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: **10/28/21 11:45 am**

SPCA OF NIAGARA COUNTY
2100 LOCKPORT RD
NIAGARA FALLS NY 14304

Inspector #: **72**
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	No
Repairs not done in a timely manner.	
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
12. Dogs are euthanized humanely, by authorized personnel	Yes
13. Complete intake and disposition records are maintained for all seized dogs	No
Dispostion records missing or incomplete.	
14. Dogs transferred for purposes of adoption in compliance with Article 7	No
Unable to determine due to incomplete or missing records.	
15. Redemption period is observed before adoption, euthanasia or transfer	No
Dispostion records missing or incomplete.	
16. Owners of identified dogs are properly notified	No
Unable to determine due to missing information and incomplete records.	
17. Redeemed dogs are licensed before release	No
Many dogs released without a license at the time of redemption.	
18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released	No
No record of fees collected.	
19. Written contract or lease with municipality	No
Unable to produce copies of contracts.	

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
1428	City of Tonawanda
2907	Town of Pendleton

REMARKS:

Must have a complete record of the disposition of each dog seizure. Dispositions of the dogs seized were incomplete. According to Article 7 Section 113.4 and 113.5, all records must be complete and include the complete disposition (what happened to the dog). When a dog is redeemed by the owner (returned to the owner,) according to Article 7 section 117.4, 117.6, and 117.9 the dog must be licensed before released or show proof that it was licensed by documenting this in the records. The name of the person/clerk/town who issued the license and the date the dog was redeemed.

Records must be complete at the time of inspection. This is often accomplished by communication between the municipal offices, the contracted shelter and the DCO. According to Article 7 section 117.4 Dog Control, municipal shelters and municipalities may not waive Impoundment fees or charge less than the statutory rates for impoundment fees unless a local ordinance has been written. For dogs which are seized (picked up) for Article 7 reasons, a disposition report must be filled out and an impoundment fee collected before returning the dog to the owner. All impoundment fees collected must be recorded with the disposition reports in order to determine this at the time of inspection. The shelter cannot release an "Article 7" dog unless the owner shows proof of current license, identification and proof that the impoundment fee has been paid. According to Article 7 Section 113.4 and 113.5, all records must reflect this information has been verified and be included in the disposition report. For dogs not redeemed by owner, the disposition record must be completed with the outcome of the dog, such as adoption or transfer information.

Statutory rates for Impoundment fees are as follows and may not be less than $10 for the first impoundment, $20 for the 2nd and first 24 hours, then +$3 per day or $30 for 3rd and first 24 hours, then +$3 per day, unless there is a written local ordinance stating a specific circumstance.

If you have any questions, please email me at annmarie.brade@agriculture.ny.gov or call 585-480-0600.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Amy Lewis**
TITLE: **Director**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 64**
REVIEWED DATE: **11/03/2021**