

SHELTER INSPECTION REPORT - AI-SIRRating: **Non-Compliant Critical - 7**Purpose: **Inspection**DATE/TOA: **8/21/26 12:30 pm**License No.:
THE NORTH FORK COUNTRY KIDS RESCUE
51 CHURCH LANE
RIVERHEAD NY 11901

Expiration Date:

Inspector #: **84**

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

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| 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 |

Behavior information for animals not documented.

Article 26 C, §430.6, 7 (a), (b)

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) | Satisfactory |
| 3. Health Certificates Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (iv) 3 | Critical Deficiency |

Health certificate for animals transported into NYS unavailable.

Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (iv) 3

(2) A health record shall accompany each animal to be transported. (3) A health certificate is required for each animal to be transported into the state in accordance with part sixty-five of the commissioner's rules and regulations. Such certificate shall accompany each animal during transport and be completed and signed by a duly licensed veterinarian.

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| 4. Visual Identification Article 26 C, §431.2 (d), (v) | Not Applicable |
| 5. Destination Shelter Contact Article 26 C, §431.2 | Satisfactory |
| 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 | Not Applicable |
| 3. Required Training Article 26 C, §422 | Satisfactory |
| 4. Unique Animal Identifiers Recorded Article 26 C, §423.1,2 | General Deficiency |

Unique identifiers not documented.

Article 26 C, §423.1,2

1. Each animal shelter shall examine an animal upon intake for unique identifiers and any other form of identification that may allow for reunification with an owner, as prescribed in sections one hundred seventeen and three hundred eighty-two of this chapter.

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| 5. Record Requirement Article 26 C, §423 | General Deficiency |
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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.

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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.

§423.1,2

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| 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**

Satisfactory

2. Examinations Article 26 C, §429.3, 7, 11, 13

Critical Deficiency

Animal assessments unavailable. Animal intake exams not performed within 24 hours. Animal intake exams unavailable.

Article 26 C, §429.3, 7, 11, 13

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. Animals shall specifically be examined for bite wounds; animals that have potentially been exposed to rabies shall be managed in accordance with applicable local and state laws. Each animal shelter shall comply with the rabies reporting requirements prescribed in 10 NYCRR 2.14.

11. When a physical or behavioral abnormality is identified at the time of intake or at any time during any animal's shelter stay, staff members shall follow written medical protocols required by section four hundred twenty-three of this article, to determine if and when any animal in its custody or possession needs to be examined by a duly licensed veterinarian. If the animal is in foster care, the foster care provider shall follow written medical protocols to determine whether the animal needs to be examined by a duly licensed veterinarian.

13. Any apparently healthy animal remaining within the custody or possession of any animal shelter shall be examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at least every six months, or more frequently if problems are identified.

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 not vaccinated according to national standards.

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

Critical Deficiency

Animals not dewormed.

Article 26 C, §429.10

10. At a minimum, each animal shelter shall treat all animals in its custody or possession for hookworms and roundworms prior to release and/or placement in foster care.

6. Weights Article 26 C, §429.12

Critical Deficiency

Weights for animals in custody for more than 30 days not recorded. Weights for animals in foster home not recorded every 6 months.

Article 26 C, §429.12

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

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

General Deficiency

Dogs 4 months of age or older in foster care for 30 days or more are required to be licensed.

Article 7, § 109

§ 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

General Deficiency

*Foster care agreements not available or expired.**Article 26 C, §432.1*

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. It shall be the responsibility of the animal shelter entering into such agreement with any foster care provider pursuant to this article to ensure that such foster care provider is able to responsibly harbor and provide necessary sustenance for any animal placed in their care by such animal shelter in a manner that promotes the good health, safety and welfare of such animals. No animal shelter shall knowingly enter into any agreement pursuant to this subdivision with any person who has been previously convicted of a violation of any provision of article twenty-six of this chapter or regulations promulgated thereunder pertaining to humane treatment of animals, cruelty to animals, endangering the life or health of an animal, or violation of any federal, state, or local law pertaining to the care, treatment, sale, possession, or handling of animals or any regulation or rule relating to the endangerment of the life or health of an animal.

3. Records Article 26 C, §432.2

General Deficiency

*Foster care providers not provided records for animals in their care.**Article 26 C, §432.2*

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; 422.9*

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**Virginia Scudder****REVIEWED BY: Inspector #: 852**
REVIEWED DATE: 08/26/2026