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: **5/8/26 11:30 am**

License No.: Expiration Date:

GERTIES SMALL DOG RESCUE
60 S. GRANBY RD.
FULTON NY 13069

Inspector #: **64**
Inspector #: **852**
Inspector #: **833**

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	Not Applicable
2. Surfaces Article 26 C, §424.2	Not Applicable
3. Power/Water Article 26 C, §424.3	Not Applicable
4. Sinks Article 26 C, §424.4	Not Applicable
5. Temperature Article 26 C, §424.5, 6	Not Applicable
6. HVAC Maintenance Article 26 C, §424.7	Not Applicable
7. Ammonia Article 26 C, §424.8	Not Applicable
8. Isolation Article 26 C, §424.9; 425.8	Not Applicable
9. Sound Article 26 C, §424.10	Not Applicable
10. Lighting Article 26 C, §424.11	Not Applicable
11. Drainage and Waste Article 26 C, §424.2; 425.3, 16	Not Applicable
12. Pest Control Article 26 C, §424.12	Not Applicable
13. Drop Box Article 26 C, §424.13	Not Applicable

B. Animal Housing

1. Primary Enclosure Article 26 C, §425.1, 3, 10, 12; 424.2	Not Applicable
2. Group Housing Article 26 C, §425.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14	Not Applicable
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)	Not Applicable

C. Sanitation

1. Sanitation Article 26 C, §426.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11; 428.1 (e)	Not Applicable
2. Outdoor Enclosures Article 26 C, §426.9	Not Applicable

D. Shelter Management and Animal Husbandry

1. Number Housed Article 26 C, §425.12; 427.2,3	Not Applicable
2. Observation Article 26 C, §428.1; 427.4	Not Applicable
3. Food and Water Article 26 C, §428.1	Not Applicable
4. Restraint Article 26 C, §428.2 (a), (b), (c)	Not Applicable

E. Behavior

1. Routine Care and Handling Article 26 C, §430.1, 2, 3	Not Applicable
2. Exercise and Enrichment Article 26 C, §430.4 (a), (b), (c), 5	Not Applicable
3. Behavior Evaluations Article 26 C, §430.6, 7 (a), (b)	General Deficiency

Behavior information for animals not documented
1. Each animal shelter shall take measures, by way of written questionnaire, personal interview or other means deemed necessary by the commissioner, to collect a behavioral history for each animal in its custody or possession at the time of intake.

7. Animal shelters may perform a systematic behavioral evaluation on animals prior to rehoming or other placement. In the event such evaluations are performed, the following requirements shall apply: (a) staff performing such evaluations shall receive, in advance, adequate training in the performance and interpretation of the behavioral evaluation or evaluations; and (b) documentation of the results of every behavior evaluation performed shall be added to the animal's record created pursuant to section four hundred twenty-three of this article.

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.
1. Each animal shelter licensed pursuant to this article shall provide training to all staff members and volunteers having direct animal care responsibilities. Such training shall be provided within the first sixty days of employment and at least annually thereafter and shall be in addition to any and all training otherwise required by federal, state, or local law or regulation.

2. Acceptable training modalities shall include, but not be limited to, online webinars, on-site lectures or seminars, off-site conferences for animal shelter staff, or other formal training modalities as authorized by the commissioner.

3. Training topics shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (a) humane handling techniques; (b) infectious diseases commonly found in animal shelters; (c) zoonotic diseases; (d) animal cruelty; (e) sanitation procedures; (f) body language and normal behaviors for all species regularly handled; and (g) 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 General Deficiency

Intake documents unavailable.
2. Each animal shelter shall create and maintain a record for each animal in their custody or possession which shall minimally include: (a) Unique identifiers and any other identification associated with the animal upon examination at entry, including but not limited to a tattoo, a permanent official identification number as prescribed in section one hundred twelve of this chapter or other identification tags, rabies tags and numbers, or a microchip number, if present; (b) The name, address and telephone number of the person surrendering an animal or from whom an animal is seized, and additional contact information as the commissioner may require, or the address or cross-streets and city, town, or village where the animal was located or found prior to intake, if known; (c) The date of intake into and departure from the animal shelter; (d) Whether the animal was adopted, transferred, redeemed by its owner, died or was humanely euthanized, and, if applicable, the name, address, and phone number of the receiving individual or agency; (e) Basic descriptors including species, age, gender, physical description including color, and the spay or neuter status at entry if determinable with reasonable certainty; (f) Any available behavioral or health history or information otherwise obtained at intake, including bite history and rabies vaccination status, when known; and (g) All veterinary and behavioral examinations, treatments, procedures, or medications occurring during the animal's time under the care of the shelter.

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

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

No written protocol for…
Written protocols not approved by a licensed veterinarian.
9. Each animal shelter shall also develop and maintain the following written protocols, approved by a duly licensed veterinarian and sufficiently detailed to achieve and maintain the standards prescribed in this article: (a) nutrition and feeding; (b) physical examination; (c) emergency veterinary care; (d) pain management; I vaccinations; (f) parasite control; (g) anesthesia and surgery, if performed on-site by the organization; (h) humane euthanasia; and (i) outbreak management/control of infectious diseases.

10. Protocols established by each animal shelter pursuant to this section shall be reviewed annually and updated as necessary by designated administrative and managerial staff. Such protocols shall be made readily accessible to appropriate staff and volunteers.

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

12. Staff Authority/ Roles and Responsibilities Article 26 C, §427.1 Not Applicable

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 General Deficiency

Animals not vaccinated according to national standards.(no Bordetella vaccine)
8. Each animal shelter shall vaccinate each animal in its custody or possession with core vaccines as recommended by national standards and guidelines specific to animal shelters as established, endorsed or approved by the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP), American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), or the Association of Shelter Veterinarians (ASV).
9. Each animal shelter shall provide all dogs, cats, and ferrets in its custody or possession with a rabies vaccination prior to release in accordance with local public health laws. Each animal shelter shall be in compliance at all times with section one hundred nine of this chapter and title four of article twenty-one of the public health law.

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 General Deficiency

Dogs 4 months of age or older in foster care for 30 days or more are required to be licensed.
§ 109. Licensing of dogs required; rabies vaccination required. 1. (a) The owner of any dog reaching the age of four months shall immediately make application for a dog license.

I. Foster Care

1. Foster Care Providers Article 26 C, §423.6 General Deficiency

List of foster care providers unavailable.
Each animal shelter shall maintain a record of its designated foster care providers that shall include the written agreement established between such animal shelter and such providers pursuant to section four hundred thirty-two of this article, each providers name, address, telephone number, email address if available, types of animals for which the provider is willing to provide care, inspection reports, and current number of animals in the care of a designated foster care provider. Such records shall be updated immediately in the event any contact information for a given foster care provider changes.

2. Provider Requirements Article 26 C, §432.1 General Deficiency

Foster care agreements not available or expired.
1. No person may operate as a foster care provider in this state without first having signed a written agreement with an animal shelter licensed pursuant to this article stating that such person may operate as a foster care provider with the approval and under the responsibility of such animal shelter. Such agreement shall be renewed not less than once every two years, and a copy of such agreement shall be kept by both the animal shelter and foster care provider and made available for inspection by the commissioner upon request. It shall be the responsibility of the animal shelter entering into such agreement with any foster care provider pursuant to this article to ensure that such foster care provider is able to responsibly harbor and provide necessary sustenance for any animal placed in their care by such animal shelter in a manner that promotes the good health, safety and welfare of such animals.

3. Records Article 26 C, §432.2 Satisfactory

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

Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Edwin and Linda Fadden** REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 852**
TITLE: **President** REVIEWED DATE: **05/21/2026**