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: **5/15/12 11:00 am**

CANISTEO MUNICIPAL SHELTER
67 DEPOT ST.
CANISTEO NY 14823

Inspector #: **809**

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

The shelter is dirty. There was even a small pile of feces in the main part of the shelter outside of the cages. The outdoor runs are not used because the "neighborhood kids" harass the dogs when the dogs are given access to the outdoor runs. This also contributes to the foul stench in the kennel.

3. Repairs are done when necessary No

The ventilation is inadequate. There is not much more that can be done unless the building is opened up some more. Ventilation slats are present in the ceiling but they are not doing much to increase air circulation. The small fan present is not big enough to move air either.

4. Dogs are handled safely Yes

5. Adequate space is available for all dogs No

Two dogs are housed in one cage. The shelter is full.

6. Light is sufficient for observation Yes

7. Ventilation is adequate No

The ventilation is not adequate at all. The stench is overwhelming upon entry to the kennel. There is a small fan in the upper corner of the kennel that is not able to move air at all. The ceiling vent does not appear to be in working at all.

8. Drainage is adequate Yes

9. Temperature extremes are avoided Yes

10. Clean food and water is available and in ample amount Yes

Not all of the water bowls were full.

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 Not Applicable

I did not look at the paperwork at this inspection. I just inspected the shelter on an unannounced visit.

14. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7 Not Applicable

15. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer Not Applicable

16. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified Not Applicable

17. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release Not Applicable

18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released Not Applicable

19. Written contract or lease with municipality Not Applicable

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
4607	Town of Canisteo

REMARKS:

This was an unannounced inspection. I entered the shelter with some difficulty since the key opened the lock, but the door was not easily pulled open. I had to pry the key out of the lock in order to get the door to lock when I exited. The foul odor was overwhelming. I quickly inspected the shelter. It was full. There were two dogs housed in one pen. The doors to the outside runs were closed. A small fan was placed high above the first kennel. The ventilation slats in the ceiling did not seem to help the ventilation at all.

Feces were present in all but one of the kennels. Feces were present in the area outside of the kennels in a corner of the shelter. The utensils used for feeding the dogs were dirty. Dust and debris littered the kennel as well. Food and water bowls were present inside of the kennels.

I spoke with Lois B. York (deputy supervisor) at the Canisteo Town Hall following my inspection, and expressed my concerns. I also spoke to Gary Hadsell, the DCO/shelter manager by phone. He was not available to meet with me at the time of my inspection. I did not check his paperwork so all of those remarks are marked NA on this report. The town is in the process of constructing a new shelter, whose estimated completion time has been extended for at least two years now. The present shelter does not meet our minimum requirements for housing municipal dogs at this time.

I recommended opening up the outside runs so the dogs can go outside and that it might also help with the ventilation issues. Because "kids" harass the dogs when they are outside in the runs, I recommended constructing a temporary barrier using fencing or plywood to keep anyone from getting near the dogs. The foul odor that is present has most likely been absorbed by walls and floors over the many years this building has been used as a dog shelter. It no longer is conducive for that function. It is imperative that the new shelter be constructed in a timely fashion or an alternative be found for sheltering these dogs in the meantime.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Gary Hadsell**
TITLE: **shelter manager**

REVIEWED BY:
REVIEWED DATE: **05/17/2012**