NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
10B AIRLINE DRIVE, ALBANY, NY 12235

MUNICIPAL SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - DL-90

Rating: **Unsatisfactory30** Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **1/18/24 6:00 pm**

Dunkirk Municipal Shelter
855 Main St.
Dunkirk NY 14048

Inspector #: **074**

These are the findings of an inspection of your facility on the date(s) indicated above:

1. Shelter is structurally sound	Yes
2. Housing area and equipment is sanitized regularly	Yes
3. Repairs are done when necessary	No
Floor coating in kennels is missing in spots, exposing unsealed concrete. Plastic board/bottom plate on dividing wall of left most kennel has been chewed/damaged by dogs.	
4. Dogs are handled safely	Yes
5. Adequate space is available for all dogs	Yes
6. Light is sufficient for observation	Yes
7. Ventilation is adequate	Yes
8. Drainage is adequate	Yes
9. Temperature extremes are avoided	Yes
10. Clean food and water is available and in ample amount	Yes
11. Veterinary care is provided when necessary	Yes
12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel	Yes
13. Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs	No
Missing disposition dates for 18 seized dogs.	
14. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7	Yes
15. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer	No
Unable to determine due to missing disposition dates on 18 seized dogs.	
16. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified	Yes
17. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release	No
Thirteen dogs not licensed before release.	
18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released	Yes
19. Written contract or lease with municipality	Not Applicable

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
0608	Town of Dunkirk
0628	City of Dunkirk

REMARKS:

All surfaces within the primary enclosure must be replaced or repaired when worn or damaged. Dirty, rough and absorbent materials protect microorganisms and are difficult to clean, disinfect and deodorize. Damaged areas of kennels must be repaired or replaced to prevent dogs from ingesting any materials that may come loose from chewing and clawing the enclosure. Due to its porosity, concrete must be treated with a liquid sealer or hardener to make it waterproof. Waterproofing prevents water damage to concrete and allows thorough sanitization.

Records must be complete at the time of inspection. This often is accomplished by communication between the municipal offices, the contracted shelter and the DCO. According to Article 7, Section 113.4, every dog control officer, peace officer, when acting pursuant to his special duties or police officer shall promptly make and maintain a complete record of any seizure and subsequent disposition of any dog. This includes the date of disposition, regardless of the type of disposition (redemption, transfer, adoption, euthanasia).

According to Article 7, Sections 117.4 and 117.6, the DCO or shelter cannot release an "Article 7" dog unless the owner shows proof of a current license and proof that the correct impoundment fee has been paid; the new license number issued must also be recorded in order to determine compliance at the time of inspection. As discussed at the inspection, even if the dog is harbored in a different municipality or state, the owner must provide proof of licensing before release. A current license from another municipality/state is acceptable. If there is no licensing entity in the municipality where the dog is harbored, then the dog can always be licensed to wherever it is currently staying (e.g. a family member, campground/seasonal or friend's address) or even the town/city hall's address, but it MUST have a current license in order to be released.

Although licensing is not normally required until a dog reaches four months of age, if the dog becomes at large and is subsequently seized, then it must have a license issued before it can be released from the shelter (Article 7, Section 109.1a). If the seized dog is at least 12 weeks (three months) old, it can be vaccinated for rabies and licensed as usual. If the dog is less than 12 weeks old, then the clerk can issue a license that states "too young for rabies vaccination," and change the renewal date for whenever the dog reaches an appropriate age to be vaccinated.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Thomas Rozumalski**
TITLE: **DCO**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 64**
REVIEWED DATE: **01/29/2024**