



## Inspection Report

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Frances Reed Higgins  
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SILVER CITY, NM 88061

Customer ID: **28331**  
Certificate: **85-B-0093**  
Site: 001  
FRANCES REED HIGGINS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 10-NOV-2021

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### 2.50(a)(1)

#### Time and method of identification.

At the time of inspection, none of the dogs could be identified by an acceptable means on the animal, only by name and confirming with the licensee or facility representative.

Without a means to positively identify individual animals, acquisition, disposition, inventory and medical records cannot be associated with their respective animals. Being able to tell which animals are mentioned in the records is important to determine if the animals are being used in accordance with the Animal Welfare Regulations and receiving adequate veterinary care. The licensee must ensure that all live dogs and cats held on the premises, purchased, or otherwise acquired, sold or otherwise disposed of, or removed from the premises for delivery or to any person for use as a pet, shall be identified by a microchip or an official tag of the type described in Section 2.51. The tag affixed to the animal's neck by means of a collar made of material generally considered acceptable to pet owners as a means of identifying their pet dogs or cats, or shall be identified by a distinctive and legible marking acceptable to and approved by the Administrator.

TO BE CORRECTED BY DECEMBER 1, 2021.

### 2.75(a)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

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At the time of inspection, there were incomplete records of inventory, acquisition and disposition of both adults and puppies.

Complete records containing the information required in Section 2.75 for animals disposed of or acquired for use in regulated activities are necessary to accurately track animal movement and to facilitate the inspection process. The licensee must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information concerning each dog or cat purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, euthanized, sold, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control.

TO BE CORRECTED BY NOVEMBER 24, 2021.

### 3.1(b)

#### Housing facilities, general.

\*\*\*There is a wooden shelter structure in the backyard to which three adult Doberman pinchers have access, which is cluttered with discarded materials including tarps and miscellaneous plastic parts.

\*\*\*The outdoor run on the far left (adjacent to the run housing "Lemonie," and "Moe," has a gate that appears to be broken and contains discarded materials and what appears to be a broken children's toy house.

\*\*\*Furniture and children's toys are stored in the area housing two cats and food for all of the animals at the facility. Clutter and storage of items unnecessary for proper husbandry makes cleaning difficult and can provide harbor for insects and vermin that can cause injury or illness to the animals. The licensee must ensure that housing facilities and areas used for storing animal food or bedding are free of accumulations of trash, waste material, junk, weeds and other discarded materials, so that animal areas inside of housing facilities are kept neat and free of clutter (including equipment, furniture and stored material that is not necessary for proper husbandry practices).

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### 3.1(e)

#### Housing facilities, general.

Cleaning chemicals are stored on shelving used for food storage for dogs, cats, chinchillas and hedgehogs.

Storing food in close proximity to chemicals poses a risk for contamination that could cause animal illness or death. The licensee must assure that supplies of food and bedding are stored in a manner that protects them from spoilage, contamination and vermin infestation, and that toxic substances, even if required for normal husbandry practices, are not kept in food storage and preparation areas.

TO BE CORRECTED BY NOVEMBER 12, 2021.

### 3.4(b)(1)

#### Critical

#### Outdoor housing facilities.

In the outdoor enclosures there is inadequate/inappropriate shelter from the cold and heat.

\*\*\*There are no structures that can be considered acceptable shelters provided to the three adult Doberman pinschers, "Doobie", "Scarlet" and "Zula": There is one wooden box structure in disrepair without an attached, stable roof. The facility representative stated that the tarp and other items placed on top of the shelter serve as the roof of the structure. The structure also has a dirt floor and is not large enough to accommodate all three of the dogs at one time. The space under the building to which these three Doberman pinschers have access also has a dirt floor, and so also does not meet the definition of a suitable structure.

\*\*\*One shelter structure provided in the outdoor enclosure housing the three Yorkshire terriers, "Maggie", "Maddie" and "Toby" is a plastic kennel, with a large crack along its top near the front, which will allow moisture and cold air inside.

\*\*\*One of the shelter structures in the run occupied by the dogs "Tot" and "Falcore" is chewed at the entrance, creating a gap that will allow cold air and moisture inside.

Adequate shelter is a basic necessity. Inadequate shelter and protection from the elements can result in a failure to

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maintain a normal body temperature, illness or even death. The licensee must ensure that the dogs have shelter structures in outdoor housing enclosures that have a roof, four sides, and a floor and that must provide the dogs with adequate protection and shelter from the cold and heat.

TO BE CORRECTED BY NOVEMBER 21, 2020.

### 3.4(b)(2)

#### Outdoor housing facilities.

In three of the runs housing the dogs, "Maddie," "Maggie," "Toby," "Moe," "Lemonie," "Red," and "Tim," there are no trees, coverings or structures to provide a separate area of shade (aside from the kennel shelters) that is large enough to shade all the animals at one time and protect them from the direct rays of the sun.

Failure to provide adequate shade can result in overheating or even death. The licensee must ensure that animals have access to at least one separate area of shade (aside from the kennel shelters) within outdoor enclosures to protect all animals in the space from the direct rays of the sun.

TO BE CORRECTED BY NOVEMBER 20, 2021.

### 3.4(b)(3)

#### Critical

#### Outdoor housing facilities.

Nine dogs (all but the three Doberman pinschers) are group-housed in runs, each with one to two plastic kennels. The kennels have no rain/wind break at the entrance, or have dirty, cloth curtains at the entrance that cannot serve as effective rain/wind breaks. Failure to provide effective wind/rain breaks at the entrance of shelters could allow the animals to become wet and cold, which causes discomfort to the animals and could lead to illness or death. The licensee must provide shelters in outdoor facilities that are equipped with a wind break and rain break at the entrance that will keep the animals and their bedding dry.

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### 3.8

#### Exercise for dogs.

At the time of inspection, there is no written, veterinarian-approved plan for exercise of dogs in place or documented.

Dogs require opportunity for exercise for their health and well-being.

The licensee must develop, document and follow an appropriate plan to provide dogs with the opportunity for exercise. In addition, the plan must be approved by the attending veterinarian. The plan must include written standard procedures to be followed in providing the opportunity for exercise, and it must be made available to APHIS upon request. The plan, at a minimum, must comply with each part of Section 3.8 in the Animal Welfare Regulations.

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### 3.13(b)

#### Veterinary care for dogs.

At the time of inspection, there are incomplete or no veterinary medical records for the dogs available for APHIS inspection.

Without medical records, it cannot be determined if the dogs are receiving adequate veterinary preventative care or other necessary veterinary care for illness or injury. The licensee must keep copies of medical records for dogs and make the records available for APHIS inspection. The records must comply with the Animal Welfare Regulations as required in Section 3.13(b) and retained as described in Section 3.13(c).

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This is a continuation of the report for the routine inspection conducted 11/10/2021-11/12/2021 and contains the remaining non-compliances found during the inspection from 11/10/2021-11/12/2021. The exit briefing for the items included on this report was conducted on 11/12/2021.

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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
28331	85-B-0093	001	FRANCES REED HIGGINS	10-NOV-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000016	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000014	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000005	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000002	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG (MOST COMMON PET HEDGEHOG)
000007	<i>Phodopus roborovskii</i>	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
000002	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000012	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000004	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000068	<b>Total</b>	