



## Inspection Report

Kindness Ranch  
854 State Highway 270  
HARTVILLE, WY 82215

Customer ID: **321630**  
Certificate: **83-C-0006**  
Site: 001  
Kindness Ranch

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 05-JUN-2023

### 2.40(b)(2)

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

One male rabbit "Dr. Doom" was prescribed Metacam by the veterinarian. The instructions were to give the medication two times per day from 5/9/23 to 5/16/23; however, the facility ran out of medication on 5/13/23. The treatment was discontinued and the veterinarian was not contacted for additional medication or instructions.

Not following the attending veterinarian's instructions for medications can lead to inadequate treatment of issues and worsened outcomes for the animals. The facility must give medications as directed by the attending veterinarian. The facility must use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

To be corrected by 6/10/2023.

### 2.40(b)(3) Critical

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

There are multiple instances where animal health concerns were not communicated to the attending veterinarian in a timely manner.

- One adult female cat "Emily" was taken to the veterinarian on 2/20/23 for vomiting after eating, weight loss, and coughing. The cat was held at the clinic and returned to the facility on 2/23/23. A few days later, a maintenance worker noticed that the cat seemed very ill and was struggling to breathe. This individual notified the animal caretaker and others that the cat was not doing well; however, the cat was not euthanized until 2/28/23. On the day she was euthanized, her medical record at the clinic stated that she continued to cough and vomit after being taken back to the ranch. The page for February in the daily observation notebook has been torn out and there is no other record of communication regarding the cat's condition between 2/23/23 and 2/28/23.

- One adult goat "Acorn" was seen limping on 5/9/23 but the veterinarian was not contacted until 5/12/23 about the condition. There is no information regarding lameness in the Program of Veterinary Care.

- Two adult beagles ("Ryder" and "Braveheart") got into a fight that resulted in injuries to one of the dogs. Staff said that part of Ryder's ear had been torn off, he was limping, and there were also two punctures or scratches on his front leg. The

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staff cleaned the wounds and administered 50mg of Rimadyl. This was done without contacting the veterinarian and there are no instructions in the Program of Veterinary Care. When the director spoke with the veterinarian a few weeks after the fight, the veterinarian stated that he would have wanted to clean the wounds himself and place the animal on antibiotics.

Failure to observe medical problems and/or communicate those problems to a veterinarian can result in prolonged medical conditions and ongoing pain. A facility representative must observe all animals daily and then ensure a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with a veterinarian so that timely and accurate information on problems of health, behavior, and well-being are conveyed.

To be corrected by 6/10/2023.

### **2.131(b)(1) Critical**

#### **Handling of animals.**

The facility has two recorded incidents where the male German Shepherd "Nayati" injured a visitor. On 5/15/22, a visitor was interacting with the dog when he lunged and bit her nose, requiring five stitches. On 4/11/23, a teenage volunteer accompanied a staff member into the dog yard. Nayati reacted to their presence and pushed through a gate to reach them. The volunteer was bitten on the wrist and received medical care for this injury. The facility stated that there is no formal training for volunteers. The facility also stated that they may have been lax due to familiarity in both incidents. On 4/12/23, Nayati was euthanized due to aggression.

Putting a known reactive dog with a history of aggression in a situation where it could have close contact with untrained volunteers or visitors can lead to injury of the dog and the public. Exposing a sensitive dog to unfamiliar individuals can result in increased anxiety in the dog. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

To be corrected by 6/10/2023.

### **3.1(a)**

#### **Housing facilities, general.**

At the cat building, there is a spot on the outdoor fence where the wires have broken and created a hole that is approximately ten inches long. Additional broken wires allow this space to be stretched open vertically to approximately two inches.

In the Dog 1 building, there is an area of damaged drywall next to an electrical outlet. There are signs of claw marks from dogs digging at the spot and it is beginning to open a hole behind the outlet wall plate.

Broken fencing wires can allow animals to escape, allow other animals to enter, or cause injury. Damaged drywall near an outlet can expose electrical wires and cause injury. Housing facilities for dogs and cats must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound. They must be kept in good repair, and they must protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
321630	83-C-0006	001	Kindness Ranch	05-JUN-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000009	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000013	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000003	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000018	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000027	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000006	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000022	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000102	<b>Total</b>	