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 General - 30**

Purpose: **Inspection**

DATE/TOA: **6/10/26 10:00 am**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

NORTH COUNTRY SPCA
7700 US ROUTE 9N
ELIZABETHTOWN NY 12932

Inspector #: **65**
Inspector #: **58**

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 — General Deficiency

Surfaces of floors and walls of the facility where animals come in contact are not impervious and need minor repair.

Article 26 C, §424.2 Indoor building surfaces in direct contact with animals shall be constructed of materials that are non-porous, water resistant, non-toxic and able to withstand regular cleaning and disinfection.

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

No record of completed sound log

Article 26 C, §424.10
10. Each animal shelter shall use a decibel-meter at a minimum of once weekly to measure the level of sound in their kennels during cleaning and resting times. A record of such measurements and the date such measurements were recorded shall be maintained by each animal shelter.

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 — General Deficiency

Primary enclosures need minor repair

Article 26 C, §425. 3(c) housing shall be structurally sound, in good repair and maintained in a safe, working condition to properly confine animals, prevent, injury, keep animals safe from predation, keep other animals out, and allow animals to remain dry and clean.

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 — Satisfactory

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 & enrichment not documented

Article 26 C, §430.5 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	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	Satisfactory
10. Veterinary Protocols Article 26 C, §423.2 (g),9; 429	General Deficiency

No written protocol for canine vaccinations.

Article 26 C, §423,9(e) 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: (e) vaccinations

11. Pest Control Plan Article 26 C, §424.12	General Deficiency

No written pest control plan.

Article 26 C, §424.12 Each animal shelter shall establish and maintain a written plan for pest and vermin control including the following:
(a) Method of controlling rodent infestation that is effective and safe for both humans, and animals housed in the facility;
(b) A record or copies of service reports from outside service providers related to pest and vermin control that documents dates, methods, locations, and outcomes, if applicable.

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

Animals in shelter custody for more than 30 days not examined at least monthly by a trained staff member.

Article 26 C, §429.12. Any animal in the custody or possession of any animal shelter for more than thirty days shall be examined and weighed at least monthly by a trained staff member. Animals in foster care shall be examined and weighed at least once every six months by a trained staff member.

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	General Deficiency

Weights for animals in shelter custody for more than 30 days not recorded.

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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:

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

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Wendy Beeman**
TITLE: **Executive Director**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 852**
REVIEWED DATE: **06/12/2026**