



Inspection Report

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

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 26-APR-2023

2.40(a)(1) Critical

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

The facility no longer has an Attending Veterinarian (AV). The licensee is in the process of finding another veterinarian to enter a formal arrangement. However, a formal arrangement with a veterinarian has not been made and a written program of veterinary care has not been provided at the time of inspection. The licensee told APHIS officials that the previous attending veterinarian was no longer willing to see the animals at his facility. Currently the licensee is hand rearing 7 baby raccoons without oversight by, or consultation with, any veterinarian including his most recent AV. Failure to obtain veterinary oversight for all aspects of care including age of separation of juveniles from the mother, hand-rearing, and dietary guidance, can lead to serious health issues up to and including death. Failure to employ an AV under formal arrangements causes delays in care for treatment of sick, ill, and/or injured animals, and fails to prevent illness and injuries leading to unnecessary animal suffering. Additionally, failure to have and follow a written program of veterinary care can lead to inadequate care for the animals.

Each licensee shall have an attending veterinarian who shall provide adequate veterinary care in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act. The licensee must employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements, including a written program of veterinary care, in accordance with 2.40(A)(1). Correct by 28-April-2023 at 5:00 PM.

2.40(b)(4)

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The licensee is performing potentially high risk procedures without guidance from the attending veterinarian. The licensee states that they are tube feeding the baby raccoons. When asked about how they perform the tube feeding, the licensee stated that they pass a rubber urinary catheter into the stomach and when met with resistance they know they have passed the catheter in far enough. The licensee stated that a veterinarian did not tell them they could tube feed their animals nor have they been provided guidance or instructions on appropriate tube-feeding methods or equipment. The program of veterinary care does not include procedures for performing tube feeding. Tube feeding is a procedure that, if performed improperly and /or without the guidance of a veterinarian, could lead to complications such as aspiration pneumonia and even death. The licensee must establish a program of veterinary care that includes guidance to personnel involved in the care and use of animals regarding handling (to include feeding), immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization, and euthanasia. The attending veterinarian must provide guidance regarding, and/or instruction for, tube feeding animals and ensure the animals are safely handled and fed appropriately at all times. Correct by 28-April-2023.

2.125 Critical

Information as to business; furnishing of same by dealers, exhibitors, operators of auction sales, intermediate handlers, and carriers.

The facility has had approximately 8-9 skunk kits that had undergone scent gland removal (de-scented). The licensee stated these surgical procedures were not conducted by them, but by a licensed veterinarian. The inspectors requested records and/or contact information for the responsible veterinarian to confirm this statement, however, the licensee failed to provide records of the procedures being completed by a licensed veterinarian and/or the name/contact information of the veterinarian upon request. The written program of veterinary care approved by the prior attending veterinarian does not provide guidance on post-procedural care for animals that have undergone scent gland removal surgery. Since no records were made available and no veterinarian's name/contact information was provided to the inspectors, APHIS

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officials cannot verify whether the surgical procedures and/or post-procedural care were performed appropriately and/or by a licensed veterinarian. Failure to provide APHIS officials information requested in connection to the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act prevents inspectors from ensuring the welfare of the animals at the facility. Each dealer, exhibitor, operator of an auction sale, intermediate handler, and carrier shall furnish to any APHIS official any information concerning the business of the dealer, exhibitor, operator of an auction sale, intermediate handler or carrier which the APHIS official may request in connection with the enforcement of the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the standards in this subchapter. The information requested shall be furnished within a reasonable time and as may be specified in the request for information. Correct by 27-April-2023.

2.126(a)(4) Critical

Access and inspection of records and property; submission of itineraries.

Three ferrets were not made available for inspection by APHIS Officials. The licensee stated that they had 11 ferrets but only 8 them were on premises. When asked where these animals were currently being housed, the licensee stated that they had brought them to a friend's facility for breeding purposes. When inspectors asked to go to that location to inspect the housing facilities, animals, food, etc. the licensee stated that the friend stated they would not be home until 9-10 pm to allow inspection. The licensee was unable to provide access to the animals at the time of inspection. Failure to allow access to all locations at which animals are housed prevents inspectors from assessing the animals, primary enclosures, and care provided to those animals in order to ensure compliance with the Animal Welfare Act. Correct by 28-April-2023 by ensuring that, at the time of inspection, APHIS Officials are able to enter all locations that animals are housed or otherwise being held.

3.129(a)

Feeding.

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The licensee is not providing a proper diet for 7 baby raccoons. The licensee states that they use a raccoon formula and have chosen their own method for diluting it, against what is on the label. Additionally, the raccoons are weighed when the licensee first receives the raccoons and that the amount of formula is increased without further weighing to monitor their growth. The diet fed to the raccoons is inappropriate since the label directions for the formula are not being followed and the raccoons are not weighed regularly. The licensee has not consulted with a veterinarian on these feeding procedures. Inadequate diets can be detrimental to the health and welfare of the animals. Food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. Ensure that a proper diet is always fed and with guidance from the attending veterinarian. Correct by 28-April-2023.

3.130 Direct Watering.

There were 6 adult skunks housed at the facility that did not have access to water. The inspection process began at approximately 2:45 PM. The licensee stated that they had fed and watered the animals in the morning and would be doing so again in the evening. The licensee was asked by the inspectors to provide water to the animals. One adult skunk at the facility was found to be excessively thirsty. The animal drank voraciously for approximately 2 minutes and 42 seconds and only stopping when being disturbed by human activity in the room. The eagerness and length of time spent consuming water when offered indicates that the animals are extremely thirsty, and that the current schedule for watering is not sufficient to meet the animals' basic needs. Frequency of watering shall consider age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. The facility must provide water as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animals. Correct by 27-April-2023 at 9:00 AM.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6011338	31-B-0220	001	A&R's Exotics	26-APR-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000008	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000006	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000003	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000011	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000007	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000005	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT KITTEN
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000042	Total	