



Inspection Report

Amos W Zimmerman
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Customer ID: **31930**
Certificate: **23-A-0306**
Site: 001
AMOS W ZIMMERMAN

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 04-DEC-2019

2.40(b)(2) DIRECT REPEAT

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

In Pen #12, an adult, female, tri-colored guinea pig was observed to be laying laterally on her right side and made no attempts to stand as other guinea pigs rushed around her when approached by APHIS officials. The guinea pig appeared to be sunken into the shavings around her and did not attempt to rise when two juvenile guinea pigs approached her and attempted to nurse. The only movements observed by this guinea pig were several kicks of the left hind leg and a few attempts to move her head. When the facility representative attempted to stand the guinea pig up, she reclined back into a lateral position.

When asked about this guinea pig, the facility representative was previously unaware of her condition and had not contacted the Attending Veterinarian (AV) regarding this animal. Also, seven additional dead juvenile guinea pigs were identified in Pens 17, 49, and 10, and an adult guinea pig was found deceased in Pen 4. The facility representative was likewise unaware of the deceased guinea pigs in these pens prior to inspection.

The inability to stand or walk can be indicative of disease and/or injury which can be painful and affect the overall health of the animal. Failure to seek proper diagnosis and treatment for disease may result in pain to the animals, worsening of the condition, and possible spread to additional animals if the condition is contagious. The licensee must establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

3.26(b) REPEAT

FACILITIES, INDOOR.

There was a strong ammonia odor throughout the indoor guinea pig housing areas. There was an operable fan in the larger room and closed windows present in both housing areas, but these methods were not sufficient to provide adequate ventilation. The licensee stated that he had not made any changes to the ventilation since the last inspection. Failure to provide fresh air can expose the guinea pigs to potential disease hazards. The indoor housing facilities must be ventilated to minimize odors and ensure the health of the animals.

3.31(a)(1)

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SANITATION.

There are three enclosures (Pen #20, 21, and 22) with a large accumulation of feces covering the floor and a lack of bedding material. There is also a build-up of dirt, dust, and grime on the walls of a majority of the enclosures. Dirty enclosures can cause unpleasant ammonia odors, lead to the contamination of feed and water, and attract pests and vermin which can carry diseases and affect the health of the animals. The facility must ensure primary enclosures are cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris.

Correct by December 11, 2019.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

Additional Inspectors

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
31930	23-A-0306	001	AMOS W ZIMMERMAN	04-DEC-19

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000586	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000586	Total	