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: **6/20/24 11:15 am**

BUFFALO CITY SHELTER
380 NORTH OAK STREET
BUFFALO NY 14213

Inspector #: **72**

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	No
See Report Comments	
3. Repairs are done when necessary	No
See Report Comments	
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	No
Vent covers in kennel areas are covered in dust, blowing dust throughout the rooms.	
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
See Report Comments	
14. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7	Yes
15. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer	Yes
16. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified	Yes
17. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release	No
See Report Comments	
18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released	No
See Report Comments	
19. Written contract or lease with municipality	Not Applicable
Municipality owned.	

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
1426	City of Buffalo

REMARKS:

Jennifer Gorski, Dog Control Officer, and Susan Ward, Dog Control Officer, also present for inspection.

Housing area and equipment is sanitized regularly: Dried matter on the outside of kennel enclosures, cobwebs on top of kennel enclosures.

Repairs are done when necessary: Sizeable holes noted in interior walls behind two doors. Paint and plaster peeling in dog kennel rooms.

Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs: Dog license numbers and impoundment fees collected for redeemed dogs are not recorded on many disposition records. According to Article 7 Section 113.4 and 113.5, all records must be complete and include the complete disposition (what happened to the dog). When a dog is redeemed by the owner (returned to the owner,) according to Article 7 section 117.4, 117.6, and 117.9 the dog must be licensed before released or show proof that it was licensed by documenting this in the records. The name of the person/clerk/town who issued the license and the date the dog was redeemed. Shelter staff state they are only requiring proof of licensing for dogs harbored in the City of Buffalo. All dogs must be licensed to prior to redemption.

Records must be complete at the time of inspection. This is often accomplished by communication between the municipal offices, the contracted shelter and the DCO. According to Article 7 section 117.4 Dog Control, municipal shelters and municipalities may not waive Impoundment fees or charge less than the statutory rates for impoundment fees unless a local ordinance has been written. For dogs which are seized (picked up) for Article 7 reasons, a disposition report must be filled out and an impoundment fee collected before returning the dog to the owner. All impoundment fees collected must be recorded with the disposition reports in order to determine this at the time of inspection. The shelter cannot release an "Article 7" dog unless the owner shows proof of current license, identification and proof that the impoundment fee has been paid. According to Article 7 Section 113.4 and 113.5, all records must reflect this information has been verified and be included in the disposition report. For dogs not redeemed by owner, the disposition record must be completed with the outcome of the dog, such as adoption or transfer information.

If you have any questions, please email me at annmarie.brade@agriculture.ny.gov or call/text 585-480-0600.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Mario LoTempio**
TITLE: **Senior Dog Control Officer**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 833**
REVIEWED DATE: **07/01/2024**