



Inspection Report

Steven Higgs
29800 N W Victory Lane
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Customer ID: **8179**
Certificate: **92-C-0159**
Site: 002
STEVEN HIGGS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 23-MAY-2016

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

A facility employee transported by air from Florida to Oregon, via Chicago, two 3-week-old bobcats in-cabin with him. He is experienced in the care of young animals, including non-domestic felids. The CVI issued 5/19/2016 documented their age at 3 weeks. They were transported in a crate with blankets and a Snuggle Safe disc (warmer), and were fed every three hours for the duration. At the time of this focused inspection, the bobcats were about 4 weeks old, and held in a transport-type crate with blankets and a Snuggle Safe disc. Surface temperature of the bedding in the crate was 76.5 degrees. The cubs were bright and alert and moving around normally.

It has been determined that transporting neonatal (<4 weeks old) nondomestic cats is not consistent with safe handling and protecting them from harm. The moving of the enclosure and the noise of the planes and the crowds can cause behavioral stress and discomfort. In addition, neonatal animals are not considered to have competent immune systems until they have had a series of vaccinations. They were potentially exposed to pathogens from other animals and people on the planes and in the airports.

Correct by no longer transporting neonatal animals, from this point on.

This focused inspection and exit briefing was conducted with the licensees and facility personnel.

A revised exit briefing was conducted by telephone.

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Date:
27-MAY-2016

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 5036

Received by Title: LICENSEE

Date:
27-MAY-2016



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
8179	92-C-0159	002	STEVEN HIGGS	23-MAY-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	Total	