



Inspection Report

First Light Farms LLC
2292 Audobon Rd
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Customer ID: 505194

Certificate: 43-A-6373

Site: 001

First Light Farms LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 16-SEP-2025

2.40(b)(2) Critical

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

Two dogs on separate occasions were injured or became ill and did not receive appropriate veterinary care.

Mabeline, a seven year old female Australian Shepherd with identification number ASDM-MO-2201662, was injured in March of 2025 by another dog housed in the same primary enclosure. According to the licensee, Mabeline received a bite wound to the neck which left a tear but did not penetrate the full thickness of the skin. The licensee stated the dog was treated with an antibiotic spray. The veterinarian was not contacted and no record of treatment was available at the time of inspection. The dog was found dead two days after this incident. The licensee stated that the dog was found with a rawhide bone lodged in its mouth and was assumed to have choked on the bone.

Discussion with the attending veterinarian revealed no record of contact from the licensee concerning this incident. The attending veterinarian stated that she does not recommend the use of rawhide bones to address dental care and that she did not approve the use of antibiotic spray under these circumstances.

Masterpiece, an eight year old male Siberian Husky/Pomeranian with identification number 7E10036772, became ill in August of 2025. The licensee reports the dog was "down in the back end" and had diarrhea. According to the licensee, the attending veterinarian was not available to treat or euthanize the dog so the licensee proceeded to use a method of euthanasia that was not approved by the attending veterinarian. In addition, the method did not meet the regulatory definition of euthanasia.

Discussion with the attending veterinarian revealed no record of contact from the licensee concerning this incident. The veterinarian reported that she does not recommend a method of euthanasia other than as outlined in the program of veterinary care.

When appropriate methods are not used to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries of the animals it can lead to unnecessary pain, discomfort or death of the animal. The licensee must establish, maintain and follow a program of adequate veterinary care that includes the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

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To be corrected from this date forward September 17, 2025.

2.50(a)(2)

Time and method of identification.

A litter of seven Daschund puppies born August 24, 2025 were not identified at the time of inspection. Identification of dogs and puppies is necessary to ensure that each animal's identity can be known with certainty and to facilitate recordkeeping requirements for inventory, disposition, transport and healthcare documentation. The licensee must properly identify puppies that are less than 16 weeks of age with an acceptable form of identification, which may include a cage card (if litters are not comingled), a microchip, a collar and tag, or a plastic-type collar with the required information legibly written.

To be corrected by September 23, 2025.

3.4(b)

Outdoor housing facilities.

At the time of inspection, Rikko, an eight year old male Standard Poodle with identification number 7E10036772, was housed in an outdoor run with no access to shelter or shade. The licensee stated that he was temporarily housed in this area to separate him from a female to prevent breeding until they could be observed. A lack of shelter and/or shade can be stressful and cause discomfort, which could have a negative impact on the health and well-being of the dogs. Outdoor facilities where dogs are housed must include one or more shelter structures containing a roof, four sides, and a floor. The shelter must provide adequate protection and shelter from the cold and heat, protection from the direct rays of the sun and direct effect of wind, rain or snow. In addition to the shelter structures, one or more separate outside areas of shade must be provided. Rikko was given access to a sheltered facility prior to completion of the inspection. The licensee must ensure that dogs in outdoor housing facilities have shelter from the elements at all times from this day forward on September 17, 2025.

3.13(b)(2)

Veterinary care for dogs.

The licensee is missing medical records detailing when problems are identified and details regarding how those conditions are treated.

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administered to either dog.

Failure to create and maintain medical records interferes with the APHIS official's ability to determine if the dogs are receiving adequate veterinary care to ensure the health and well-being of the animals. Proper medical documentation must be maintained and must include the identity of the animal, including identifying marks, and the animal's breed, sex, and age. When a problem is identified (such as a disease, injury, or illness), the date and description of the problem, examination findings, test results, plan for treatment and care, and treatment procedures performed, when appropriate, must be included in the medical record.

To be corrected by October 1, 2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
505194	43-A-6373	001	First Light Farms LLC	16-SEP-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000020	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000007	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000027	Total	