



Inspection Report

Ben K Esh Jr
565 S Mill Street
Loganton, PA 17747

Customer ID: **326205**
Certificate: **23-A-0552**
Site: 001
BEN K ESH JR

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 17-JUL-2018

2.40(a)(2)

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

"Tang" drink powder was being added to the drinking water at an unknown concentration. The amount of Tang added to the water is estimated by the licensee based on color. The program of veterinary care did not provide guidance on this method of supplementing vitamin C. The licensee stated that he previously had guinea pigs with hair loss, consistent with vitamin C deficiency, and had spoke to the attending veterinarian in reference to the use of Tang. The attending has not provided guidance for the use of this supplement. Despite the use of this supplement there has been re-occurrences of vitamin C deficiency. The inspector attempted to make contact with the attending veterinarian to determine the guidance, if any, was given, and if they were comfortable with the supplement being given. The attending veterinarian was not available or in the office until July 23, 2017.

Improper supplementing of vitamin C can lead to the development of disease. Not following the directions of the attending veterinarian does not ensure adequate veterinary care. The licensee shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

To be corrected by: July 31, 2018

The means of euthanasia in the program of veterinary care was for it to be performed by a veterinarian with an injection of euthanasia solution. The licensee stated that he performs euthanasia himself by other means. The method does not meet the requirements of euthanasia defined in the regulations as being a humane destruction accomplished by a method that produces rapid unconsciousness and subsequent death without evidence of pain or distress. The inspector attempted to make contact with the attending veterinarian to determine the guidance, if any, was given, and if they were comfortable with the method being used. The attending veterinarian was not available or in the office until July 23, 2017.

Improper methods of euthanasia can cause pain and distress to the animal. Not following the directions of the attending veterinarian does not ensure adequate veterinary care. The licensee shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

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To be corrected by: This day forward.

3.30

WATERING.

There was dark brown residue around the inside of the waste water piping surrounding the nipples of the water bottles.

The lack of proper cleaning and disinfecting of water bottles and waste water collection tubes/pipe could lead to the harboring of disease. The licensee shall clean and sanitize water bottles and waste water collection tubes/pipe when dirty, provided, however, that such receptacles shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks.

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3.31(a)(2) REPEAT

SANITATION.

Many enclosures containing adult and juvenile guinea pigs had excessive feces and/or wet bedding. The licensee stated that they are cleaning enclosures and replacing bedding on a weekly basis.

Wet bedding and excessive feces can increase disease hazards to the animals. Correct this by ensuring primary enclosures are cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an excessive accumulation of excreta and provide dry bedding to the animals. Additionally, all enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized at least once every 2 weeks.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
326205	23-A-0552	001	BEN K ESH JR	17-JUL-18

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
001208	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
001208	Total	