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: **Complaint Inspection**

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

NIAGARA CO SPCA
2100 LOCKPORT RD
NIAGARA FALLS NY 14304

Inspector #: **56**
Inspector #: **14**

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 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.

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

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

12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel Yes

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.

13. Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs Yes

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.

14. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7 Yes

15. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer No

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.

16. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified Yes

17. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release Yes

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.

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
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**