



Inspection Report

INTERVET INC
2 GIRALDA FARMS
MADISON, NJ 07940

Customer ID: **321189**
Certificate: **22-R-0144**
Site: 005
INTERVET INC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 04-MAY-2023

3.25(a) Critical Repeat

Facilities, general.

On March 29, 2023, at about 9:30 am, 7 hamsters were found drown in their enclosures. The hamsters are housed in plastic enclosures that slide into a rack system that can hold 30 enclosures. When the enclosures are slid into the rack system, the nipple (lixit drinker) of the automatic watering system protrudes about 3/4 of an inch into the enclosure through a small opening in the back about three inches above the bottom of the enclosure. In this incident, the lixit drinker in one enclosure began to run continually and filled that enclosure to the level of the drinker opening and then began to overflow into an enclosure below. In the lower enclosure, the drinker opening was somehow obstructed and the enclosure filled to within about 2 inches of the top. 2 hamsters drown in the upper enclosure and three survived. All 5 hamsters drown in the lower enclosure. The facility is not sure what caused the lixit to run. Three technicians confirm the enclosures were properly engaged into the rack at morning and afternoon checks the day before. The facility believes that bedding material in the upper enclosure may have engaged the lixit causing it to run continually.

Hamsters housed in enclosures in rack systems rely on the structural integrity and design of that system to deliver water safely and protect them from injury and take into account the habits, behaviors, physical and social needs of the hamsters.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarian.

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Species Inspected

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321189	22-R-0144	005	INTERVET INC	04-MAY-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000193	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000193	Total	