

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIRRating: **Non-Compliant Critical - 7**Purpose: **Inspection**DATE/TOA: **8/11/26 9:30 am**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

**TUFF TAILS ANIMAL RESCUE
418 MARINE LANE
WEST BABYLON NY 11704**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**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)

Critical Deficiency

*Behavioral evaluation history not disclosed.**No behavioral history collected at time of intake.**Behavioral evaluations not performed by trained staff;not documented.**Article 26 C, §430.6, 7 (a), (b)**Animal training or behavioral modifications are to be reward-based. All other methods are prohibited.**Documentation of every behavior evaluation performed shall be added to record.**•At time of animal's transfer, shelters must disclose all available information regarding behavior of animal. This shall include (but not limited to) prior history, observed behavior in the shelter, results of behavioral evaluations.***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

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| 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 | Satisfactory |
| 4. Unique Animal Identifiers Recorded Article 26 C, §423.1,2 | General Deficiency |

Identification not recorded

Article 26 C, §423

Each animal shelter shall examine every animal upon intake for unique identifiers that would allow for reunification with the animal's owner.

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| 5. Record Requirement Article 26 C, §423 | General Deficiency |
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Records contain incomplete information.

Missing required information from reports.

Article 26 C, §423

A record for each animal in the shelter's care shall be created and must contain (at minimum):

- Unique Identifiers: tattoo, microchip, tags (license,rabies, etc.)
- Name, address, phone # of individual surrendering animal
- Location where the animal was found
- Date of intake & departure from shelter
- Disposition of animal (adopted, transferred,euthanized, etc.)
- Basic animal description- physical, species, age,gender, color, spayed or neutered if applicable to determine
- Behavioral and/or health history (including bit history,vaccine history, if available)
- Veterinary & behavioral health exams
- Veterinary care, behavioral exams, treatments and procedures while in care of the shelter

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| 6. Record Retention Article 26 C, §423.3 | Not Applicable |
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| 7. Bite History Notification Article 26 C, §423.4 | Critical Deficiency |
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Bite history not disclosed in writing.

Article 26 C, §423

Previous bite history shall be fully disclosed in writing to the adopter, transfer partner, or reclaiming owner.

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| 8. Animal Intake Article 26 C, §423.1,2 | General Deficiency |
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Total # of animals not listed by species.

Source of animals not recorded.

Disposition of animals not recorded.

Article 26 C, §423

Summary records of shelter annual totals of animal intake and disposition recorded by species, source,and disposition.

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| 9. In House Protocols Article 26 C, §423.8 | General Deficiency |
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Written protocols unavailable for inspection.

Article 26 C, §423

Written protocols shall be in place for:

- Animal Handling
- Behavioral Assessment
- Enrichment and Stress Reduction
- Management of Bite & Scratch Cases
- Sanitation

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| 10. Veterinary Protocols Article 26 C, §423.2 (g),9; 429 | General Deficiency |
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Written protocols unavailable and/or incomplete.

Protocols not approved by licensed veterinarian.

Article 26 C, §423, 429

Written protocols must be approved by a veterinarian for the following categories:

- Nutrition and Feeding
- Physical Examination
- Emergency Vet Care
- Pain Management
- Vaccinations
- Parasite Control
- Anesthesia and/or Surgery (if done on site by the organization)
- Humane Euthanasia
- Outbreak Management/Control of Infectious diseases

Written protocols shall be maintained by the shelter and available for inspection.

11. Pest Control Plan Article 26 C, §424.12

General Deficiency

*No written pest control plan.**Article 26 C, §424.12**Animal shelter must maintain a written plan for pest and vermin control.**Written plan must include:**Method of controlling rodent infestation which is effective and safe for both humans and animals housed.**Records of service reports from outside service providers related to pest and vermin control, with documentation of dates, methods, locations, and outcomes if applicable.***12. Staff Authority/ Roles and Responsibilities Article 26 C, §427.1**

General Deficiency

*Documentation unavailable for job descriptions/**responsibilities/**protocols.**Documentation of responsibilities/protocols not accessible by staff.**Article 26 C, §427.1,2**•Clearly written protocols that define staff authority, reporting, structure and responsibilities, and is readily accessible by the staff and volunteers.**•Authority and responsibility given to those with appropriate knowledge and training***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 duty licensed veterinarian.**Written emergency protocol not available.**Article 26 C, §429.1-6**Written medical protocol shall be followed for all physical or behavioral abnormalities identified at time of intake or during animal's shelter stay (including foster care animals).**Written protocol for emergency care***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.**•Ability to provide veterinary assessment in a timely fashion through in-house facilities or at an off-site location.**•Each animal in custody or possession shall be provided with complete physical examination by trained staff within 24 hours of intake. Animals are to be specifically examined for bite wounds to determine potential rabies exposure (if applicable, shelters must comply with reporting requirements 10NYCRR 2.14).***3. Drug Logs Article 26 C, §429.2**

Satisfactory

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**Animals in custody or possession shall be vaccinated with core vaccines as recommended by national standards and guidelines, endorsed, or approved by AAFT, AAHA, ASV.**•All dogs, cats, and ferrets in custody or possession shall be vaccinated for Rabies prior to release (public health law).***5. Deworming Article 26 C, §429.10**

Critical Deficiency

*Animals not treated with dewormer**Article 26 C, §429.10**All animals in custody or possession shall be treated for hookworms and roundworms (minimum) prior to release and/or placement in foster care.***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

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
<i>No written infectious disease protocol.</i>	
<i>Article 26 C, §432.3; 422.9</i>	
<i>Must have written protocol for Infectious and/or Contagious Diseases.</i>	

Additional Information for Inspection:

REMARKS:

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

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION:	Margaret Burton	REVIEWED BY:	Inspector #: 852
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