

MUNICIPAL SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - DL-90

Rating: **Unsatisfactory30**Purpose: **Inspection**DATE/TOA: **8/7/25 4:30 pm**

**ASHFORD DOG SHELTER
 5638 FOX VALLEY ROAD
 WEST VALLEY NY 14171**

Inspector #: **85**

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

First front kennel has significant rusting to the chainlink and front right corner support pipe within the primarily enclosure, which cannot be properly cleaned and sanitized. The building's support beam is inside the first front kennel and has significant chew damage, which cannot be properly cleaned and sanitized. Plastic Igloo style bed enclosures in the back first and second kennels have significant chew damage and cannot be properly cleaned and sanitized. Metal panels that make up the back wall for the back first, second, and third kennels have significant rusting and are eroding away at the floor level, this cannot be properly cleaned and sanitized. The chainlink door of the back second kennel is rusted on the bottom third of the door, and cannot be properly cleaned and sanitized.

3. Repairs are done when necessary No

Hole in the back second kennel chainlink wall has been "patched" with wire that has rusted and which sharp points are pointed into the primarily enclosure, this could potentially cause injury to dogs. The back wall metal panels are rusted and eroding away at the floor level, and in there is space for potential entrapment and/or injury.

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

No ventilation system for the shelter.

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 Yes

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 Yes

18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released Yes

19. Written contract or lease with municipality No

No contract with Town of Ellicottville, inclusive of expiration date, provided for inspection.

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
0408	Town of Ellicottville
0402	Town of Ashford

REMARKS:

Discussed getting a thermometer in the building to keep track of the temperature in the shelter.

Unfinished wood in kennels does not allow for adequate cleaning/sanitization.

Junctions with the floor, ceiling and doors must be aligned and properly sealed. 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.

All enclosures housing seized dogs must be structurally sound and kept in good repair to keep the dog contained and to protect it from injury. There must be no rust, jagged edges or sharp points.

Adequate ventilation is necessary to provide a healthy environment and comfortable temperatures to prevent an accumulation of moisture and noxious gases. The ability to control odors in a housing area depends not only on sanitary practices and the number of animals housed, but also on an effective ventilation system. There are many different types of systems available. In all types of ventilation systems, the proper ambient temperature and humidity level in the housing area must be maintained without causing a draft. Natural ventilation, through the use of windows, is the least expensive method to ventilate an enclosure. If the housing area is small enough in size and a sufficient number of windows are available, this system alone could provide adequate ventilation. For natural ventilation to be effective, it must function well in all types of weather. Since favorable external winds and weather conditions cannot always be relied upon, vents should be installed to increase air circulation. Roof or gable vents and/or chimney-type flues allow fresh air to enter and stale air to exit the room. Window, ceiling or wall fans may be needed to supplement air circulation. Ventilation systems, such as an exhausting air system or central duct ventilation system, are recommended for larger facilities. In these systems, baffles or louvered air ducts situated in the eaves or walls allow fresh air to enter a series of ducts. The air is then circulated by fans and exhausted through roof or gable vents. Ventilation ducts should always be large enough to accommodate the volume of air that the fans are able to move. Ten to fifteen air changes per hour should provide adequate ventilation. Air conditioning is one of the most effective means of providing ventilation and thermoregulation in warm weather. AC provides comfort by cooling, dehumidifying, filtering and circulating the air.

According to Article 7 Section 114. Pounds and shelters,

1. Each town and city, and each village in which licenses are issued shall, and any other village and any county may, establish and maintain a pound or shelter for dogs.

2. In lieu of or in addition to establishing and maintaining such pound or shelter, any town or city, or any village in which licenses are issued shall, and any other village and any county may, contract for pound or shelter services with any other municipality or with any incorporated humane society or similar incorporated dog protective association, or shall establish and maintain, jointly or with one or more other municipalities, a pound or shelter.

Copies of seizure and disposition reports and written contracts must be left at the shelter and available for inspection for all contracted municipalities.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: Samantha Smith
TITLE: DCO

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