



Inspection Report

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Toledo, OH 43612

Customer ID: **6011338**
Certificate: **31-B-0220**
Site: 001
A&R's Exotics

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 13-APR-2023

2.40(a)(1)

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

Regularly scheduled visits to the facility by the attending veterinarian are not occurring. The facility's written program of veterinary care indicates that regularly scheduled visits to the premises by the veterinarian are to occur every 3-4 months, however the attending veterinarian has not been to the facility in over 12 months. Completing regularly scheduled visits by the attending veterinarian to the premises where animals are housed is necessary so that the attending veterinarian can evaluate housing and husbandry provided to animals and ensure the adequacy of all aspects of animal care and use. Each dealer and exhibitor 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. Ensure that the program of veterinary care is followed and the attending veterinarian is making regular visits to the premises at the frequency defined in the program of veterinary care but no less than every 12 months. Correct by 08-June-2023.

2.40(b)(2)

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

An expired drug bottle was found in the facility. A bottle of oxytocin was found with an expiration date of 30-March-2023. The use of expired drugs may have reduced effectiveness or cause harmful effects to the animals. Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to

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prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries. The facility must ensure medications are not expired. Correct by 20-April-2023.

2.75(a)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facilities APHIS 7005 form does not disclose all cats currently held by the facility. The facility currently housing 5 kittens that have not been recorded on the APHIS 7005. Failure to fully and correctly disclose the total number of dogs and cats on the APHIS 7005 form prevents APHIS officials from tracing animals and determining compliance. The facility shall 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 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. Correct by 20-April-2023.

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The licensee was not able to provide up to date record of animals on hand and disposition records. The animals on hand forms were missing 2 chinchillas, 2 skunks, and 7 ferrets. The disposition dates were missing for 3 hedgehogs and 2 raccoons. The lack of records during inspections does not allow for proper traceability of the regulated animals by APHIS officials. Complete records are needed for proper management of the regulated animals at a facility and those being brokered, acquired, held, and sold.

Every dealer shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the information concerning animals, purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The

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2.131(b)(1)

Handling of animals.

An adult cat was trapped inside the facility and showing signs of stress. During inspection, a cat was heard repeatedly vocalizing. The licensee was unable to locate the animal for several minutes. Eventually the licensee found the animal trapped inside a small closet with the water heater, unable to get out on its own. The animal was retrieved by the licensee after moving some other furniture and the closet door was closed to not allow reentry. When animals become trapped, they can experience discomfort, stress, and possible injury. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. Ensure that animals in the facility are handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible. Correct by 19-April-2023.

2.134(a)

Contingency planning.

The licensee does not have a written contingency plan. The lack of a written contingency plan can result in lack of readiness and a delay in response to care for animals during emergencies or disasters. Dealers 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 (one which could reasonably be anticipated and expected to be detrimental to the good health and well-being of the animals in their possession). Ensure that a written contingency plan is developed and followed in case of emergency. Correct by 20-April-2023.

3.2(a)

Indoor housing facilities.

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The ambient temperature inside the facility was excessively high. The inspector's Kestrel gauged the temperature at 88.9 degrees Fahrenheit inside the facility. The facility's thermostat located on a wall between both main animal areas gauged the temperature at 95 degrees Fahrenheit. The weather application on the inspector's phone read that the outdoor temperature in the area was 81 degrees Fahrenheit. The licensee stated that the air conditioner had not been working that day. The facility contained 3 adult cats and 5 kittens.

The facility does not have a cooling system that is functioning properly and was unable to adequately cool the facility. Extreme temperatures can cause discomfort, distress, dehydration, or possible death. Indoor housing facilities for cats must be sufficiently cooled when necessary to protect the cats from temperature and humidity extremes and to provide for their health and well-being. The ambient temperature in the facility must not rise above 85 degrees Fahrenheit for more than 4 consecutive hours when cats are present. The facility must ensure that the temperature remains at levels appropriate to maintain the health and comfort of the animals. Correct by 14 April 2023 at 8:00 am.

3.2(b)

Indoor housing facilities.

A strong rancid odor was observed throughout the facility. The facility does not have a ventilation system that is functioning properly and was unable to adequately ventilate the facility. Inadequate ventilation can contribute to respiratory illness, cause distress, and impact the general comfort of the animals. Indoor housing facilities for dogs and cats must be sufficiently ventilated at all times when dogs or cats are present to provide for their health and well-being, and to minimize odors, drafts, ammonia levels, and moisture condensation. Ventilation must be provided by windows, vents, fans, or air conditioning. Auxiliary ventilation, such as fans, blowers, or air conditioning must be provided when the ambient temperature is 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Adequate ventilation to minimize odors must be ensured to maintain the health and comfort of the animals. Correct by 19-April-2023.

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3.11(c)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

The facility is in need of housekeeping. Throughout the facility, there is accumulations of trash and debris including empty cans, cups, and napkins. These accumulations can encourage pests and vermin and may expose the regulated animals to disease hazards. Premises where housing facilities are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin. Premises must be kept free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products, and discarded matter. Correct by ensuring that premises are kept clean and in good repair to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals. Correct by 19-April-2023.

3.125(c)

Facilities, general.

The facility had an open bag of bedding on the floor of an animal area. There were 2 multi-tier ferret cages on each side of the room with a barrier separating them from the rest of the facility. The ferrets from both enclosures had access to this area outside of the cage where the open bag of bedding was located and may be able to go into the bag. The litter boxes for the ferrets containing excreta are in close proximity to the open bag of bedding and bedding and excreta was also observed on the floor surrounding the bag. Failure to store bedding appropriately can lead to contamination of the bedding and cross contamination between the different species of animals the same bedding is provided for. The licensee must ensure that supplies of food and bedding are stored in a way that adequately protects such supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin. Correct by 19-April-2023.

3.126(b)

Facilities, indoor.

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3.130

Watering.

The water receptacle in the skunk enclosure was in need of cleaning and sanitizing. The water was murky and contaminated with bedding and fecal material and had a foul odor. The licensee changed this skunks water at the time of inspection. Contaminated water can spread disease and cause illness to the animal. If potable water is not accessible to the animals at all times, it must be provided as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animal. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary. Ensure that water receptacles are clean and sanitary. Correct by 14-April-2023.

3.131(a)

Sanitation.

An enclosure housing 2 chinchillas was in need of increased cleaning. The enclosure is on the floor of the facility and has food and excreta reaching the wire flooring. The food and waste reaching the flooring is limiting available floor space for the animals to avoid contaminated areas and is increasing odors in the facility. Failure to provide adequate cleaning in primary enclosures can increase disease hazards to the animals and increase odors in the facility. The licensee must

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ensure that excreta is removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors. Correct by 19-April-2023.

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

The facility is in need of housekeeping. In the animal area containing the skunks and ferrets, there was bedding and fecal material on the floor. In the animal area containing the sugar gliders and chinchillas, bedding and fecal material was also found on the floor. Throughout the facility, there is accumulations of trash and debris including empty cans, cups, and napkins.

These accumulations can encourage pests and vermin and may expose the regulated animals to disease hazards.

Correct by ensuring that premises are kept clean and in good repair to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices.

Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

Correct by 19-April-2023.

3.131(d)

Sanitation.

Excessive flying insects were noted in the room housing the sugar gliders and chinchillas. When the sugar glider enclosure was touched, a large swarm of insects was observed within and around the enclosure. A fly strip was placed in front of the enclosure but the strip was completely full with insects. Insects can spread disease, contaminate food and water, and cause discomfort and distress to the animals. A safe and effective program for the control of insects and pests must be established and maintained. The licensee must establish an effective plan for the control of the insects. Correct by 19-April-2023.

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This is a continuation of the report for the routine inspection conducted 13-April-2023 and contains the remaining non-compliances found during the inspection. The exit briefing for the items included on this report was conducted on 18-April-2023.

This inspection was conducted with the licensee on 13-April-2023. The exit interview was conducted with the licensee on 18-April-2023.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6011338	31-B-0220	001	A&R's Exotics	13-APR-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000011	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000005	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000003	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000011	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000005	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT KITTEN
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000037	Total	