

## MUNICIPAL SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - DL-90

Rating: **Unsatisfactory30**

Purpose: **Complaint Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **1/6/12 10:45 am**

**NIAGARA CO SPCA  
 2100 LOCKPORT RD  
 NIAGARA FALLS NY 14304**

Inspector #: **56**

Inspector #: **14**

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

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| <b>1. Shelter is structurally sound</b>                     | Yes |
| <b>2. Housing area and equipment is sanitized regularly</b> | Yes |
| <b>3. Repairs are done when necessary</b>                   | Yes |

*However, there were approximately six dog runs with sections of chain link that have pulled away from pole supports resulting in gaps. One dog run with a solid metal panel was corroded resulting in an exposed sharp edge. No dogs were housed in these runs needing repair nor should there be until repairs have been made.*

*Metal grates covering drains that run along the front of the dog runs are rusted and bent in some sections. No dogs have continual contact with the grates. Repair/replacement must be considered.*

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| <b>4. Dogs are handled safely</b>                                | Yes |
| <b>5. Adequate space is available for all dogs</b>               | Yes |
| <b>6. Light is sufficient for observation</b>                    | Yes |
| <b>7. Ventilation is adequate</b>                                | Yes |
| <b>8. Drainage is adequate</b>                                   | Yes |
| <b>9. Temperature extremes are avoided</b>                       | Yes |
| <b>10. Clean food and water is available and in ample amount</b> | Yes |
| <b>11. Veterinary care is provided when necessary</b>            | Yes |

*SPCA staff works under the direction of Dr. Gerber. The veterinary technician and the office staff were unable to locate treatment records from 2011.*

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| <b>12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel</b> | Yes |
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*Certificate No. 00273 issued by the State of New York Health Department, expiring 9/17/12, certifies Ebony Griggs to administer euthanasia. Previously employed veterinary technician Kari McAlee-Miller is also on records as having administered euthanasia. Records are also signed by Jim Kirsch as having administered euthanasia. Director Faso told us that Jim Kirsch is a veterinary technician for The SPCA Serving Erie County and administered euthanasia under the direction of Dr. Gerber.*

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| <b>13. Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs</b> | Yes |
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*Records are kept on a computer data base as well as a paper file. Both record keeping systems were referenced in order to find complete seizure and disposition records. Recommendations were made to streamline this information.*

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| <b>14. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7</b> | Yes |
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| <b>15. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer</b> | No |
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*Three sick or injured dogs were euthanized prior to the end of the redemption period. There was no record of a veterinarian's examination on file stating that the dogs could not be made comfortable during the redemption period and euthanasia was warranted.*

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| <b>16. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified</b> | Yes |
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| <b>17. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release</b> | Yes |
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**18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released**

Yes

**19. Written contract or lease with municipality**

Yes

*The Town of Cambria and the City of Niagara Falls had contracts that expired Dec 31, 2011. The SPCA is awaiting the return of the Town of Cambria contract and is involved with the City of Niagara Falls in negotiations for a new contract. Eight other municipalities have current contracts.*

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 Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:
 

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<b>TCV CODE</b>	<b>TCV NAME</b>
2904	Town of Lockport
2913	City of Lockport
2905	Town of Newfane
2906	Town of Niagara
2908	Town of Porter
2901	Town of Cambria
2911	Town of Wheatfield
2915	City of North Tonawanda
2914	City of Niagara Falls
2907	Town of Pendleton

REMARKS:

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **John Faso**  
 TITLE: **Director**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 14**  
 REVIEWED DATE: **01/10/2012**