

## MUNICIPAL SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - DL-90

Rating: **Unsatisfactory30**

Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **9/23/25 6:00 pm**

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

Inspector #: **85**

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

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**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 primary 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. There is another wooden beam in the back second kennel that has some bite damage as well that is not sealed and 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. Porous concrete floor with large crack present in two out of four kennels prevents proper cleaning and sanitizing.*

**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 primary 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 a 1" to 2" space at floor level with the for potential entrapment and/or injury. Sealant on concrete floor has worn away and the floor has become porous again. Large crack in concrete floor present in the first front kennel and the back second kennel.*

**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** Yes

## Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
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0402	Town of Ashford
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## REMARKS:

Javan Tanner also present for inspection.

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.

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

For constructed primary enclosures, poured concrete is one of the best materials to use for flooring because of its ease of maintenance, durability, and seamless nature. 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.

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.

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.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: Samantha Smith  
TITLE: DCO

REVIEWED BY: Inspector #: 074  
REVIEWED DATE: 09/26/2025