

# Case Study: Physical Security Assessment for Animal Rescue Organization

## Background

**Organization:** \*\*\*\* \*\* \*\*, an animal rescue organization

**Industry:** Animal Rescue & Welfare

**Employees:** 50+ staff members

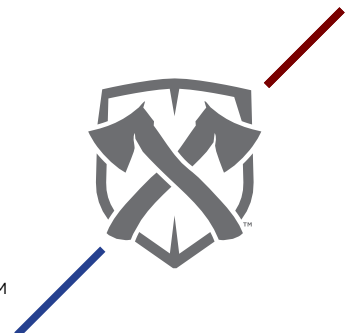
**Animals in Care:** 200+ animals

\*\*\*\* \*\* \*\* engaged Grab The Axe (GTA) to conduct a comprehensive internal and external physical security assessment. The goal was to evaluate the security posture of their infrastructure in comparison to industry best practices, focusing on physical security.

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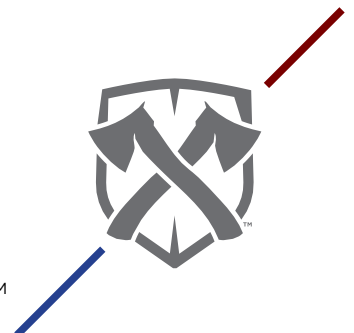
### 1. External Inspection:

- **Access Doors:** Identified vulnerabilities where the main lobby doors did not secure completely.
- **Lighting:** Poor lighting was observed in the parking area.
- **Animal Access:** Potential for animals to escape due to unsecured areas.
- **Neighboring Impediments:** Issues arising from neighboring properties affecting security.

### 2. Internal Inspection:

- **Medical Supplies:** Unsecured medical supplies present theft risks.
- **Interior Access Control:** Inadequate access control measures within the facility.
- **Security Systems:** Inactive security systems did not provide adequate surveillance.
- **Emergency Planning:** Lack of emergency procedures and planning.
- **Communication:** Issues in internal communication systems.
- **Fire & Safety Checks:** Absence of regular fire safety inspections.

**Regular Vulnerability Assessments: Conducting regular vulnerability assessments helps identify and mitigate potential security weaknesses before they can be exploited by attackers. This proactive approach is essential for maintaining a robust security posture.**



## 2. Benefits of the Assessment:

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### 1. Identification of Security Strengths:

- Highlighted ongoing renovations and the installation of a multi-camera security system.
- Noted active staff presence as a deterrent to potential threats.

### 2. Highlighting Areas for Improvement:

- Provided actionable recommendations, such as stabilizing main entry doors, securing medical supplies, improving lighting, and implementing an emergency communication system.

### 3. Enhanced Safety Protocols:

- Drafting evacuation procedures, marking exits, and designating meeting places during emergencies to enhance safety.

### 4. Improved Animal Safety:

- Recommendations to secure decorative cat areas, lock animal quarantine rooms and implement proper signage for each animal.

### 5. Comprehensive Documentation:

- Provided detailed reports including area information, crime statistics, and photographic documentation for future reference.

### 6. Cost Savings in the Long Run:

- Early identification and addressing of vulnerabilities to avoid costly security breaches, thefts, or damages.

### 7. Enhanced Reputation:

- Ensuring a secure environment for both staff and animals boosts reputation among stakeholders, donors, and the community.

### 8. Compliance with Regulations:

- Recommendations such as ensuring a clear 18-inch horizontal level below the ceiling for sprinkler systems and having fire extinguishers at specific distances to comply with OSHA regulations.

## Conclusion:

The physical security assessment conducted by GTA provided \*\*\*\* \* \*\* with a clear roadmap to enhance their security posture. By addressing identified vulnerabilities and implementing recommended measures, they ensured a safer and more secure environment for staff, animals, and assets. The assessment not only highlighted areas of concern but also showcased the organization's strengths, providing a balanced view of its current security status.

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