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: **5/5/22 12:30 pm**

FOWLER MUNICIPAL SHELTER
87 LITTLE YORK ROAD
GOUVERNEUR NY 13642

Inspector #: **65**

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

The wire crate panel put over the window within the center kennel as a temporary repair measure has been left in place and is now rusted and the wires are bent and/or broken off in the bottom sections within reach of dogs. The wooden window frame has also been damaged and has bare wood exposed along the bottom edge and lower sides.

4. Dogs are handled safely	No

The one dog being housed at the time of inspection was found running loose within the facility upon the inspector's arrival. There was splintered wood strewn about inside the building from the dog chewing/clawing on wooden trim & shelving. The dog had also gotten into and chewed up some trash.
The shelter manager stated that the dog had been climbing/jumping out of the 8' kennel on a daily basis since its impoundment 6 days before. He stated that he had notified the town of the problem and risk of injury to the dog, but that no steps had been taken by the town to enclose the top of the kennel as he had requested and that he had been denied permission to transfer the dog to another shelter facility for the remainder of the redemption period.
As the redemption period had expired as of the day of the inspection, ownership was transferred and the dog was removed from the shelter to be transported to a local incorporated rescue immediately following the inspection.

The latch and fencing on the gate of the outdoor exercise pen have been damaged so that dogs may escape or become injured-the inspector advised that it cannot be used until the gate is repaired or replaced.

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	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	Yes
18. Proper impoundment fees paid before dogs are released	Yes

19. Written contract or lease with municipality Not Applicable

This facility is owned by the municipality

Town - City - Village Information for Inspection:

TCV CODE	TCV NAME
4010	Town of Fowler

REMARKS:

To improve safety, the inspector recommended that the window in the shelter entrance door currently covered with plywood be restored so that anyone entering the building can see if any dog has gotten out of its kennel prior to actually opening the door and be better prepared to prevent a potential bite or escape.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Dan Moyer & Karen Simmons**
TITLE: **Shelter Manager & Town Coun**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 58**
REVIEWED DATE: **05/11/2022**