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: **6/3/26 9:45 am**

License No.: Expiration Date:

NY SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL RESCUE
224 GERARD ROAD
YAPHANK NY 11980

Inspector #: **62**
Inspector #: **82**

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 — Critical Deficiency

No behavioral history collected at time of intake.
Article 26 C, §430.1,2,3
Collecting behavioral history for each animal at time of intake.

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) — Satisfactory

3. Health Certificates Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (iv) 3 — Critical Deficiency

Health certificate not supplied with animal transported.
Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (iv) 3
A health certificate is required for each animal to be transported into the state in accordance with Part 65 of the commissioner's rules and regulations.
• Health certificates shall accompany each animal during transport and be completed and signed by a licensed veterinarian.

4. Visual Identification Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (v) — Satisfactory

5. Destination Shelter Contact Article 26 C, §431.2 — Satisfactory

6. Animal <1 year not from USDA Breeder Article 26 C, §431.5 — Satisfactory

7. Mandatory Holding Period Article 26, §384.1; 384.2 — Satisfactory

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 General 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.

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 General Deficiency

No written pest control plan.
Article 26 C, §424.12
• Animal shelter must maintain a written plan for pest and vermin control.
Method of controlling rodent infestation which is effective and safe for both humans and animals housed.

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,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, §429.1-6
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).
Written protocol for emergency care.

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, 7,11, 13
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.
• Ability to provide veterinary assessment in a timely fashion through in-house facilities or at an off-site location.
• Each animal in custody or possession shall be provided with complete physical examination by trained staff within 24 hours of intake. Animals are to be specifically examined for bite wounds to determine potential rabies exposure (if applicable, shelters must comply with reporting requirements 10 NYCRR 2.14).

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 Satisfactory

I. Foster Care

1. Foster Care Providers Article 26 C, §423.6 Satisfactory

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

Shelter agreement not on file and/or expired.
Article 26 C, §432.1
• Written agreement with shelter must be current and renewed every 2 years.

3. Records Article 26 C, §432.2 Satisfactory

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

No written infectious disease protocol.
Article 26 C, §432.3;422.9
Must have written protocol for Infectious and/or Contagious Diseases

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Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

N/A= Requirement not applicable to organizational operations or conditions observed.

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Ariel Lavalle**
TITLE: **President**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 846**
REVIEWED DATE: **06/05/2026**