



## Inspection Report

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Yerrington Empire  
1008 Morningside Drive  
Andrews, TX 79714

Customer ID: **6020468**  
Certificate: **74-B-0833**  
Site: 002  
Yerrington Empire

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 10-DEC-2025

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### 2.40(b)(2) Critical

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

The licensee used a tube of expired Neosporin ointment to treat an injured, adult female Syrian hamster for fight wounds (without veterinary consultation). The injured hamster exhibited overt signs of pain, an extensive wound and lameness during the inspection. The expiration date on the tube is 07/2019. The licensee disposed of the expired ointment at the time of inspection.

Administering expired medications to animals is not considered a safe or appropriate method to prevent or treat diseases and injuries because expired drugs may be contaminated, ineffective or produce other undesired effects. Animals may experience discomfort or distress due to unrelieved symptoms or unexpected side effects from the use of expired medication. Adequate veterinary care shall include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries. This includes following established procedures to ensure expired medications are removed and cannot be administered to animals.

CORRECTED AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION

### 2.40(b)(3) Direct

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

There is an adult, female Syrian hamster separated from the other hamsters due to fighting that the licensee stated occurred "a couple of days ago." There is an area approximately 1.25" in diameter on the right side of the neck, extending upward onto the right side of the face and downward to the margin of the right shoulder, where the hair is mostly gone and the skin is red and puffy in appearance. There is a depressed area on the neck approximately 0.75"X0.24" in area that is yellow to tan in color with thick yellow material crusted over it. The animal does not bear weight on the right front limb when walking; it actively turns to hide its wound, away from observers. The hamster hunches while sitting, with the right forelimb held inward and upward close to the chest; it exhibits squinting and holds its ears backward, with the margins curled inward. The licensee stated that she treated the wound with Neosporin ointment and presented the tube to the inspector. The tube was smudged with brown material and the expiration date reads 07/2019. There is no provision in the Program of Veterinary care for the licensee to perform this treatment, and the license told the inspector she did not consult with the veterinarian regarding the animal's condition. As the wound appeared significant and the animal demonstrated signs of pain and lameness, the inspector requested the licensee call the veterinarian immediately for instructions; the licensee also texted photos to the veterinary at that time. The veterinary clinic advised the licensee to bring the animal to the clinic in the morning.

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Failure to promptly seek and follow the advice of the attending veterinarian when animals are observed to be sick or injured can result in their prolonged suffering and/or death. The licensee must engage in direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian when needed, so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior and well-being are communicated to the attending veterinarian.  
CORRECTED BY CONTACTING THE VETERINARIAN ON THE DATE OF INSPECTION AND BRINGING THE ANIMAL TO THE VET BY 2:00PM ON 12/11/2025

### 2.75(b)(1)(ii)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

An acquisition record for one female and one male coatimundi is incomplete; there is no license number or driver's license number and state for the seller, and the licensee did not have this information available in other records when asked. The licensee believed the seller to be licensed with the USDA, and called to obtain the information when asked during the inspection.

Complete acquisition records are needed to ensure the appropriate acquisition and humane use of animals; the licensee must ensure that records include the USDA license or registration number of the person from whom animals are acquired, if he or she is licensed or registered under the Animal Welfare Act.

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### 3.28(a)(1)

#### Primary enclosures.

Five adult guinea pigs are housed in an enclosure comprised of plexiglass and unsealed wood and particle board; the back inside wall and floor of the enclosure have areas that appear damp and discolored with urine and feces that penetrate the wood.

Surfaces that cannot be cleaned and disinfected contribute to an unhealthy environment for the animals because they can harbor harmful microbes, attract pests and vermin, and release fumes that can be irritating or harmful to the animals. The licensee must ensure that enclosures, including their racks, shelving and other accessories, are constructed of smooth material that is substantially impervious to liquids and moisture.

TO BE CORRECTED BY 12/15/2025

### 3.51(d)

#### Facilities, indoor.

In two indoor enclosures containing a total of six adult rabbits, there is a thick sheet of particle board between the bottoms of the enclosures and the shaved wood bedding. The outside edges of the boards are damp and discolored with urine and feces that penetrate the wood, and there is a moderately strong ammonia/fecal odor. Surfaces that cannot be cleaned and disinfected contribute to an unhealthy environment for the animals because they can harbor harmful microbes, attract pests and vermin, and release fumes that can be irritating or harmful to the animals. The licensee must ensure that interior surfaces of indoor housing facilities are constructed and maintained so that they are substantially impervious to moisture and may be readily sanitized.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6020468	74-B-0833	002	Yerrington Empire	10-DEC-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000011	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000001	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000013	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000002	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000001	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000000	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000004	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000000	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL
000011	<i>Cricetulus griseus</i>	CHINESE HAMSTER
000000	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000006	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	ZEBRA FINCH / TIMOR ZEBRA FINCH
000001	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	MONK PARAKEET / QUAKER PARROT
000000	<i>Pyrrhura molinae</i>	GREEN-CHEEKED PARAKEET / GREEN-CHEEKED CONURE
000007	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000000	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000000	<i>Serinus canaria domestica</i>	DOMESTIC CANARY / COMMON CANARY
000001	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000000	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000000	<i>Mustela subpalmata</i>	EGYPTIAN WEASEL
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000001	<i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>	SUN PARAKEET
000002	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET
000065	<b>Total</b>	