livestock Burial
 - Minimum 3 ft between the carcass and the surface.
 - Typical hole 10ft L x 6ft W x 8ft D
 - Requires backhoe



Dead Animal Disposal

- Incinerator or Air Curtain Burner
 - Open burning of carcasses is illegal unless authorized by ISDA and DEQ
- Cremation
 - Memorial Pet Care in Meridian, ID



Dead Animal Disposal

- Rendering



Dead Animal Disposal

- Landfill – Check with your county. Not all landfills accept animal carcasses



Dead Animal Disposal

- Natural Decomposition
 - Must be a minimum of $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from any water source, roadway or residence
- Cannot move a carcass to a “dead pile” to decompose
 - Risk of contamination
 - Animal must decompose where in the spot where it dies



Questions?

