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: **4/17/26 12:45 pm**

License No.: Expiration Date:

MUTTS MANSION INC. MUNICIPAL SHELTER
1031 ROUTE 376
WAPPINGERS FALLS NY 12590

Inspector #: **61**
Inspector #: **83**

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	Satisfactory
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

Sound levels not documented.

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	Satisfactory
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	Not Applicable
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
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 Satisfactory

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

Exercise and or enrichment not documented.

Article 26 C, §430.4 (a), (b), (c), 5
All dogs housed greater than 14 days permitted exercise at least 20 min. per day/5 days per week. 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, self-injurious behavior, repetitive non goal-oriented movement or stereotypic behaviors.

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

Behavioral evaluations not performed by trained staff; not documented.

Article 26 C, §430.6, 7 (a), (b)
Documentation of every behavior evaluation performed shall be added to record.

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 Satisfactory

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

Training not completed and or documented within 60 days of the educational visit.

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*

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 Satisfactory

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 General Deficiency

Written protocols unavailable for inspection.

Article 26 C, §423
Written protocols shall be in place for:
- *Animal Handling*
- *Behavioral Assessment*
- *Enrichment and Stress Reduction*
- *Management of Bite & Scratch Cases*
- *Sanitation*

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

Written protocols unavailable and/or incomplete. 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 General Deficiency

Documentation unavailable for job descriptions/responsibilities/protocols. Documentation of responsibilities/protocols not accessible by staff.

Article 26 C, §427.1,2
Clearly written protocols that define staff authority, reporting, structure and responsibilities, and is readily accessible by the staff and volunteers.

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.

Article 26 C, §429.3, 7
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.
Each animal in custody or possession shall be provided with complete physical examination by trained staff within 24 hours of intake.

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	Not Applicable

I. Foster Care

1. Foster Care Providers Article 26 C, §423.6	Not Applicable
2. Provider Requirements Article 26 C, §432.1	Not Applicable
3. Records Article 26 C, §432.2	Not Applicable
4. Infectious Disease Protocol Article 26 C, §432.3; 422.9	Not Applicable

Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Julia Volpicelli**
TITLE: **Employee**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 852**
REVIEWED DATE: **04/23/2026**