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: **Satisfactory365** Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **6/15/12 2:00 pm**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY DOG CONTROL FAC
3386 GYPSY LANE
MT MORRIS NY 14510

Inspector #: **56**

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
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

York Animal Hospital provides services.

12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel	Yes

York Animal Hospital provides this service.

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

Records consist of a Seizure and Disposition Report that records, in pen, a shelter control number, a description of the dog, the license number of the dog if identified, the date and time of seizure, the location where seized , why the dog was seized and by whom. The owner's name and address is recorded if the dog is identified. Also recorded on this report is the redemption fee payment, the license of the dog if redeemed, who and when it was redeemed, adopted or transferred to or the date of euthanasia and who euthanized the dog. There is also a Shelter Log that records, in pencil, some of the information that is on the Seizure and Disposition report. There is also a computer Microsoft Access program that tracks all of the seizure and disposition information .

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

Dogs are transferred, per section 117.7a of Article 7, to duly incorporated animal protective associations if such action will improve the opportunity for adoption.

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
2404	Town of Geneseo
2401	Town of Avon
2402	Town of Caledonia
2403	Town of Conesus
2405	Town of Groveland
2406	Town of Leicester
2408	Town of Livonia
2409	Town of Mount Morris
2411	Town of Nunda
2412	Town of Ossian
2413	Town of Portage
2414	Town of Sparta
2415	Town of Springwater
2417	Town of York
2407	Town of Lima
2410	Town of North Dansville
2416	Town of West Sparta

REMARKS:

The euthanasia of sick or injured dogs was discussed. Section 117.7 of Article 7 and Section 374 of Article 26 provides that if recommended by a veterinarian, in writing, an unidentified seized dog may be humanely euthanized without delay to eliminate any suffering. Computer records of dogs euthanized in 2009 until the present were reviewed. Dogs #061 seized 5/16/10, #178 seized 9/25/11 and #191 seized 10/15/11 were euthanized by York Animal Hospital the same day of seizure due to injuries suffered when hit by cars. Dog #173 seized 11/18/10 and hospitalized at York Animal Hospital died there the following day. Dog #082 seized 5/1/11 was euthanized 5/5/11 due to an illness that prevented the dog from being maintained in a state of comfort.

This inspection is marked satisfactory regarding the holding of dogs for the redemption period as it is based on the records of dogs seized since the previous inspection. However, Section 117.4 of Article 7 regarding the five day redemption period was discussed as two unidentified dogs in past years were euthanized prior to the end of the redemption period. Euthanasia records for dog #055 seized 4/24/09 and euthanized 4/29/09 and for dog #073 seized 6/1/10 and euthanized 6/6/10 show both dogs were euthanized on the fifth day of the redemption period. Per the DCO and Municipal Shelter Guide issued by Ag & Mkts, five days is defined as five 24 hour periods from midnight to midnight. If the shelter is closed the last day of the redemption period, the redemption period is extended one more day.

At the time of inspection, there was an unidentified hound mix in the shelter. DCO Davis searched computer records for a hound mix seized in November of 2011 and known as Mr. Bojangles. She phoned the owner listed on the computer record who told her that some time ago he gave Mr. Bojangles away to his brother who lives in Wayland but the dog ran away from his brother. DCO Davis described the unidentified hound mix to the person who told her he did not believe that dog to be Mr. Bojangles.

The housing of dogs was discussed. Per the DCO and Municipal Shelter Guide, it is recommended that incompatible dogs, females in heat, vicious dogs, and dogs that are ill should not be housed together. Adult dogs, other than the nursing dam, should not be housed with puppies. The manual also recommends that dry bedding or resting boards be provided to dogs housed on damp floors or unheated concrete or stone. At the time of inspection, dogs outside in dog runs were housed individually and blankets provided.

Section 353-b of Article 26 regarding the appropriate shelter for dogs left outdoors was discussed. Any person who has control or custody of a dog that is left outdoors shall provide it with appropriate shelter according to its breed, physical condition and the climate. "Dogs Left Outdoors" is defined in the law as dogs that are outdoors in inclement weather without ready access to shelter. Shelter may be a building or other structure with a waterproof roof, appropriate insulation and room enough to make normal postural movements. Section 353-b.3(a) requires shade be provided to dogs that are restrained outdoors to protect them from direct sunlight that is likely to threaten the health of the dog. The shelter has a gravel exercise area attached to the east side of the shelter that is exposed to morning sunlight. A dog run area on the south side of the shelter constructed of wire enclosures secured to concrete flooring receives sunlight the majority of the day but is protected by a roof overhang. All of the factors discussed should be taken in consideration when leaving dogs outdoors in these areas. Section 371 of Article 26 provides for enforcement of violations by a constable, police officer or any agent or officer of any duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Crystal Davis**
TITLE: **DCO**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 14**
REVIEWED DATE: **06/20/2012**