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

License No.: Expiration Date:

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

Inspector #: **84**
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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 — 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.

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.

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.

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	Satisfactory
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	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

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

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

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.

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 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

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**