



Inspection Report

Pet Brokers, Inc.

5880 District Blvd., Suite 11
Bakersfield, CA 93313

Customer ID: **22979**

Certificate: **93-A-0259**

Site: 001

PET BROKERS, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 28-FEB-2025

2.40(a)(1)

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

At time of inspection, the facility did not have documentation of meeting the requirement for regularly scheduled visits to the premises by the attending veterinarian (AV) in accordance with their Program of Veterinary Care which is every 12 months. The formal arrangement with an attending or consulting veterinarian shall include regularly scheduled visits to the premises, in addition to the written program of veterinary care. The facility reported that the attending veterinarian had not been to facility 2022. Each dealer 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 dealer or exhibitor.

Correct by: 04/03/2025

2.40(a)(2)

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

At the time of inspection, the owner reported they were treating all the hamsters for wet-tail with antibiotics which was not included as approved treatments on the program of veterinary care and had not been discussed with the attending veterinarian. Additionally, the facility had not been performing permectin sprays during cage cleaning as included in the program of veterinary care. Failure to follow medical instructions puts an animals' health and welfare at risk. Each dealer and exhibitor shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

Correct by: 4/6/2025

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility records did not include the disposition of hamsters that died Aug 2024. Complete and accurate records are needed to ensure each animal can be known with certainty and facilitate the ability to trace all animals. The licensee shall make, keep and maintain records or forms which correctly disclose the required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased or otherwise acquired, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of by the exhibitor, including any offspring born .

Correct by: 3/20/2025

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2.134

Contingency planning.

Licensee did not have a documented appropriate contingency plan to provide for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing and care of their animals in the event of an emergency or disaster. Contingency plans must identify situations the licensee might experience that would trigger the need for measures identified in the contingency plan to be put into action, outline specific tasks, chain of command and response and recovery. Personnel must be trained on the plan and any changes made as a result of annual reviews.

Correct by: 3/20/2025

3.25(c)

Facilities, general.

There is an open bag of hamster feed sitting in the food stage area. The owner reported the bags are typically left out until finished. Open bags of feed must be stored in containers with lids or covers to protect supplies from spoilage, deterioration, or contamination.

Correct by: 3/20/2025

3.26(b)

Critical

Facilities, indoor.

The owner reported that on August 10th 2024 the swamp cooler broke during a heat wave and all of their hamsters died. The owner self-reported the temperature on the property as >105 Deg F on the property. There were no additional sources ventilation or exhaust fans. Indoor housing facilities for guinea pigs or hamsters shall be adequately ventilated to provide for the health and comfort of the animals at all times. Such facilities shall be provided with fresh air either by means of windows, doors, vents, or air conditioning, and shall be ventilated so as to minimize drafts, odors, and moisture condensation.

Correct by 3/18/225

3.28(c)(2)(i)

Primary enclosures.

Two Syrian hamster cages, out of approximately 25 enclosures, were observed to have too many hamsters within. The enclosures measured 12 inches by 18 inches and 8 by 16 inches respectively. The larger enclosure was housing 19 hamsters, with an average weight of 80-100grams, and the second was housing 12 with an average weight of 80-100grams. In enclosures that size, for each hamster to have adequate required 16 square inches of minimum floor space, there could be no more than 13 in the larger enclosure and 8 in the smaller enclosure. Primary enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space for each hamster contained therein to make normal postural adjustments with adequate freedom of movement. Hamsters must be sorted, and moved to separate enclosures when necessary to ensure they have sufficient space for normal postural adjustments and freedom of movement.

Correct by: 3/20/2025

3.31(a)(1)

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Sanitation.

There was an accumulation of old feces, feed pellets and dirt within all of the enclosures containing hamsters. The owner reported he has not been able to sanitize the enclosure since May 2024. Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris. They must also be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks in an approved manner.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with Facility Representative.

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Species Inspected

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| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
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| 000150 | <i>Mesocricetus auratus</i> | SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER |
| 000150 | Total | |