



Inspection Report

Aaron G Fisher
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Loganton, PA 17747

Customer ID: **6003537**
Certificate: **23-A-0752**
Site: 001
Aaron G Fisher

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 06-AUG-2024

2.40(b)(2)

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

There were several guinea pigs observed with health conditions requiring treatment in accordance with the Program of Veterinary Care or consultation with the attending veterinarian. A tan adult guinea pig in floor pen 30B had a firm movable mass under the chin approximately 2 inches in size. The guinea pig was in good body condition and did not appear lethargic. There were approximately 6 guinea pigs with wounds on the back. This includes a white and black adult in floor pen 9A, tricolor adult in floor pen 11A, tan adult and brown and white adult in floor pen 15A, brown adult in floor pen 16B, tricolor adult in floor pen 14B, and brown and black adult in floor pen 6B. The wounds varied in size from pinpoint to 2 inches in length and some were scabbed or bleeding. The licensee was treating the wounds with a topical spray but it had expired in 2022.

Masses under the chin and wounds on the back can be indications of disease or injury, can be painful, affect the overall health and well-being of the animal, and may require treatment with antibiotics or other medications. Failure to seek proper diagnosis and treatment for disease may result in pain to the animals, worsening of the condition, and possible spread to additional animals if the condition is contagious.

The licensee must initiate treatment according to the Program of Veterinary Care or communicate with the attending veterinarian to evaluate these animals and determine an appropriate plan for diagnosis and treatment.

Correct by: August 9, 2024

2.134(a)

Contingency planning.

There was no written contingency plan on file at the facility.

Failure to have a written contingency plan can result in lack of readiness for emergencies or disasters.

Facilities must develop, document, and follow an appropriate plan to provide for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing, and care of their animals in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Correct by: September 3, 2024

3.31(a)(1)

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Sanitation.

Approximately 10% of the guinea pig enclosures had portions of the pens that were mats of solid fecal material with no clean bedding available. The guinea pig pens contained a large amount of soiled, wet bedding covering 50-100% of the

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enclosure. In one pen, the entire pen was coated in a thick, brown, wet sludge at least 1 inch deep in the enclosure. This enclosure contained approximately 12 guinea pigs and the animals' fur and legs was coated in wet, brown material. Several of the guinea pigs in these pens had open wounds on their backs in which healing would likely be negatively impacted by the unsanitary conditions.

The accumulation of feces and unclean enclosures can cause unpleasant odors, lead to contamination of the enclosure, and attract pests and vermin that carry diseases that result in risks to the health of the animals.

Enclosures must be cleaned and sanitized as often as necessary to prevent a build-up of debris and fecal material and sanitized at a minimum of once every two weeks.

3.31(b)

Sanitation.

Housekeeping of the facility was not being maintained in an acceptable manner. There was a pile of empty feed bags and discarded bedding, hay, and debris on the floor under and around the guinea pig pens. There was a collection of hair, dirt, and debris around a bucket in the corner. There was debris and dirt coating the windowsills. There were spiderwebs coating the walls around piping and the outside of the guinea pig pens. There was a large amount of bedding, dirt, debris, and spiderwebs around a propane tank. There was an accumulation of fecal material on the floor that had a grayish material that appeared to be mold on the surface.

The lack of sanitation and presence of dust and debris may attract pests into the room, result in unpleasant odors, and may contribute to spread of disease.

The buildings used for housing animals must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices and maintain the health of the animals.

Correct by: August 13, 2024

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000800	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000800	Total	