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: **Unsatisfactory30-2nd** Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **1/10/11 1:15 pm**

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:

A. Standards of Care

1. Shelter is structurally sound Yes

2. Housing area and equipment is sanitized regularly No

I was at the shelter at 1 pm. There were three dogs housed in the shelter. There were five piles of feces in the first cage, three piles of vomitus and two piles of feces in the second cage and four piles of feces in the third cage. The third cage had no outdoor accessibility. The food/water bowls were dirty and the shelter had a foul odor. Although there were dog doors with access to outside kennels, the doors were closed and it looked as if the dogs were not let outside recently. There were no feces in any of the outdoor runs.

3. Repairs are done when necessary Not Applicable

Repairs to the kennel have been done in the past. A new building is to be constructed within the next year to house municipal dogs.

4. Dogs are handled safely Yes

This is an assumption on my part.

5. Adequate space is available for all dogs Yes

6. Light is sufficient for observation Yes

7. Ventilation is adequate No

The shelter had a foul odor as soon as I entered. This was due to the build-up of feces and vomitus from the dogs housed in the kennel.

8. Drainage is adequate Yes

9. Temperature extremes are avoided Yes

There was a heater in the kennel. However, it really wasn't powerful enough for the amount of space in the kennel. It was only 25 degrees F outside and it was still fairly cold in the kennel. All the dogs were acclimated though, so it probably wasn't a real problem.

10. Clean food and water is available and in ample amount No

The food and water bowls were very dirty. Although water was provided, all of the water bowls were empty.

11. Veterinary care is provided when necessary Yes

12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel Yes

Dogs are euthanized at the Canisteo Veterinary Hospital. I was alerted to the fact that an appointment was made by the DCO to euthanize at least two dogs on the Friday before my scheduled appointment to inspect the shelter.

13. Outdoor shelter complies with Article 26 Yes

All of the requirements are met, except it appeared that the dogs had not used the outdoor runs recently.

B. Records

1. Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs	Not Applicable
I did not review the paperwork at this visit.	
2. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption go to approved facilities only	Not Applicable
See the above comment.	
3. Holding period is observed before adoption or euthanasia	Not Applicable
Again, I did not review any paperwork.	
4. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release	Not Applicable
See above comment.	
5. Impound fees paid before dogs are released	Not Applicable
See above comment.	
6. Impound fees in addition to state mandated fees are set by local law or ordinance	Yes
7. 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 of the Canisteo town dog shelter. I had an appointment scheduled with the town DCO to do the yearly inspection on Saturday, January 15th. I went to the shelter ahead of our scheduled meeting to inspect it without advance warning. The highway superintendent was present; he gave me the key to enter the shelter. What I found was horrific! Please see my comments on the list of "deficiencies'.

The kennel and cages housing the dogs were filthy. Multiple piles of dog feces were in every occupied cage and one of the dogs was obviously ill as evidenced by the vomit present in the cage. The dogs did not seem to have access to the outdoor runs recently as evidenced by the lack of any fecal/urinary debris in them. The dog dishes were dirty. The rubber mats on which the dogs could lay on were also dirty. The ventilation was inadequate because the odor from the feces/urine in the cages was overwhelming. Although the shelter is old and isn't the most conducive to great comfort, there is no excuse for the condition of the environment in which the dogs are kept.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Carl Howland** REVIEWED BY:

TITLE: **highway superintendent** REVIEWED DATE: **01/12/2011**