

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIR

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

Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **4/1/26 10:00 am**

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

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| 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 | Critical 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.

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| 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 | Critical Deficiency |

No record of completed sound log. Measurements not taken to reduce sound levels in animal areas.

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.

• A record of measurements logging the date, times, measurement, location, feeding and resting times must be maintained by the shelter.

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| 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 | Critical 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.

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| 13. Drop Box Article 26 C, §424.13 | Satisfactory |
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B. Animal Housing

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| 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

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| 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

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

E. Behavior

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| 1. Routine Care and Handling Article 26 C, §430.1, 2, 3 | Satisfactory |
| 2. Exercise and Enrichment Article 26 C, §430.4 (a), (b), (c), 5 | Satisfactory |
| 3. Behavior Evaluations Article 26 C, §430.6, 7 (a), (b) | Satisfactory |

F. Transportation

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| 1. Vehicle Article 26 C, §431.1 a-f | Not Applicable |
| 2. Vaccinations Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (i-vi1) | Not Applicable |
| 3. Health Certificates Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (iv) 3 | Not Applicable |
| 4. Visual Identification Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (v) | Not Applicable |
| 5. Destination Shelter Contact Article 26 C, §431.2 | Not Applicable |
| 6. Animal <1 year not from USDA Breeder Article 26 C, §431.5 | Satisfactory |
| 7. Mandatory Holding Period Article 26, §384.1; 384.2 | Not Applicable |

G. Record Keeping and Protocols

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| 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 | Critical 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

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| 4. Unique Animal Identifiers Recorded Article 26 C, §423.1,2 | Satisfactory |
| 5. Record Requirement Article 26 C, §423 | Satisfactory |
| 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 | Satisfactory |
| 9. In House Protocols Article 26 C, §423.8 | Satisfactory |
| 10. Veterinary Protocols Article 26 C, §423.2 (g),9; 429 | Critical 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.

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| 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

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| 1. Veterinary and Emergency Care Article 26 C, §429.1-6 | Satisfactory |
| 2. Examinations Article 26 C, §429.3, 7, 11, 13 | Satisfactory |
| 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 | Satisfactory |
| 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 | Critical 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

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| 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 | Critical 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: **Jessica McDermid**
TITLE: **Manager**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 846**
REVIEWED DATE: **04/01/2026**