

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIRRating: **Non-Compliant Critical - 7**Purpose: **Inspection**DATE/TOA: **7/14/26 1:00 pm**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

**FINGER LAKES SPCA INC
72 CAMERON STREET
BATH NY 14810**Inspector #: **075**Inspector #: **64**

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	Satisfactory
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) <i>Cleaning and disinfection of animal areas not recorded. Article 26 C, §426.1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11; 428.1 I 6. daily cleaning and at least once weekly disinfecting of enclosures that house the same animal or animals during a long-term stay;</i>	Critical Deficiency
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

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 as required by section four hundred twenty-five of this article; provided, however, that exceptions to the provisions of this subdivision shall be permissible for periods not to exceed forty-five contiguous days in the event of an animal seizure pursuant to article twenty-six of this chapter or a natural disaster where an official declaration of the disaster or emergency has been made

2. Observation Article 26 C, §428.1; 427.4

Critical Deficiency

Animal observations at feeding times not documented.

Article 26 C, §428.1; 427.4

(f) 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.

4. 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

Critical Deficiency

Observation of feeding/watering not recorded.

Article 26 C, §428.1

1. (a) Each animal shelter shall provide each animal under its care with fresh, potable water at all times unless otherwise directed by a duly licensed veterinarian. (b) Each animal shelter shall feed each animal under its care a complete and nutritionally balanced, species-specific and life-stage-appropriate diet as indicated by the animal's age, weight, and medical health, or as directed by a duly licensed veterinarian in accordance with the written protocols required by section four hundred twenty-three of this article. (c) Food shall be provided at least once daily for adult animals, at least twice daily for animals less than six months of age, and at least three times daily for animals less than two months of age. (d) Perishable animal food shall be refrigerated. Animal food and water containers shall be present in sufficient number and location to safely enable each animal in the enclosure to access an adequate supply of food and water. Food and water bowls shall be of the type that can be easily sanitized, be kept clean and shall be cleaned and disinfected prior to use by a different animal, unless disposable bowls are used and replaced between animals.

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

Critical Deficiency

Exercise and or enrichment not documented.

Article 26 C, §430.4 (a), (b), (c), 5

Satisfactory

Satisfactory

Critical Deficiency

3. At least twenty minutes of positive social interactions, in addition to time spent providing feeding, cleaning, basic husbandry or care with people shall be provided by each animal shelter on a daily basis for any animal in such shelter's custody or possession except those so poorly socialized to humans that such contact would be unpleasant, stressful or pose a safety risk to other animals or humans. Daily handling and positive exposure to people and other animals shall be provided for any dog or cat less than four months of age, while taking appropriate precautions to limit infectious disease. Positive social interactions shall include but not be limited to petting an animal, walking, reward based training or interactive play with toys. Time spent providing basic husbandry and animal care shall not be used to offset the social interaction time requirements of this subdivision.

4. Each animal shelter shall provide each animal in its custody or possession opportunity for exercise and exploration in the following manner: (a) all cats housed in a cage, kennel, or room that provides less than eighteen square feet of floor space per cat for fourteen days or longer shall be permitted at least fifteen minutes per day at least five days per week outside of their primary enclosure to exercise and explore; (b) all dogs residing in the shelter for fourteen days or longer shall be permitted time outside of their primary enclosure to exercise and explore for at least twenty minutes per day five days per week; or (c) in the event such activities are not possible due to any animal's health, behavior, order of the commissioner or legal restriction, the condition and reason shall be documented in such animal's medical record.

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	Critical 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.

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	Critical Deficiency

Intake and or departure date not documented. Disposition of animals not documented. Animal descriptors not documented. Vaccine and or behavior records unavailable. Treatment records unavailable.

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	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**

Critical Deficiency

*Administration of prescription medications and treatments not documented.**Administration of prescription medications and treatments without documentation from licensed veterinarian.**Emergency care not provided according to plan.**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**

Satisfactory

3. Drug Logs Article 26 C, §429.2

General Deficiency

*Medication documentation unavailable.**Article 26 C, §429.2**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**

Critical Deficiency

*Animals released without being vaccinated for Rabies. Animals not vaccinated with core vaccines.**Article 26 C, §429.8, 9**8. 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

Critical 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. 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

Satisfactory

Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

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

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION: **Michael Hopkins**
TITLE: **Executive Director**

REVIEWED BY: **Inspector #: 852**
REVIEWED DATE: **07/29/2026**