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: **5/6/26 10:00 am**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

PAWS UNITE PEOPLE INC
6 S. JERSEY AVENUE
UNIT A
EAST SETAUKET NY 11733

Inspector #: **62**
Inspector #: **51**

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	Satisfactory
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)	General Deficiency

Animals not visually identifiable.
Article 26-C, 425
Each enclosure shall clearly indicate the identities of all animals contained within, specifying each animal's unique identifier as required under section four hundred twenty-three of this article. Each animal shall also be individually identified.

C. Sanitation

1. Sanitation Article 26 C, §426.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11; 428.1 (e) — Critical Deficiency

Primary enclosures not cleaned and disinfected properly.
Article 26-C 426.6,7
Daily cleaning and at least once weekly disinfecting enclosure that house the same animals or animals housed for long term.

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

Animals not observed at feeding times.
Observations not recorded.
Article 26-C 428.1 (f)
Each animal shall be observed during or following each feeding time to ensure daily food intake, or at least once every twenty-four hours for animals continually offered food. Such observations shall 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 — 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 Satisfactory

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 423.8
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. 9
Written protocols must be approved by a veterinarian for the following categories:
• Nutrition and Feeding
• Physical Examination
• Emergency Vet Care
• Pain Management
• Vaccinations

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
Clearly written protocols that define staff authority, reporting, structure and responsibilities, and is readily accessible by the staff and volunteers.
Authority and responsibility given to those with appropriate knowledge and training.

H. Veterinary Care and Records

1. Veterinary and Emergency Care Article 26 C, §429.1-6 — General Deficiency

Written medical protocol not available, not approved by duty licensed veterinarian.
Written emergency protocol not available.
Article 26-C 429
Written medical protocol shall be followed for all physical or behavioral abnormalities identified at time of intake or during animal's shelter stay (including foster care animals).

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

Animals in shelter not examined once a month by trained staff.
Article 26-C.12
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 — Critical Deficiency

Animals not vaccinated with core vaccines.
Article 26-C 8,9
• Animals in custody or possession shall be vaccinated with core vaccines as recommended by national standards and guidelines, endorsed, or approved by AAFT, AAHA, ASV.
• All dogs, cats, and ferrets in custody or possession shall be vaccinated for Rabies prior to release (public health law).

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 .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 — Not Applicable

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 — Satisfactory

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Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Meredith Festa**
TITLE: **owner**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 846**
REVIEWED DATE: **05/08/2026**