



Inspection Report

Elmer K Esh
636 E Valley Road
Loganton, PA 17747

Customer ID: **323453**
Certificate: **23-A-0499**
Site: 001
ELMER ESH

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 01-AUG-2019

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

There was a loose guinea pig observed on the floor during inspection that went to hide under a wooden enclosure. The licensee said it and another one with it might be older, larger males. Some of the wooden enclosures in the facility have fronts that are 7 inches high but with bedding in them make them about 6 inches high from the bedding and not enough to contain guinea pigs. While still contained in a room, the loose guinea pigs might not have access to food and water and if two aggressive animals get together they could injure each other. Ensure that enclosures are built and maintained in a manner to safely contain the guinea pigs.

Correct enclosures by 9/14/19. (Note: the facility discussed plans to provide food and water to lure the loose guinea pigs to an area that they can be safely caught).

Some of the wooden enclosures have older wire that is broken and so there is loose wire strands and some points of wire exposed to the guinea pigs. One area of loose wire was corrected during inspection. Loose wire and points could injure guinea pigs. Ensure that the wire areas and all surfaces in enclosures that guinea pigs touch are smooth and free from sharp points.

Correct by 8/16/19.

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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

The stacked wood enclosures have floors that are impervious to moisture, however the sides have areas that are soaking up moisture and are soiled. Surfaces that soak up moisture are not impervious to moisture and cannot be cleaned and sanitized well. Wood that soaks up moisture and stays soiled can house germs and cause guinea pigs to get sick. To protect their health, ensure that surfaces that guinea pigs contact are maintained so that they are impervious to moisture.

Correct by 8/31/2019.

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SANITATION.

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The 2 stacked enclosures along the walls had areas of thick buildup of soiled material with dry bedding on top, especially in the back corners where it was difficult to see without a flashlight. Build-up of soiled material in enclosures can increase harmful odors and can increase risk of sickness in guinea pigs. Ensure that all of the enclosures are regularly cleaned and sanitized at least every 2 weeks but more often if a buildup of soiled material is present.

Correct by 8/3/19.

This inspection was conducted with facility representatives. Exit interview was conducted with the animal caretaker.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000608	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000608	Total	