NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY
10B AIRLINE DRIVE, ALBANY, NY 12235

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIR

Rating: **Non-Compliant Critical - 7**

Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **3/25/26 12:00 pm**

License No.: Expiration Date:

ALMOST HOME ANIMAL RESCUE & ADOPTION
646 ROUTE 112
MEDFORD NY 11763

Inspector #: **84**
Inspector #: **82**

These are the findings of an inspection of your facility on the date(s) indicated above:

Agriculture & Markets Law - Article 26C - Regulation of Animal Shelters

A. General Facility Standards

1. Facility Article 26 C, §424.1 — Satisfactory

2. Surfaces Article 26 C, §424.2 — Satisfactory

3. Power/Water Article 26 C, §424.3 — Satisfactory

4. Sinks Article 26 C, §424.4 — Satisfactory

5. Temperature Article 26 C, §424.5, 6 — Satisfactory

6. HVAC Maintenance Article 26 C, §424.7 — General Deficiency

No documentation of HVAC maintenance.

Article 26 C, §424.7
All shelter facilities shall document regular maintenance of air handling systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

7. Ammonia Article 26 C, §424.8 — Satisfactory

8. Isolation Article 26 C, §424.9; 425.8 — Satisfactory

9. Sound Article 26 C, §424.10 — General Deficiency

No record of completed sound log.

Article 26C, §424.10
Each animal shelter must use a decibel-meter at a minimum of once weekly to measure the level of sound in the kennels during cleaning and resting times.

10. Lighting Article 26 C, §424.11 — Satisfactory

11. Drainage and Waste Article 26 C, §424.2; 425.3, 16 — Satisfactory

12. Pest Control Article 26 C, §424.12 — General Deficiency

No records of pest control or vermin control service providers available.

Article 26 C, §424.12
Records of service reports from outside service providers related to pest and vermin control, with documentation of dates, methods, locations, and outcomes if applicable.

13. Drop Box Article 26 C, §424.13 — Satisfactory

B. Animal Housing

1. Primary Enclosure Article 26 C, §425.1, 3, 10, 12; 424.2	Satisfactory
2. Group Housing Article 26 C, §425.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	Satisfactory
3. Whelping Box Article 26 C, §425.8 (b)	Not Applicable
4. Outdoor Housing Article 26 C, §425.2, 15, 16	Satisfactory
5. Identification Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (v)	Satisfactory

C. Sanitation

1. Sanitation Article 26 C, §426.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11; 428.1 (e)	Satisfactory
2. Outdoor Enclosures Article 26 C, §426.9	Satisfactory

D. Shelter Management and Animal Husbandry

1. Number Housed Article 26 C, §425.12; 427.2,3	Satisfactory
2. Observation Article 26 C, §428.1; 427.4	Satisfactory
3. Food and Water Article 26 C, §428.1	General Deficiency

Observations not recorded

Article 26 C, §428.1, §425.2.
• Each animal shall be observed during or following each feeding time to ensure daily food intake, or at least once every 24 hrs. for animals continuously offered food.
• Observations must be recorded

4. Restraint Article 26 C, §428.2 (a), (b), (c)	Satisfactory

E. Behavior

1. Routine Care and Handling Article 26 C, §430.1, 2, 3	Critical Deficiency

No behavioral history collected at time of intake. Daily 20 minutes of positive social interactions not documented.

Article 26 C, §430.1,2, 3
• Collecting behavioral history for each animal at time of intake.
• Daily schedule of feedings and sanitation procedures.
• At least 20 minutes of positive social interactions (basic husbandry not included) on daily basis.

2. Exercise and Enrichment Article 26 C, §430.4 (a), (b), (c), 5	General Deficiency

Additional enrichment not documented.

Article 26 C, §430.4 (a), (b), (c), 5
Additional measures for enrichment and stress reduction shall be implemented and documented for any animal showing persistent hiding, hostile interactions, reduced activity, depression/social withdrawal, barrier frustration or aggression, selfinjurious behavior, repetitive non goal-oriented movement or stereotypic behaviors.

3. Behavior Evaluations Article 26 C, §430.6, 7 (a), (b)	Satisfactory

F. Transportation

1. Vehicle Article 26 C, §431.1 a-f Not Applicable

2. Vaccinations Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (i-vi1) General Deficiency

Dog/cat arrived and not treated for internal/external parasites. No documentation that dog/cat examined 24 hours prior to transport.

Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (i-vi1)
• Shelter of origin shall treat for internal and external parasites.
• Shelter of origin shall examine each dog/cat for medical/behavioral concerns at most 24 hours prior to transportation.

3. Health Certificates Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (iv) 3 Critical Deficiency

Health certificate not supplied with animal transported.

Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (iv) 3
• A health certificate is required for each animal to be transported into the state in accordance with Part 65 of the commissioner's rules and regulations.
• Health certificates shall accompany each animal during transport and be completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian.

4. Visual Identification Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (v) Satisfactory

5. Destination Shelter Contact Article 26 C, §431.2 Satisfactory

6. Animal <1 year not from USDA Breeder Article 26 C, §431.5 Satisfactory

7. Mandatory Holding Period Article 26, §384.1; 384.2 Satisfactory

G. Record Keeping and Protocols

1. License Status Article 26 C, §421.1 Satisfactory

2. License Displayed Article 26 C, §421.4 Not Applicable

3. Required Training Article 26 C, §422 General Deficiency

Training not provided. Training not documented for employees and volunteers having direct animal care responsibilities.

Article 26 C, §422
Required training shall include information on: • Humane animal handling • Infectious diseases commonly found in animal shelters • Zoonotic diseases • Animal cruelty • Sanitation procedures • Body language/normal behaviors for all species regularly handled • Required documentation and data entry
Training may be presented on-site, online, at conference or seminars.
Complete documentation of training must be maintained for three years and must include: • Date of training delivery and date of completion Topic(s) of the training • Provider of the training and a list of the attendees

4. Unique Animal Identifiers Recorded Article 26 C, §423.1,2 Satisfactory

5. Record Requirement Article 26 C, §423 General Deficiency

Records contain incomplete information. Missing required information from reports.

Article 26 C, §423
A record for each animal in the shelter's care shall be created and must contain (at minimum): • Unique Identifiers: tattoo, micro chip, tags (license, rabies, etc.) • Name, address, phone # of individual surrendering animal • Location where the animal was found • Date of intake & departure from shelter • Disposition of animal (adopted, transferred, euthanized, etc.) • Basic animal description- physical, species, age, gender, color, spayed or neutered if applicable to determine • Behavioral and/or health history (including bit history, vaccine history, if available) • Veterinary & behavioral health exams • Veterinary care, behavioral exams, treatments and procedures while in care of the shelter

6. Record Retention Article 26 C, §423.3 Not Applicable

7. Bite History Notification Article 26 C, §423.4 Satisfactory

8. Animal Intake Article 26 C, §423.1,2 General Deficiency

Total # of animals not listed by species. Source of animals not recorded. Disposition of animals not recorded.

Article 26 C, §423
•Summary records of shelter annual totals of animal intake and disposition recorded by species, source, and disposition.

9. In House Protocols Article 26 C, §423.8 Satisfactory

10. Veterinary Protocols Article 26 C, §423.2 (g),9; 429 General Deficiency

Protocols not approved by a licensed veterinarian.

Article 26 C, §423, 429
Written protocols must be approved by a veterinarian for the following categories: • Nutrition and Feeding • Physical Examination • Emergency Vet Care • Pain Management • Vaccinations • Parasite Control • Anesthesia and/or Surgery (if done on site by the organization) • Humane Euthanasia • Outbreak Management/Control of Infectious Diseases

11. Pest Control Plan Article 26 C, §424.12 Satisfactory

12. Staff Authority/ Roles and Responsibilities Article 26 C, §427.1 Satisfactory

H. Veterinary Care and Records

1. Veterinary and Emergency Care Article 26 C, §429.1-6 Satisfactory

2. Examinations Article 26 C, §429.3, 7, 11, 13 Critical Deficiency

Animals not assessed within two hours on intake. Animals not provided with complete physical examination within 24 hours of intake. Animals in shelter not examined once a month by trained staff.

Article 26 C, §429.3, 7, 11, 13

• All incoming animals shall be assessed within two hours after intake by a trained animal shelter staff member to determine if any physical abnormalities exist that require immediate veterinary attention.

• Ability to provide veterinary assessment in a timely fashion through in-house facilities or at an off-site location.

• Each animal in custody or possession shall be provided with complete physical examination by trained staff within 24 hours of intake. Animals are to be specifically examined for bite wounds to determine potential rabies exposure (if applicable, shelters must comply with reporting requirements.

• Any animal in custody or possession of shelter for more than 30 days shall be weighed and examined at least once a month (at least every 6 months for foster care animals) by trained staff.

3. Drug Logs Article 26 C, §429.2 Satisfactory

4. Vaccinations Article 26 C, §429.8, 9 Satisfactory

5. Deworming Article 26 C, §429.10 Satisfactory

6. Weights Article 26 C, §429.12 Critical Deficiency

Animals in shelter not weighed once a month.

Article 26 C, §429.12

• Any animal in custody or possession of shelter for more than 30 days shall be weighed at least once a month (at least every 6 months for foster care animals) by trained staff.

7. Grooming Article 26 C, §429.14 Satisfactory

8. Spay/Neuter Article 26 C, §429.15 (a), (b. i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi), (c) Satisfactory

9. Dog Licensing Article 7,§ 109 General Deficiency

Dogs in NY foster for more than 30 days, 4 months and older are not licensed.

Article 7, §109 § 161.04

In the rest of the state dogs in foster homes have a 30-day grace period before we will require licensing

I. Foster Care

1. Foster Care Providers Article 26 C, §423.6 Satisfactory

2. Provider Requirements Article 26 C, §432.1 Satisfactory

3. Records Article 26 C, §432.2 Satisfactory

4. Infectious Disease Protocol Article 26 C, §432.3; 422.9 General Deficiency

No written infectious disease protocol.

Article 26 C, §432.3; 422.9

• Must have written protocol for Infectious and/or Contagious Diseases.

• Any animal harbored by foster care provider that is affected by an infectious or contagious disease shall be handled in a separate housing area segregated by species and isolated from healthy animals.

Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Katrina Moran**
TITLE: **Manager**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 846**
REVIEWED DATE: **03/27/2026**