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Inspection Report

Bateman Diversified LLC 4742 Farm Road 2140 Exeter, MO 65647 Customer ID: **45145**

Certificate: 43-T-0030

Site: 001

BATEMAN DIVERSIFIED, LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 21-SEP-2015

3.13(c)

CONSIGNMENTS TO CARRIERS AND INTERMEDIATE HANDLERS.

On September 07, 2015, the registrant did not receive written documentation for 21 puppies that they had received food and water within the 4 hours preceding delivery for transportation. This documentation is necessary to ensure that the puppies have received food and water in a timely manner for their comfort, health, and well-being. Transporters of animals must not accept a dog or cat for transport in commerce unless the consignor certifies in writing that the animal has received food and water within the 4 hours preceding delivery to the transporter. This documentation must include the consignor's name and address, the identification number of the animal, the time and date that the animal was last fed and watered, the specific instructions for the next feeding(s) and watering(s) for a 24-hour period, and the consignor's signature with the date and time the certification was signed. TO BE CORRECTED BY SEPTEMBER 28, 2015.

3.14(a)(3)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE DOGS AND CATS.

On the transport vehicles, there were enclosures that had mesh flooring with spaces large enough to allow puppies' feet and legs to fall through. One enclosure housed 4 puppies and all of them had feet falling through the flooring. Another enclosure housed 4 puppies, but only one's feet were falling through the flooring. Another enclosure had two puppies with feet falling through. When mesh flooring has spaces large enough for feet and legs to fall through, the puppies can become injured or entrapped. The registrant must ensure that the animals are securely contained within the enclosure at all times and cannot put any part of its body outside the enclosure in a way that could result in injury to itself.

THE REGISTRANT CORRECTED THIS PROBLEM DURING THE INSPECTION.

3.14(e)(1) REPEAT

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE DOGS AND CATS.

Puppies were not provided adequate space in three enclosures, containing a total of eleven puppies, on one transport vehicle and in three enclosures, containing a total of nine puppies, on another transport vehicle. The puppies in these enclosures did not have enough space for all puppies to lie down in a normal position or turn around without contacting the other puppies in the enclosure. When all the puppies were lying down, there was little

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or no visible open floor space in the enclosures. Without adequate space these puppies cannot make normal postural adjustments which are crucial to their health and well-being. Primary enclosures used to transport dogs must provide adequate space for each animal to turn about normally while standing, to stand and sit erect, and to lie in a natural position.

3.17(c)

CARE IN TRANSIT.

The registrant transported 12 puppies that were in physical distress. On the afternoon of September 07, 2015, the air-conditioning in a transport vehicle malfunctioned while the vehicle was still onsite and the puppies became overheated. The driver said that the puppies were all panting excessively and lying down when he checked on them. The driver moved the puppies to another transport vehicle, provided water, and wetted them with cold water. Nine of the puppies that were lifeless and laying flat were removed from the vehicle to receive care. The remaining 12 puppies were transported to pet stores for sale without first being examined by a veterinarian. One of these puppies was later found dead on the transport vehicle before arriving at the pet store. Transporting puppies in physical distress can result in pain and suffering, progression of the condition, and death. The registrant must not transport animals that are obviously ill, injured, or in physical distress except to receive veterinary care for the condition.

The inspection was conducted with facility representatives and Kelly Roberts-ACI. The exit briefing and the report review were conducted with a facility representative and Kelly Roberts on September 23, 2015.

Additional Inspectors

Roberts Kelly, Animal Care Inspector

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DOG PUPPY