

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIRRating: **Non-Compliant Critical - 7**Purpose: **Inspection**DATE/TOA: **8/7/26 4:00 pm**

License No.:

Expiration Date:

**WESTFIELD STRAY CAT RESCUE
8494 ROUTE 20
WESTFIELD NY 14787**Inspector #: **85**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****1. Facility Article 26 C, §424.1**

Satisfactory

2. Surfaces Article 26 C, §424.2

General Deficiency

*All surfaces not fluid impervious. Surfaces need minor repair.**Article 26 C, §424.1, 2**1. All facilities and all interior components of each animal shelter shall be constructed of materials that ensure a sound physical structure, and shall be maintained so as to protect animals from injury, ensure containment of animals within the property, and restrict unauthorized entry of other animals and humans to the building. 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. Adequate drainage shall prevent the accumulation of water or other liquids on floors.***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

*No documentation of HVAC maintenance.**Article 26 C, §424.7**Each animal shelter shall document regular maintenance of air handling systems according to the manufacturer's recommendations.***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

*No record of completed sound log.**Article 26 C, §424.10**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.***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

Critical Deficiency

Food and treats not stored in rodent proof containers. No written pest control plan.

Article 26 C, §424.12

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.

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

Liquids do not bead up on surface of primary enclosure; impervious nature compromised.

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. Adequate drainage shall prevent the accumulation of water or other liquids on floors.

Article 26 C, §425.3

(a) materials used in housing construction shall be non-porous, water-resistant, non-toxic, and able to withstand regular cleaning and disinfection; (c) housing shall be structurally sound, in good repair and maintained in a safe, working condition to properly confine animals, prevent injury, keep animals safe from predation, keep other animals out, and allow animals to remain dry and clean.

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)**

Satisfactory

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

General Deficiency

Observations not recorded.

Article 26 C, §428.1(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. Restraint Article 26 C, §428.2 (a), (b), (c)

Satisfactory

E. Behavior**1. Routine Care and Handling Article 26 C, §430.1, 2, 3**

General Deficiency

*Daily 20 minutes of positive social interactions not documented.**Article 26 C, §430.3*

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.

2. Exercise and Enrichment Article 26 C, §430.4 (a), (b), (c), 5

General Deficiency

*Additional enrichment not documented.**Article 26 C, §430.4*

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.

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

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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 documented for employees and volunteers having direct animal care responsibilities .

Article 26 C, §422.1, 4

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. 4. Complete documentation of training sessions shall be maintained for a period of not less than three years from the date of training completion. Such documentation shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (a) the date of training delivery and the date of completion; (b) the topic or topics of the training session; and (c) the provider of the training and a list of training course attendees.

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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 | General Deficiency |

Written protocols unavailable and/or incomplete for Enrichment and Stress Reduction and Management of Bite & Scratch Cases.

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.

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| 10. Veterinary Protocols Article 26 C, §423.2 (g),9; 429 | General Deficiency |
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Pain Management and Outbreak Management/Control of Infectious Disease 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.

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| 11. Pest Control Plan Article 26 C, §424.12 | Critical Deficiency |
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Article 26 C, §424.12

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

Animals not assessed within two hours on intake. Animals not provided with complete physical examination within 24 hours of intake. Animals in shelter not examined once a month by trained staff.

Article 26 C, §429.3, 7, 12

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. 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. 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.

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

Critical Deficiency

Animals in shelter not weighed once a month.

Article 26 C, §429.12

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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

General Deficiency

Foster care agreement expired.

Article 26 C, §432.1

No person may operate as a foster care provider in this state without first having signed a written agreement with an animal shelter licensed pursuant to this article stating that such person may operate as a foster care provider with the approval and under the responsibility of such animal shelter. Such agreement shall be renewed not less than once every two years, and a copy of such agreement shall be kept by both the animal shelter and foster care provider and made available for inspection by the commissioner upon request.

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 protocol.

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:

Carol Widrig also in attendance.

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

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT FOR INSPECTION:	Janice Carlson	REVIEWED BY:	Inspector #: 852
TITLE:	Shelter Co-Director	REVIEWED DATE:	08/19/2026