



Inspection Report

Critter Connection L L C
107 WALNUT STREET
MONTPELIER, OH 43543

Customer ID: **331414**

Certificate: **31-A-0601**

Site: 001

CRITTER CONNECTION L L C

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 14-AUG-2023

2.1(b)(1) Critical

Requirements and application

The licensee has conducting regulated activity not authorized under the current Class "A" license. The licensee stated that she occasionally buys and re-sells animals when she either has requests for a species that she does not currently breed or when her sales exceed her currently available offspring. She stated that the last such re-sale of animals was in the spring of 2023.

Records at the facility indicate that the facility has purchased 10 sugar gliders and 26 hedgehogs on 11-February-2023, 14 sugar gliders and 20 hedgehogs on 04-April-2023, and 20 sugar gliders 22-July-2023. The licensee confirmed that these animals were later resold. Additionally, an invoice dated 23-March-2023 recorded the purchase of 12 black bile spiny mice which the licensee also confirmed were later sold. The licensee currently has no sugar gliders or spiny mice at the facility.

Class "A" licenses authorize licensees to sell only animals that are bred and raised on their property. Class "B" licenses are required in order to purchase and later resell animals by another facility for re-sale. Failure to maintain the correct license type is a violation of the AWA and impedes APHIS officials' ability to track animals and ensure adequate welfare.

Correct by ensuring that a class "B" license is obtained before any additional animals are sold that are not born or raised at the facility. Correct by 18-August-2023.

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility is not meeting the record keeping requirements set forth by the AWA. The facility currently has an outdated record of animals on hand. The licensee stated the record of animals on hand is updated with adult animals approximately every 6 months. Offspring produced by adults bred at the facility are not recorded on the record of animals on hand. The offspring are only recorded on sales receipts when they are weaned/sold.

Records of natural deaths that occur at the facility are recorded on cage cards but are not recorded the record of animals on hand. Additionally, there is no record of animal euthanasia performed at the facility.

Sales records of animals sold do not contain all required information. The vehicle license number and state, and the driver's license number (or photographic identification card for nondrivers issued by the state) of unlicensed buyers are

Prepared By: MARK SANDERBECK

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

Date:

16-AUG-2023

Received by Title: Licensee

Date:

16-AUG-2023



Inspection Report

not recorded.

Failure to maintain accurate records that disclose all deaths including pre-weaning and euthanasia prevent the Attending Veterinarian from assessing care and APHIS officials from determining compliance with the AWA. Failure to maintain complete and accurate records of acquisition, disposition, and record of animals on hand prevents APHIS officials from disease tracking, tracing animal movement, and determining compliance with the AWA.

Correct by ensuring that the facility maintains complete and accurate records of all animals on hand, all animal acquisitions (including the total offspring born of any animal while in his possession or under his control) and animal dispositions (including those which die, are euthanized, sold, transferred, or otherwise disposed of). These records must include all information required by this section, must be maintained in an accurate and timely manner, and must be made available for inspection by APHIS Officials. Correct by 28-August-2023.

2.132(d) Critical

Procurement of dogs, cats, and other animals; dealers.

The licensee has knowingly purchased animals from an unlicensed facility which required a USDA License. An invoice dated 23-March-2023 recorded the purchase of 12 African pigmy dormice, 12 black bile spiny mice, and 9 African pigmy mice. The licensee stated that that they were aware that these animals were purchased from a facility that does not have a valid USDA license.

Sales of wild and exotic animals is a covered activity; therefore, all sellers require a valid license. The inspector confirmed that this facility does not currently, nor did they have a valid license at the time of sale of these animals.

Purchase of animals from unlicensed facilities limits traceability of animals and prevents APHIS officials from ensuring that AWA regulations are met and adequate animal welfare is maintained at source facilities.

Correct by ensuring that the facility only purchases animals from individuals/facilities that hold a current, valid, and unsuspended license or those which do not require a license. Correct by 18-August-2023.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

DANA MILLER

Prepared By: MARK SANDERBECK
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care
Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

Date:
16-AUG-2023

Received by Title: Licensee

Date:
16-AUG-2023



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
331414	31-A-0601	001	CRITTER CONNECTION L L C	14-AUG-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000084	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000029	<i>Graphiurus lorraineus</i>	AFRICAN DORMOUSE
000071	<i>MUS MINUTOIDES</i>	AFRICAN PYGMY MOUSE
000184	Total	