



Inspection Report

Kaitlyn Castillo
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Customer ID: **6011168**
Certificate: **74-C-1134**
Site: 002
Kaitlyn Castillo

Type: NEW SITE INSPECTION
Date: 06-JUN-2023

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

At the time of inspection, while reviewing records, there were missing disposition documents for several animals that either died or were no longer at the facility – including three rabbits, one Patagonian cavy, one red kangaroo, two lemurs, five guinea pigs, one coatimundi, and one sugar glider. However, there were acquisition documents for these animals. Acquisition and disposition documents are utilized to keep track of USDA regulated species. Such records are important as to ensure an accurate count, assessment and proper acquisition and disposition of all animals that the facility possesses at any point in time. Every dealer must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully disclose the following information concerning animals other than dogs and cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his/her possession or under his/her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer: the USDA license number of the person if he/she is licensed under the Act; the vehicle license number and State, and the driver's license number (or photographic identification card if a non-driver and State) and State of the person, if he/she is not licensed under the act; the name and address of the person to whom an animal was sold or given; the date of purchase, acquisition, sale, or disposal of the animal(s); the species of the animal(s); and the number of animals in the shipment (if applicable).

3.26(c)

Facilities, indoor.

At the time of inspection, the overhead light for the room housing thirteen guinea pigs was inoperable. There was a solitary plastic rope of green lights (attached along the lower part of all four walls in the room) which partially illuminated the area where the guinea pigs were being maintained, making it difficult to inspect the area. Insufficient lighting can negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals. Indoor housing facilities for guinea pigs should have ample light, by natural or artificial means, or both, of good quality and well distributed. Such lighting should provide uniformly distributed illumination of sufficient light intensity to permit routine inspection and cleaning during the entire working period.

3.28(a)

Primary enclosures.

At the time of inspection, the primary enclosure housing thirteen guinea pigs had only carpeted flooring, which is pervious to liquids and moisture. Enclosures that are made of materials that are not substantially impervious to liquids and moisture

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can create an environment that is difficult to clean/sanitize, and harbor organisms that are hazardous to the health of the animals. All primary enclosures for guinea pigs should be constructed of smooth material substantially impervious to liquids and moisture (including, but not limited to their racks, shelving, and other accessories), and enclosures having a solid floor must be provided with clean bedding material.

3.30 Direct

Watering.

An enclosure housing thirteen guinea pigs – ranging in size/age -, did not have water present at the time of inspection. Water was then added to a small, elevated bowl, at which point most of the guinea pigs rushed over to drink it; pushing each other out of the way in the process. Due to the size and location of bowl, only about two were able to drink at a time, and not all the animals were able to reach it. A water bottle was then added, and once aware, some of the guinea pigs rushed over to this one as well. Lack of sufficient potable water, as well as convenient access, could negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals due to dehydration, among other things. Unless food supplements consumed by guinea pigs supply them with their normal water requirements, potable water shall be provided daily except as might otherwise be required to provide adequate veterinary care. The licensee added additional water and water bottles by the end of the inspection.

Correct by: June 6, 2023

3.51(c)

Facilities, indoor.

In the area housing one New Zealand white rabbit, the overhead light was inoperable. The light used to illuminate the room was poor as there were still many dim areas throughout, making it difficult to inspect. Insufficient lighting can negatively impact the health and well-being of the animal. Indoor housing facilities for rabbits must have ample light, by natural or artificial means, or both, of good quality and well distributed. In addition, this lighting must provide uniformly distributed illumination of sufficient light intensity to permit routine inspection and cleaning during the entire working period.

3.53(a)(4)

Primary enclosures.

The primary enclosure housing one New Zealand white rabbit was sitting on the carpeted floor with layers of newspaper between the floor and the bottom of the cage. The flooring of the enclosure was made of widely spaced, small metal bars, and did not have litter, or any other material, between it and the rabbit; except hay that was being used as food. Flooring that is not constructed to protect the rabbit's feet and limbs puts the animal at risk for injury and/or discomfort. The floors of all rabbit primary enclosures must be constructed to protect the rabbit's feet and legs from injury, and litter must be provided in all primary enclosures having solid floors.

3.126(c)

Facilities, indoor.

In the room housing one ferret, four chinchillas, and four adult sugar gliders (two separate cages, each housing two adults, with one of the females carrying one to two babies in her pouch), the overhead light for the room was inoperable.

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There was a single lamp, with a shaded covering, used to illuminate the room, however, this lighting was poor as there were still many dim areas throughout; making the area difficult to inspect. Insufficient lighting can negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals. Indoor housing facilities must have ample lighting, by natural or artificial means, or both, of good quality, distribution, and duration as appropriate for the species involved. Such lighting must be uniformly distributed and of sufficient intensity to permit routine inspections and cleaning.

3.131(d)

Sanitation.

In the room housing one ferret, four chinchillas, and four adult sugar gliders (two separate cages, each housing two adults, with one of the females carrying one to two babies in her pouch), there were two live German cockroaches found, where one was crawling up the wall immediately behind the middle sugar glider cage and the other was found crawling inside the cage with the four chinchillas'. Cockroaches are insects that can carry diseases that can be contracted by the animals, resulting in adverse outcomes for their health and well-being. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

This inspection was an announced site approval inspection.

This site is not ready for approval to conduct activity covered under your current Animal Welfare Act License.

Conducting regulated activities at a non-approved site is a violation of the Animal Welfare Act.

Please contact your inspector to schedule your next new site approval inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000001	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000013	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000001	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000013	<i>Cricetulus migratorius</i>	ARMENIAN HAMSTER / MIGRATORY HAMSTER
000011	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000001	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000004	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER

000049 **Total**