

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIRRating: **Non-Compliant General - 30**Purpose: **Inspection**DATE/TOA: **7/21/26 11:00 am**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

**HUMANE SOCIETY OF WALDEN
2489 ALBANY POST ROAD
WALDEN NY 12586**Inspector #: **078**Inspector #: **61**

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 |

*Walls in contact with animals are not impervious.**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. Adequate drainage shall prevent the accumulation of water or other liquids on floors.*

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| 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 |

*Sound levels not documented.**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.*

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| 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

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| 1. Primary Enclosure Article 26 C, §425.1, 3, 10, 12; 424.2 | General Deficiency |
| <i>Liquids do not bead up on surface of primary enclosure; impervious nature compromised.</i> | |
| <i>Materials shall be non-porous, water resistant, non toxic, and able to withstand regular cleaning and disinfection</i> | |
| 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

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| 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

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| 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) | 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) | 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 |
| 5. Destination Shelter Contact Article 26 C, §431.2 | General Deficiency |

Contact information during transportation unavailable.

(b) A contact person shall be designated for each animal shelter and any intermediate transfer points. (c) Each transporting organization identified in any agreement established pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d) of this subdivision shall adhere to all public health laws and local laws for source location, intermediate transfer points, and final destination.

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| 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

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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.

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 | 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 (a) nutrition and feeding; (b) physical examination; (c) emergency veterinary care; (d) pain management; (e) vaccinations; (f) parasite control; (h) humane euthanasia; (i) outbreak management/ control of infectious diseases.

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.

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| 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

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| 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 | Not Applicable |

I. Foster Care

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| 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 |

Infectious diseaseplan for foster care providers unavailable.

Any animal harbored by a foster care provider pursuant to this section thatis affected by an infectious or contagious disease shall be handled in a manner that prevents the spread of such disease in accordance withsubdivision nine of section four hundred twenty-four of this article. It shall be the responsibility of the animal shelter with which such foster care providerhas established an agreement pursuant to subdivision one of this section toensure compliance with this subdivision.

Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

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

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Jody Botjer**
TITLE: **Kennel Worker**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 852**
REVIEWED DATE: **07/27/2026**