

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIRRating: **Non-Compliant Critical - 7**Purpose: **Inspection**DATE/TOA: **6/23/26 10:15 am**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

**NASSAU COUNTY SPCA
510 GRUMMAN RD WEST
BETHPAGE NY 11714**Inspector #: **51**Inspector #: **62**

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

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| 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) | Satisfactory |

F. Transportation

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| 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 | Not Applicable |
| 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

Not Applicable

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*

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

General Deficiency

*Records contain incomplete information.
Missing required information from reports.*

*Record Requirement
Article 26 C, §423*

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.

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

*In House Protocols
Article 26 C, §423.8*

8. Each animal shelter shall develop and maintain written protocols sufficiently detailed to achieve and maintain the standards prescribed in this section. These shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (a) animal handling; (b) behavioral assessment; (c) enrichment and stress reduction; (d) management of bite/scratch cases; and (e) sanitation.

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.

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, §423.2 (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; (e) 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

General Deficiency

*No written pest control
plan.*

Article 26 C, §424.12

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; and (c) Food stored in rodent proof containers to prevent spoilage, contamination, and infestation once opened, if packaging has been damaged, or as otherwise required by such plan.

12. Staff Authority/ Roles and Responsibilities Article 26 C, §427.1

General Deficiency

*Documentation unavailable
for job descriptions/
responsibilities/
protocol*

Article 26 C, §427.1,2

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 duly licensed
veterinarian.*

*Written emergency protocol
not available.*

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

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 in accordance with the shelter's written protocol for emergency care, as required by section four hundred twenty-three of this article.

7. Each animal shelter shall provide a complete physical examination of all animals in its custody or possession by trained shelter staff within twenty-four hours of intake to identify medical or behavioral conditions that require further evaluation and care. Animals shall specifically be examined for bite wounds; animals that have potentially been exposed to rabies shall be managed in accordance with applicable local and state laws. Each animal shelter shall comply with the rabies reporting requirements prescribed in 10 NYCRR 2.14.

11. When a physical or behavioral abnormality is identified at the time of intake or at any time during any animal's shelter stay, staff members shall follow written medical protocols required by section four hundred twenty-three of this article, to determine if and when any animal in its custody or possession needs to be examined by a duly licensed veterinarian. If the animal is in foster care, the foster care provider shall follow written medical protocols to determine whether the animal needs to be examined by a duly licensed veterinarian.

13. Any apparently healthy animal remaining within the custody or possession of any animal shelter shall be examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at least every six months, or more frequently if problems are identified.

3. Drug Logs Article 26 C, §429.2

General Deficiency

*Written medical protocol
not available, not approved
by duly licensed
veterinarian*

Article 26 C, §429.1-6

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4. Vaccinations Article 26 C, §429.8, 9

Critical Deficiency

*Animals not vaccinated with
core vaccines.*

Article 26 C, §429.8, 9

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 in NY foster for more
than 30 days, 4 months
and older are not licensed*

Article 7, §109

*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

Satisfactory

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

General Deficiency

No written infectious disease plan for foster care providers.

Article 26 C, §432.3

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:

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

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Maria Mora**
TITLE: **Employee**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 852**
REVIEWED DATE: **06/25/2026**