

# United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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### **Inspection Report**

CastleWall, LLC Customer ID: **6010931** 

24 Arnoldsville Road Certificate: **67-A-0006**Crawford, GA 30636

Site: 002

CastleWall, LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 18-JAN-2024

#### 3.130 Direct

#### Watering.

Two male domestic ferrets, identified as "Louis" (10 months old) and "Hogwarts" (8 months old) in Room 5, housed together in a wire indoor enclosure with a plastic tray floor, were found without a water source available. For this enclosure, water is usually provided by a metal lixit with an associated water line attached to the exterior of the enclosure, but upon inspection, the lixit was detached and hanging approximately 1-2 inches away from the enclosure. The licensee upon noting the lixit not being attached, immediately reattached it to provide access to water. The licensee stated that the ferrets were last checked and provided water via the attached and functioning lixit the previous evening at approximately 7 PM (~ 18 hours prior to this inspection). After the watering lixit was reattached, "Louis" and "Hogwarts" drank continuously for a period of 8 minutes and 24 seconds indicating extreme thirst. At first, both ferrets vigorously drank at the reattached single water lixit together for 30 seconds and then began trading places between drinking at the lixit versus lapping at their plastic floor tray for any water that had collected below the lixit. Afterwards, they both then continued to sip water for the next 2 minutes.

Adequate hydration is important for the health and wellbeing of the ferrets as well as to prevent dehydration. If potable water is not always accessible to the ferrets, the frequency of watering shall consider the age, species, condition, size, and type of animal to provide water as often as necessary for their not only their health but also their comfort.

Correct by 01/19/2024. Corrected by licensee at the time of inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

Prepared By: LISA EKMAN Date:
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care 19-JAN-2024

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

**OFFICER** 

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

19-JAN-2024



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## **Species Inspected**

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CountScientific NameCommon Name000190Mustela putorius furoDOMESTIC FERRET

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