



## Inspection Report

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Pipsqueeks Pet Inc  
10654 SE US Hwy 441  
Bellevue, FL 34420

Customer ID: **331113**  
Certificate: **58-B-0681**  
Site: 001  
PIPSQUEEKS PETS INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 15-JUL-2025

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### 2.1(b)(2)(i)

#### Requirements and application

The facility has exceeded the maximum number of animals allowed under their license. The facility is approved for up to 200 animals but 289 animals were documented during the inspection.

The USDA license authorizes a specific number of animals to ensure that the facility and personnel possess adequate facilities, employees and education to provide sufficient husbandry to the regulated animals. A licensee must obtain a new license before any change resulting in more than the authorized number of animals on hand at any single point in time during the period of licensure. The licensee must reapply for a license that properly reflects the number of regulated animals under the license or reduce the number of regulated animals to a number which is under the maximum threshold authorized under the current license.

To be corrected by August 15, 2025.

### 2.75(b)(1)

Repeat

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility is not currently maintaining disposition records for the animals that are born in the upstairs breeding area but die prior to being moved to the show floor. This includes the disposition for two young chinchillas that died in May 2025. Appropriate documentation of regulated animals is essential for proper identification, tracking of animals and for APHIS Officials to be able to carry out their duties. Facilities shall make and maintain complete records regarding the details of the acquisition and disposition of animals in their possession in order to account for all animal transfers or deaths and the sources of the animals.

### 3.28(c)(1)(iii)

#### Primary enclosures.

Three guinea pig enclosures are not providing the minimum required space for the number of animals that are currently housed inside of them.

-Ten guinea pigs are housed in a plastic bottomed primary enclosure with wire sides which measures 23 inches wide by 39 inches long providing a total of 897 square inches of floor space. The guinea pigs are over 350 grams and therefore require 101 square inches each (or 1,010 square inches for this group of ten).

Fourteen guinea pigs are housed in a glass walled primary enclosure that measures 34 inches by 30 inches providing a total of 1,020 square inches of floor space. The guinea pigs are over 350 grams and therefore require 101 square inches

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each (or 1,414 square inches for this group of fourteen).

Fifteen guinea pigs are housed in a glass walled primary enclosure that measures 34 inches by 30 inches providing a total of 1,020 square inches of floor space. The guinea pigs are over 350 grams and therefore require 101 square inches each (or 1,515 square inches for this group of fifteen).

Not providing the minimum area of space does not allow for adequate freedom of movement, exercise, or reduce the potential for injury due to overcrowding or competition between the guinea pigs. All guinea pigs of this size must be provided at least the minimum required floor space (101 square inches for each guinea pig weighing > 350 grams) in their primary enclosure.

To be corrected by July 22, 2025.

### 3.28(c)(2)

#### Primary enclosures.

The upstairs breeding enclosures for Syrian hamsters are not providing the minimum required interior height of six inches. The enclosures are plastic bins measuring less than 4.5 inches tall from the outside.

Three Syrian hamster enclosures are not providing the minimum required space for the number of animals that are currently housed inside them. These three enclosures are part of a glass walled square enclosure that is separated into four equal sized triangles. The square enclosure measures 33 inches by 33 inches which provides 272.25 square inches of floor space per triangle enclosure. The Syrian hamsters are over 100 grams and therefore require 19 square inches each. The triangles are housing 22, 20, and 17 Syrian hamsters which require 418 square inches, 380 square inches, and 323 square inches respectively.

Not providing the minimum height or area of space does not allow for adequate freedom of movement, exercise, or reduce the potential for injury due to overcrowding or competition between the hamsters. All hamsters of this size must be provided at least the minimum required height (6 inches) and the minimum required floor space (19 square inches for each hamster weighing > 100 grams) in their primary enclosure.

To be corrected by July 22, 2025.

### 3.30 Direct

#### Watering.

There are two guinea pig enclosures that do not have any water available. When the facility representative offered water in the wire top enclosure housing ten guinea pigs, at least 6 guinea pigs were seen fighting to drink from the water bottle over a period of 2 minutes. When the facility representative offered water to the three hairless guinea pigs in the enclosure upstairs, these guinea pigs were seen drinking and fighting continuously over the water bottle for over five minutes.

Inadequate access to potable water can cause discomfort and dehydration of the guinea pigs. The facility must supply the guinea pigs with enough potable water to meet their normal water requirements for the health and comfort of the animals. The facility provided water to these animals at the time of inspection.

### 3.31(b)

#### Sanitation.

The facility does not have adequate housekeeping for the premises which houses guinea pigs and hamsters. There are currently numerous sections of deteriorating insulation hanging from the walls and ceiling. According to the

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facility representative, insulation often falls from the ceiling onto and into animal enclosures. The storage area upstairs is stacked multiple items deep and does not allow for easy cleaning. Below and around the items stored here, there are accumulations of bedding and rodent droppings. Under animal cages on the show floor and upstairs, there is old bedding and other debris that is not being swept up. Insulation can cause illness or injury to the animals. Accumulations of trash or debris can attract pests and pose disease hazards to the regulated animals. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.  
To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

### 3.31(c)

#### Sanitation.

On both the show floor and upstairs in the breeding area which houses guinea pigs and hamsters, there is an excessive accumulation of rodent droppings. According to the facility representative, there has been an ongoing issue with wild rats at the store. These issues include chewing through the insulation lining the ceiling and walls as well as chewing through bags of feed kept in the store. The facility currently uses glue traps but this has not been successful in stopping the rats. Pests such as rats can spread disease and contaminate food, surfaces, and animal housing areas. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.  
To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

### 3.56(c)

#### Sanitation.

The facility does not have adequate housekeeping for the premises which houses rabbits. There are currently numerous sections of deteriorating insulation hanging from the walls and ceiling. According to the facility representative, insulation often falls from the ceiling onto and into animal enclosures. The storage area upstairs is stacked multiple items deep and does not allow for easy cleaning. Below and around the items stored here, there are accumulations of bedding and rodent droppings. Under animal cages on the show floor and upstairs, there is old bedding and other debris that is not being swept up. Insulation can cause illness or injury to the animals. Accumulations of trash or debris can attract pests and pose disease hazards to the regulated animals. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.  
To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

### 3.56(d)

#### Sanitation.

On both the show floor, which houses rabbits, and upstairs in the breeding area, there is an excessive accumulation of rodent droppings. According to the facility representative, there has been an ongoing issue with wild rats at the store. These issues include chewing through the insulation lining the ceiling and walls as well as chewing through bags of feed kept in the store. The facility currently uses glue traps but this has not been successful in stopping the rats. Pests such as rats can spread disease and contaminate food, surfaces, and animal housing areas. A safe and effective

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### 3.126(a) Critical

#### Facilities, indoor.

Inability to maintain suitable temperatures in the indoor building resulted in the deaths of two very young chinchillas. According to the owner, the facility has had ongoing issues with their air conditioning unit as well as a lack of proper insulation for the building. In May 2025, the air conditioning unit for the building broke overnight. This resulted in the chinchilla enclosure, which is upstairs, not having adequate temperature control. When employees arrived in the morning, they found the two young chinchillas deceased in the enclosure.

Inadequate temperature regulation in the building, especially for very young animals and animals sensitive to heat, can result in discomfort or even death of the animals. Temperature in indoor housing facilities shall be sufficiently regulated by heating or cooling to protect the animals from the extremes of temperature, to provide for their health and to prevent their discomfort. The ambient temperature shall not be allowed to fall below nor rise above temperatures compatible with the health and comfort of the animal.

To be corrected from this day, July 15, 2025, forward.

### 3.131(c)

#### Sanitation.

The facility does not have adequate housekeeping for the premises which houses hedgehogs, degus, ferrets, gerbils, chinchillas, a pygmy squirrel, and a sugar glider.

There are currently numerous sections of deteriorating insulation hanging from the walls and ceiling. According to the facility representative, insulation often falls from the ceiling onto and into animal enclosures. At the time of inspection, there is a chunk of insulation on top of the chinchilla enclosure where the animals can access it.

The storage area upstairs is stacked multiple items deep and does not allow for easy cleaning. Below and around the items stored here, there are accumulations of bedding and rodent droppings.

Under animal cages on the show floor and upstairs, there is old bedding and other debris that is not being swept up.

Insulation can cause illness or injury to the animals. Accumulations of trash or debris can attract pests and pose disease hazards to the regulated animals. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.

To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

### 3.131(d)

#### Sanitation.

On both the show floor and upstairs in the breeding area, there is an excessive accumulation of rodent droppings. These affected areas house hedgehogs, degus, ferrets, gerbils, chinchillas, a pygmy squirrel, and a sugar glider. According to the facility representative, there has been an ongoing issue with wild rats at the store. These issues include chewing through the insulation lining the ceiling and walls as well as chewing through bags of feed kept in the store. The facility currently uses glue traps but this has not been successful in stopping the rats.

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### 3.158(c)

#### Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

The facility does not have adequate housekeeping for the premises which houses birds. There are currently numerous sections of deteriorating insulation hanging from the walls and ceiling. According to the facility representative, insulation often falls from the ceiling onto and into animal enclosures. The storage area upstairs is stacked multiple items deep and does not allow for easy cleaning. Below and around the items stored here, there are accumulations of bedding and rodent droppings. Under animal cages on the show floor and upstairs, there is old bedding and other debris that is not being swept up. Insulation can cause illness or injury to the animals. Accumulations of trash or debris can attract pests and pose disease hazards to the regulated animals. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash. To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

### 3.158(d)

#### Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

On both the show floor and upstairs in the breeding area which houses birds, there is an excessive accumulation of rodent droppings. According to the facility representative, there has been an ongoing issue with wild rats at the store. These issues include chewing through the insulation lining the ceiling and walls as well as chewing through bags of feed kept in the store. The facility currently uses glue traps but this has not been successful in stopping the rats. Pests such as rats can spread disease and contaminate food, surfaces, and animal housing areas. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained. To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
331113	58-B-0681	001	PIPSQUEEKS PETS INC	15-JUL-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000087	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000002	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000093	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000046	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000012	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000003	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000006	<i>Lonchura striata domestica</i>	SOCIETY FINCH / BENGALIAN FINCH
000005	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000001	<i>Sciurus pucheranii</i>	PYGMY SQUIRREL
000003	<i>Serinus canaria domestica</i>	DOMESTIC CANARY / COMMON CANARY
000004	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	ROSY-FACED LOVEBIRD
000010	<i>Phodopus roborovskii</i>	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
000007	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL
000001	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000009	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000289	<b>Total</b>	