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: **Complaint Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **11/25/19 12:50 pm**

SPCA OF NIAGARA COUNTY
2100 LOCKPORT RD
NIAGARA FALLS NY 14304

Inspector #: **56**
Inspector #: **64**

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
Some odor detected. See the notation made in "REMARKS"	
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	No
There were no licenses on record for four redeemed dogs. See "REMARKS".	
18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released	No
There was no record of payment of a redemption fee for dog A40845989, seized in Lockport on 2-25-19.	
19. Written contract or lease with municipality	Yes

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
2904	Town of Lockport
2913	City of Lockport
2905	Town of Newfane
2906	Town of Niagara
2901	Town of Cambria
2911	Town of Wheatfield
2914	City of Niagara Falls
2907	Town of Pendleton

REMARKS:

This inspection was conducted due to complaints received in the Albany office.
An inspection of the physical shelter and all record keeping was conducted. Records are kept in hard copy as well as entered into Pet Point software. All were made available for inspection.

Regarding REDEEMED DOGS ARE LICENSED BEFORE RELEASE:
- No license number was on file for a Terrier Mix seized in Niagara Falls on 4-15-19. (The dog was from Rochester but going to Florida.)
- No license number was on file for a German Shepherd seized in Niagara Falls on 6-28-19. (The owner resided in Florida.)
- No license number was on file for a dog seized in Niagara Falls. (The owner lived in Canada)
- No license number was on file for an Aussie Mix seized in the City of Lockport on 8-18-19. (The dog was three months old.)

REFERENCE: Please refer to Article 7 of New York State Agriculture and Markets Law for clarification on the licensing of dogs:
- Licensing of dogs owned by non-residents of NYS: Section 117.9 of Article 7 provides that seized dogs can be released to the owner upon proof the dog is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the law of the area of the owner's residence. If the owner is not in compliance with those provisions, the dog must be licensed with NYS as provided for in Section 117.6.
- Licensing of dogs under four months of age: Section 117.4 of Article 7 requires proof of licensing for any unidentified dog. This includes dogs of any age, regardless that they may be too young to receive a rabies vaccination.
- Acceptable licensing exemptions are listed in Section 107 of Article 7.

NOTE: The physical inspection of the facility began at approximately 1 pm. A moderate odor of stale animal wastes was detected in the adoptable dog kennel area. The same odors were also noticeable in the stray dog kennel area, but less so. The odors were then detectable in the lobby upon leaving the facility at approximately 4 pm. The odors were not of any strength that would cause a health issue to animals housed in the areas.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Lauren Zaninovich**
TITLE: **Shelter Manager**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 833**
REVIEWED DATE: **11/27/2019**