

CTHOMAS INS-0001272223

Inspection Report

Jane MacDonald

Customer ID: 6020622

139 Roundup Dr

Johnston, SC 29832

Certificate: 56-C-0289

Site: 001

Jane MacDonald

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 19-MAR-2025

2.40(a)(1)

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

The facility has not employed an attending veterinarian (AV) under formal arrangements. During this inspection, the licensee told the inspector the AV visited the facility during the 2024 calendar year. When the inspector contacted this veterinarian, they stated they've never visited the facility. They were not aware of the facility's location, its setup, or animals housed therein. They also were not involved in the development or design of the facility's program of veterinary care (PVC). The veterinarian informed the inspector the licensee brought their written PVC into the office, stating they only needed a veterinarian of record, and the business manager stamped the PVC with the veterinarian's signature. While the licensee has brought animals to the veterinarian's office for treatment, the veterinarian stated he does not consider himself as the facility's attending veterinarian.

Other veterinarians employed by the licensee were contacted by the inspector. While their names appeared on the written program of veterinary care, none of them are identified as the attending veterinarian for the facility.

Employing an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements provides a measure of quality assurance and helps sustain satisfactory oversight and communication by the vet with the facility. The facility shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the facility.

Correct by April 16, 2025.

2.40(b)(3) Critical

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Two groundhogs had medical conditions that were not communicated in a timely manner with the facility's attending veterinarian:

- One groundhog identified as Daisy was observed by the licensee to be having respiratory distress and difficulty breathing on a Sunday afternoon in August 2024 (specific date unknown by licensee). The licensee did not reach out to their attending veterinarian or any other veterinarian. The licensee stated she was following a plan she believed would be

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approved by their veterinarian. The licensee provided oxygen and oral antibiotics they had on-hand at the facility. This groundhog died the following morning (August 2024, according to the licensee's records). Upon the inspector speaking with the veterinarians provided by the licensee, none of the veterinarians had any record of communication with the licensee on this issue. Nor did they have any pre-approved plan appropriate for this medical condition and animal.

- The licensee received one groundhog on July 24, 2024, per the records provided by the facility during this inspection. The licensee stated they were informed this groundhog survived a dog attack incident prior to intake. The licensee informed the inspector they did not have this animal immediately seen by a veterinarian, providing supportive care only upon intake. The licensee stated they took the groundhog to a veterinarian days later, administering medication at their facility, as directed by the veterinarian after the vet visit. Upon the inspector contacting the veterinarian that examined this groundhog, the veterinarian stated they had not received any information on this animal or seen this animal until January 2, 2025. Per the medical records provided by the veterinarian, the physical exam assessment detailed concerns to rule out an old neck fracture causing lasting damage and functional impairment, and potential chronic pain from injury. According to the licensee's records, this groundhog died on February 6, 2025 "from injuries from dog at intake".

Failure to communicate with the attending veterinarian to relay pertinent information regarding an animal's condition can lead to prolonged suffering, discomfort, or deterioration of the animal's health, and subsequently death. The facility shall ensure that there is a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian such that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior and well-being are conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

Correct by April 9, 2025.

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility did not have complete and accurate acquisition and disposition records for the groundhogs used for regulated activity. These animals were included in the facility's animal inventory under their USDA license.

The disposition record documented for one groundhog stated it passed away in August 2024. The licensee informed the inspector by email on October 16th, 2024 that another groundhog passed away that morning. A third disposition record indicated a different groundhog died on February 6th, 2025. Upon completion of records review, the facility denoted a total of two groundhogs in their inventory during the August 2024 – February 2025 timeframe. This information was also relayed to the inspector by the licensee during this inspection.

During the inspection, the licensee was unable to account for the acquisition of the groundhog that died on October 16th, 2024. Accurate and complete acquisition and disposition records are necessary to accurately track and identify animals being used in regulated activities, as well as aid in the detection of movement of animals upon relocation to a new site.

The facility shall make, keep and maintain records that fully and correctly include all the required acquisition and disposition information, including: the name and address of the person from whom the animals were acquired, the USDA license number of the person if licensed or the vehicle license number and state and driver's license number and state if not licensed, the name and address of the person to whom an animal was given/sold, the date of acquisition or disposition, the species of animals and the number of animals involved.

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This inspection (March 19, 2025) and exit interview (April 9, 2025) were conducted with the licensee, facility representatives, and an Animal Care Supervisory Animal Care Specialist.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	Cynomys ludovicianus	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000002	Sciurus carolinensis	EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL
000007	Procyon lotor	RACCOON
000001	Mephitis mephitis	STRIPED SKUNK
000001	Glaucomys volans	SOUTHERN FLYING SQUIRREL
000001	Didelphis virginiana	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000002	Sciurus niger	EASTERN FOX SQUIRREL
000000	Marmota monax	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK