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: **5/12/26 10:45 am**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

FINGER LAKES SPCA INC
72 CAMERON STREET
BATH NY 14810

Inspector #: **075**
Inspector #: **64**

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)	Satisfactory

C. Sanitation

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

Dedicated equipment for cleaning and disinfection unavailable.
Daily cleaning and once weekly disinfection of enclosure not performed/logged.
Article 26 C, §426. 3, 6
3. dedicated equipment for cleaning and disinfection for use in each separate area of the shelter designated as cat or dog isolation, holding, adoptions or other functionally separate areas within the facility;
6. daily cleaning and at least once weekly disinfecting of enclosures that house the same animal or animals during a long-term stay

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

Observation of feeding/watering not recorded.
Article 26 C, §428.1
1. (a) Each animal shelter shall provide each animal under its care with fresh, potable water at all times unless otherwise directed by a duly licensed veterinarian. (b) Each animal shelter shall feed each animal under its care a complete and nutritionally balanced, species-specific and life-stage- appropriate diet as indicated by the animal's age, weight, and medical health, or as directed by a duly licensed veterinarian in accordance with the written protocols required by section four hundred twenty-three of this article. (c) Food shall be provided at least once daily for adult animals, at least twice daily for animals less than six months of age, and at least three times daily for animals less than two months of age. (d) Perishable animal food shall be refrigerated. Animal food and water containers shall be present in sufficient number and location to safely enable each animal in the enclosure to access an adequate supply of food and water. Food and water bowls shall be of the type that can be easily sanitized, be kept clean and shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to use by a different animal, unless disposable bowls are used and replaced between animals.

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
3. At least twenty minutes of positive social interactions, in addition to time spent providing feeding, cleaning, basic husbandry or care with people shall be provided by each animal shelter on a daily basis for any animal in such shelter's custody or possession except those so poorly socialized to humans that such contact would be unpleasant, stressful or pose a safety risk to other animals or humans. Daily handling and positive exposure to people and other animals shall be provided for any dog or cat less than four months of age, while taking appropriate precautions to limit infectious disease. Positive social interactions shall include but not be limited to petting an animal, walking, reward based training or interactive play with toys. Time spent providing basic husbandry and animal care shall not be used to offset the social interaction time requirements of this subdivision.
4. Each animal shelter shall provide each animal in its custody or possession opportunity for exercise and exploration in the following manner: (a) all cats housed in a cage, kennel, or room that provides less than eighteen square feet of floor space per cat for fourteen days or longer shall be permitted at least fifteen minutes per day at least five days per week outside of their primary enclosure to exercise and explore; (b) all dogs residing in the shelter for fourteen days or longer shall be permitted time outside of their primary enclosure to exercise and explore for at least twenty minutes per day five days per week; or (c) in the event such activities are not possible due to any animal's health, behavior, order of the commissioner or legal restriction, the condition and reason shall be documented in such animal's medical record.
5. Each animal shelter shall implement additional measures for enrichment and stress reduction for any animal in its custody or possession showing persistent hiding, hostile interactions with other animals, reduced activity , depression or social withdrawal, barrier frustration or aggression, self-injurious behavior, repetitive non goal-oriented movement, or stereotypic behaviors. Such measures shall be documented in such animal's medical record created pursuant to section four hundred twenty-three of this article.

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 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
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.
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 Satisfactory

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

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

Missing protocols and/or protocols not approved by a licensed veterinarian.
Article 26 C, §423.2 (g),9; 429
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 General Deficiency

Documentation for staff authority, reporting, and/or responsibilities unavailable.
Article 26 C, §427.1
1. Each animal shelter shall have a clear, written, management structure that defines staff authority, reporting structure and responsibilities, and is readily accessible to all staff and volunteers.

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.
Article 26 C, §429.1-6
1. Prescription medications and treatments shall be administered by each animal shelter under the advisement of or in accordance with written protocols provided by a duly licensed veterinarian.
2. All drugs shall be documented and dispensed by each animal shelter in accordance with applicable local , state, and federal laws and regulations.
4. Each animal shelter shall have the ability to provide for veterinary assessment and humane care in a timely fashion through in-house facilities or at an off-site location.
5. Pursuant to the written protocol for emergency veterinary care required by section four hundred twenty -three of
this article, each animal shelter shall provide appropriate and timely veterinary care for any animal that is in distress, experiencing pain, or showing signs of significant illness or injury.
6. Each animal shelter shall recognize and treat acute and chronic pain appropriately, as set forth in article twenty-six of this chapter. The legal status regarding the ownership of any animal shall not prevent treatment to relieve suffering.

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 Critical Deficiency

Animals in need of grooming
Article 26 C, §429.14
14. Each animal shelter shall provide regular grooming to prevent discomfort or injury to each animal in its custody or possession. Matted, soiled, or otherwise unkempt animals shall be provided with timely grooming to alleviate discomfort and prevent injury within forty-eight hours of intake or identification of condition. Severe matting that prevents normal movement, an animal's ability to eat, drink, urinate, or defecate, or that compromises tissue health shall be treated as a medical emergency requiring immediate care.

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.
Article 7, § 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 Satisfactory

2. Provider Requirements Article 26 C, §432.1 Satisfactory

3. Records Article 26 C, §432.2 General Deficiency

Foster care providers not provided records for animals in their care.
Article 26 C, §432.2
2. Foster care providers may harbor animals owned by a licensed animal shelter but shall not own such animals and shall keep a copy of the current record of each animal harbored under any agreement established pursuant to subdivision one of this section. Such record shall be maintained at the physical premises where such foster care providers harbor such animals. Animal shelters may, if appropriate to protect the identity of the source of any animal, provide their foster care providers with a partial animal record that excludes the name and address of the organization or individual from whom such animal was obtained and the date of receipt, so long as such animal shelters keep a copy of the complete record at the location where it maintains such records pursuant to section four hundred twenty-three of this article. It is the responsibility of the animal shelter with which such foster care provider has established an agreement pursuant to subdivision one of this section to ensure compliance with this subdivision.

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

Infectious disease plan for foster care providers unavailable.
Article 26 C, §432.3; 422.9
3. Any animal harbored by a foster care provider pursuant to this section that is affected by an infectious or contagious disease shall be handled in a manner that prevents the spread of such disease in accordance with subdivision nine of section four hundred twenty-four of this article. It shall be the responsibility of the animal shelter with which such foster care provider has established an agreement pursuant to subdivision one of this section to ensure compliance with this subdivision.

Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Michael Hopkins**
TITLE: **Executive Director**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 846**
REVIEWED DATE: **05/27/2026**