



## Inspection Report

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CRITTER BARN  
9275 ADAMS STREET  
ZEELAND, MI 49464

Customer ID: **7727**  
Certificate: **34-C-0146**  
Site: 001  
CRITTER BARN

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 07-SEP-2022

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### 2.40(b)(3)

#### Repeat

#### **Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

The president of the facility was out of state at time of inspection. The facility president authorized an employee to conduct the inspection. There were 3 rabbits being treated for bilateral ocular discharge and sneezing. The employee hosting the inspection called another employee. This employee stated, by phone, that these rabbits were being treated per the veterinary protocol. The employee hosting the inspection did not have access to the medical protocols or treatment information/records. The facility president was returning to the facility late evening on the day of inspection. An email was sent to the facility president, on September 8, 2022 at 2:14 PM, requesting the veterinary protocol and treatment information. A follow-up message was left on the facility presidents cell phone, on September 8, 2022 at 2:57 PM, to call her attention to the email requesting the veterinary protocol and treatment information. There has been no veterinary protocol or treatment information received as of September 13, 2022 at 1:06 PM.

Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

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If animals are noticed to have problems of health the veterinarian must be contacted promptly for a proper diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### **Records: Dealers and exhibitors.**

The president of the facility was out of state at time of inspection. The facility president authorized an employee to conduct the inspection. The employee did not have access to the record of animals on hand. The facility president was returning to the facility late evening on the day of inspection. An email was sent to the facility president requesting a record of animals on hand on September 8, 2022 at 2:14 PM. A follow-up message was left on the facility presidents cell phone, on September 8, 2022 at 2:57 PM, to call her attention to the email requesting the animals on hand document. There has been no record of animals on hand received as of September 13, 2022 at 1:06 PM.

Every exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information concerning animals other than dogs and cats, purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control.

Every exhibitor must make, keep, and maintain records of animals on hand to ensure animals can be traced and tracked in case of animals disease outbreak, and to ensure animal disease is not present in the animals held at the facility.

To be corrected from this day forward, September 13, 2022.

### 3.53(a)(1)

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### Primary enclosures.

There has been no change in the condition of the structural supports for the rabbit enclosures since the last inspection.

The metal pipes that make up the vertical supports for the rabbit enclosures are severely rusted. There are two pipes that have disintegrated at the bottom, and are held up by blocks of wood.

Primary enclosures shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the rabbits from injury, to contain them, and to keep predators out.

The structural supports for these enclosures must be maintained in good repair to ensure the stability of the stacked rabbit enclosures and protect the rabbits from injury by the stacked enclosures falling.

### 3.56(b)(1)

### Repeat

### Sanitation.

There has been little change in the rabbit enclosures since the last inspection. An estimated 40 percent of the approximately 50 rabbit enclosures have rusted areas on the urine guards, access doors, and/or an accumulation of urine scale.

Primary enclosures for rabbits shall be sanitized at least once every 30 days in the manner provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

Remove, replace, or repair the rusted urine guards, and doors so that they can be properly sanitized to prevent odor and disease hazards. The urine scale must be removed prior to sanitizing these enclosures as it is a porous surface and

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cannot be sanitized properly. Three rabbits are currently being treated for runny eyes, and sneezing. The inability to clean and sanitize these enclosures may contribute to further contagious animal disease.

### 3.125(a)

### Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

- One of the goat platforms has 3 exposed nail heads sticking up 1/4 - 3/4 of an inch.
- The 3 production pigs have a hole in one area of fence panel that has been cut leaving sharp points.
- The primary enclosure housing the Boer goats has a section of fence covering a hole in the fence. The section of fence used to repair the hole in the fence has sharp points.
- The 3 young, male goats have a shade cloth that is tattered and torn with long strand of fiber hanging into the enclosure. The same enclosure has a shelter in disrepair. The enclosure has an approximately 10" by 10" hole in the front, and a board and a half missing on the side.
- There are two male sheep in the barn that houses the male goats and sheep that have a tattered and torn shade cloth with long strands of fiber hanging in the enclosure. This enclosure also has sharp points on the outside of the shelter where the metal siding is pulled away from the wall.
- One singly housed male sheep has a metal piece of siding on the outside of its shelter that is bent away from the wall and has sharp points.
- Approximately 10 goats housed next to the 3 adult Jersey cows have a shelter that is in disrepair. Approximately 1/3 of the back wall of the shelter is missing.

The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

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The animal facilities must be maintained in good repair to prevent injury, or entanglement in the fence or shade cloth that may cause injury to the animals contained. The fiber strands hanging within reach of the animals could also be ingested causing a veterinary issue with these animals.

**3.125(d)**

**Repeat**

**Facilities, general.**

-There is a very large pile of manure that is overflowing its containment area. This manure is what has been removed from the pens, but is close proximity to the cow pens, and approximately 20 yards from the main barn.

Provision shall be made for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, trash and debris. Disposal facilities shall be so provided and operated as to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards.

The manure pile must be removed to prevent contamination of the animals, reduce odors, reduce pests, and disease hazards.

To be corrected by October 9, 2022

**3.131(a)**

**Repeat**

**Sanitation.**

There is excessive manure pack in numerous animal enclosures. Animal enclosures with excessive manure pack include sheep pen group 3, the Boer goat enclosure, sheep pen group 2, the CL goat enclosure, the male goat and sheep enclosures.

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Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

Enclosures must be cleaned as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animal enclosed, reduce disease hazards, reduce pest infestation, and reduce odors.

### 3.132 Repeat

#### Employees.

The number of basic husbandry citations such as cleaning, and disrepair of facilities shows that there is a lack of employees/volunteers.

A sufficient number of adequately trained employees shall be utilized to maintain the professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

A sufficient number of employees/volunteers must be utilized to maintain professionally acceptable levels of husbandry.

This inspection was conducted with an employee and exit interview was conducted with the facility president.

Additional Inspectors:

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7727	34-C-0146	001	CRITTER BARN	07-SEP-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000015	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000010	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000097	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000009	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000042	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000052	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000225	<b>Total</b>	