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: **Unsatisfactory60** Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **5/5/11 11:15 am**

HORNELL HUMANE SOCIETY
7649 INDUSTRIAL PK RD
HORNELL NY 14843

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	Yes
3. Repairs are done when necessary	Yes
4. Dogs are handled safely	Yes
5. Adequate space is available for all dogs	No

There are dogs housed in every nook and cranny of the shelter. Temporary cages are set up in the main kennel area, the garage and in the washroom. The shelter is still overcrowded. This has not changed since the last inspection. Municipal dogs that are brought in are placed in temporary cages in the garage until a run opens up.

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
12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel	Yes
13. Outdoor shelter complies with Article 26	Yes

B. Records

1. Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs	Yes
2. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption go to approved facilities only	Not Applicable
3. Holding period is observed before adoption or euthanasia	Yes
4. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release	Yes
5. Impound fees paid before dogs are released	Yes
6. Impound fees in addition to state mandated fees are set by local law or ordinance	Yes
7. Written contract or lease with municipality	Yes

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
4611	Town of Dansville
4617	Town of Hornellsville
0227	Town of West Almond
4634	City of Hornell

REMARKS:

The shelter is severely overcrowded. This has not changed since the last inspection.

Two litters of pups and three dogs were infected with parvovirus after a pup came into the shelter that was sick and died (pit bull pup on3/27/11). A litter mate ("Huey") of the pup hat died was picked up the next day (3/28/11). This pup was brought to the shelter and became sick. The pup was brought to a veterinarian (Dr. Seaman). The pup was diagnosed with parvovirus and was euthanized. A newly arrived pup, "Sydney", was at the shelter for two days and hadn't yet been vaccinated. Yet, she was allowed to roam the building during a board meeting on 4/11/11. She became sick two days later and died overnight on 4/15/11.

4/14/11: Two more dogs (Duffy and Otto) died, presumably from parvovirus also.

4/17/11: Dooley (dog) and Ember (pup) became ill with signs of parvovirus. They responded to treatment and lived.

4/21/11: A pup from another litter was adopted out; that pup was diagnosed with parvovirus. Two more pups from that litter are sick today (the day of my visit).

The shelter is presently "closed" in an effort to prevent the further spread of parvovirus throughout the shelter. The sick pups are still being treated and the rest of the litter is considered exposed to the disease. They are in an "isolation ward", but despite the best efforts of the staff, there is still a risk of infecting other dogs in the kennel.

There is presently no room for any more dogs in the shelter. Even the garage, which is used as temporary housing with crates if the runs are full, is completely full with dogs and items that are going to be sold at a yard sale. There is "clutter" all over the shelter. Storage areas are being used to house dogs. Supplies, other necessary materials and food are not organized at all. In fact, the extreme clutter may be considered a fire hazard.

While I was there, a lost dog was brought into the shelter. It was placed in a cage in the entrance hall. It happened to be adjacent to a cat that was being housed in the same area.

It is recommended that more stringent biosecurity measures be put into place to prevent the further spread of any infectious diseases. The overcrowded shelter increases the stress on the animals and they are more likely to be susceptible to infectious diseases. Bacteria and viruses can also spread more easily when the animals are in such close proximity and scattered amongst the various rooms in the shelter.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Mark Mahoney**
TITLE: **shelter manager**

REVIEWED BY:
REVIEWED DATE: **05/09/2011**