

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIRRating: **Non-Compliant Critical - 7**Purpose: **Inspection**DATE/TOA: **6/25/26 9:45 am**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

**AKRON RESCUE CATS, INC.
6838 CEDAR STREET
AKRON NY 14001**Inspector #: **79**Inspector #: **074**

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**

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| 1. Facility Article 26 C, §424.1 | Satisfactory |
| 2. Surfaces Article 26 C, §424.2 | General Deficiency |
| <i>Walls and floors in contact with animals are not impervious.</i> | |
| <i>Article 26 C, §424.2</i> | |
| <i>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.</i> | |
| 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 | General Deficiency |
| <i>HVAC maintenance not documented.</i> | |
| <i>Article 26 C, §424.7</i> | |
| <i>Each animal shelter shall document regular maintenance of air handling systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations.</i> | |
| 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 |
| <i>Sound levels not documented.</i> | |
| <i>Article 26 C, §424.10</i> | |
| <i>10. Each animal shelter shall minimize continuous exposure of personnel and animals to sound levels exceeding eighty-five decibels. Active measures shall be taken and documented to minimize sound levels in housing areas. Such measures may include modified kennel design, relocation of particularly loud animals, or use of visual barriers, sound baffling, and behavioral enrichment protocols. 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.</i> | |
| 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

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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.

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

General Deficiency

Unable to identify animals co-housed.

Article 26 C, §425.9

Each enclosure shall clearly indicate the identities of all animals contained within, specifying each animal's unique identifier as required under section four hundred twenty-three of this article. Each animal shall also be individually identified.

Physical exams not available.

Article 26 C, §425.7

Physical examinations verifying the absence of clinical signs of infectious diseases have been performed.

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)

General Deficiency

Animal identification unavailable.

Article 26 C, §425.9

Each enclosure shall clearly indicate the identities of all animals contained within, specifying each animal's unique identifier as required under section four hundred twenty-three of this article

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

Critical Deficiency

Animals not removed from enclosure during cleaning and disinfection.

Article 26 C, §426.2

Removal of animals from enclosures and placement in another appropriate enclosure or separation from the area being cleaned or disinfected by a functional compartment door when water, cleaning, or disinfecting agents are sprayed in or near an animal's enclosure.

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**

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

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| 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) | General Deficiency |

Behavior information for animals not documented.

Article 26 C, §430.1,7

1. Each animal shelter shall take measures, by way of written questionnaire, personal interview or other means deemed necessary by the commissioner, to collect a behavioral history for each animal in its custody or possession at the time of intake.

7. Animal shelters may perform a systematic behavioral evaluation on animals prior to rehoming or other placement. In the event such evaluations are performed, the following requirements shall apply: (a) staff performing such evaluations shall receive, in advance, adequate training in the performance and interpretation of the behavioral evaluation or evaluations; and (b) documentation of the results of every behavior evaluation performed shall be added to the animal's record created pursuant to section four hundred twenty-three of this article.

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 | Satisfactory |
| 7. Mandatory Holding Period Article 26, §384.1; 384.2 | Not Applicable |

G. Record Keeping and Protocols

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| 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. 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.

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| 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.

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.

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| 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 | General Deficiency |

Intake documents unavailable.

Article 26 C, §423.2

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9. In House Protocols Article 26 C, §423.8

General Deficiency

No written protocols.

Article 26 C, §423.8

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

General Deficiency

Written protocols not approved by a licensed veterinarian.

Article 26 C, §423.9

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.

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

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

Critical Deficiency

*Animal assessments unavailable.**Article 26 C, §429.3**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.**Animal intake exams unavailable.**Article 26 C, §429.7**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.***3. Drug Logs Article 26 C, §429.2**

General Deficiency

*Medication documentation unavailable.**Article 26 C, §429.2**All drugs shall be documented and dispensed by each animal shelter in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.***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 custody for more than 30 days not recorded.**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.***7. Grooming Article 26 C, §429.14**

General Deficiency

*Animals in need of grooming.**Article 26 C, §429.14**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.***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**

Satisfactory

2. Provider Requirements Article 26 C, §432.1

Satisfactory

3. Records Article 26 C, §432.2

General Deficiency

Foster care providers not provided complete records for animals in their care.

Article 26 C, §432.2

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

General Deficiency

Infectious disease plan for foster care providers unavailable.

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:
TITLE: **Director**

Cecilia Zackey

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 852**
REVIEWED DATE: **06/30/2026**