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: **6/16/26 12:45 pm**

License No.: Expiration Date:

HAPPY LIFE ANIMAL RESCUE
550 ROUTE 22
PAWLING NY 12564

Inspector #: **61**
Inspector #: **83**

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 — General Deficiency

Primary enclosures do not meet space requirements.

Article 26 C, §425.1, 3, 10, 12; 424.2
Primary enclosure shall provide sufficient space to allow normal postural adjustments, fully stretch body and have sufficient room to circle, lie down, and stand upright without head or tail touching sides of enclosure even in the presence of food or water bowls, beds, litter boxes, and other normal cage objects.

2. Group Housing Article 26 C, §425.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14 — Critical Deficiency

Animals exhibiting contagious/infectious symptoms housed with healthy animals.

Article 26C, §425.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14
Animals with suspected/known infectious/contagious disease shall be housed in isolation

3. Whelping Box Article 26 C, §425.8 (b) — Not Applicable

Requirement not applicable to organizational operations or conditions observed.

4. Outdoor Housing Article 26 C, §425.2, 15, 16 — Not Applicable

Requirement not applicable to organizational operations or conditions observed.

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) Critical Deficiency

Daily cleaning and once weekly disinfection of enclosure not being recorded.

Article 26 C, §426;
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 Critical Deficiency

Total number of animals housed exceed number of housing units available .

Article 26 C, §425.12; 427.2,3
The total number of animals housed in an animal shelter facility or foster home shall not exceed the number of housing units available at the facility.

2. Observation Article 26 C, §428.1; 427.4 Critical Deficiency

Animal observations at feeding times not documented. 2 puppies in the main housing area exhibiting signs of being sick.

Article 26 C, §428.1; 427.4
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.
All animals shall be observed daily by a manager or designee to identify each animal's needs for care , housing and service and to ensure that each animal has a plan to advance efficiently through the shelter.

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 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

Requirement not applicable to organizational operations or conditions observed.

2. Vaccinations Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (i-vi1) Satisfactory

3. Health Certificates Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (iv) 3 Satisfactory

4. Visual Identification Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (v) Not Applicable

Requirement not applicable to organizational operations or conditions observed.

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	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	Satisfactory
11. Pest Control Plan Article 26 C, §424.12	Satisfactory
12. Staff Authority/ Roles and Responsibilities Article 26 C, §427.1	Satisfactory

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	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	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.

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

Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Roy Forster**
TITLE: **Director**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 852**
REVIEWED DATE: **06/24/2026**