



Inspection Report

Melvin Beiler
286 Knarr Road
JERSEY SHORE, PA 17740

Customer ID: **502333**
Certificate: **23-A-0660**
Site: 001
MELVIN BEILER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 18-MAR-2022

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

Approximately 3 weeks ago, the licensee instructed an employee to take 50 guinea pigs and get rid of them in whatever method he chose. The employee released the guinea pigs into the woods nearby. The guinea pigs were later found on the road by a motorist. The live guinea pigs were recovered by the humane society. It is unknown if all of the live animals were recovered. The dead guinea pigs were recovered and disposed of by the licensee. Outdoor temperatures in the area 3 weeks ago (end of February) were between 20 and 30 degrees F.

Releasing guinea pigs into the outdoors in low temperatures can result in cold stress and physical harm by predators or other means, including death.

Handling of all animals shall be done as carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

Correct by: March 18, 2022

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Received by Title: Licensee

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
502333	23-A-0660	001	MELVIN BEILER	18-MAR-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
001615	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
001615	Total	