

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

RMARKMANN INS-0000923768

Inspection Report

Christ F King Customer ID: 332637 100 Sproul Rd

Christina, PA 17509

Certificate: 23-A-0605

Site: 001

CHRIST KING

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 07-FEB-2024

2.75(b)(1) Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

A current record of guinea pigs on hand was not available for review at time of this inspection. There were no inventory records kept for the last few months indicating the number of adult guinea pigs and newborns present, except for a calendar listing on Mondays of each week of new weanlings or guinea pigs that died. A total of 583 adult guinea pigs, 117 weanlings, and 113 newborns were counted during this inspection. Failure to maintain these records can make it difficult to assess the health of the caviary by identifying animal losses by decreased number of guinea pigs born or raised. Licensee must maintain records containing the required information for animals which disclose the number of guinea pigs held, owned, acquired, or disposed of including births and deaths.

3.26(c)

Facilities, indoor,

Lighting. The room housing 4 rows with 3 tiers high of adult guinea pigs and their offspring does not provide adequate lighting to observe the animals in the middle and bottom tiers. Current inspection of the middle and bottom tiers can only be accomplished by using a flashlight or other handheld light. Poor lighting in animal rooms does not allow for adequate observation of animals and for the proper cleaning of enclosures. Indoor guinea pig facilities must be provided with good quality lighting that is well distributed to permit routine observation, inspection, and cleaning during the entire working period. Licensee must ensure that good quality lighting is provided that is well distributed in the animal room to inspect guinea pigs in the middle and lower tiers in rows 1, 2, 3, and 4. Correct by March 1, 2024.

3.28(c)(1)(iii) Repeat

Primary enclosures.

Space. There were 5 wire enclosures on a 5 tier rack housing 15 guinea pig weanlings in each pen. Wire enclosures with the black pans measure 32 inches by 20 inches or 640 square inches of floor space. Guinea pigs weighing up to 350 grams required at least 60 square inches of floor space per animal. Can not house more than 10 weanling guinea pigs weighing up to 350 grams in this size enclosure.

Inadequate space can cause stress and increase aggression in animals which can lead to bites, scratches, ear chewing, and other injuries and health problems. Licensee must ensure that guinea pigs are provided with at least the required minimum amount of floor space per animal to prevent overcrowding, stress, and aggression.

Prepared By:	ROBERT MARKMANN	Date:	
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3.31(a)(1)

Sanitation.

Primary enclosures for the adult guinea pigs and their offspring are not being cleaned and sanitized adequately or often enough to remove excreta, dirty bedding, dirt, and debris from the sides and floors of enclosures. There were accumulations of excreta, dirty bedding, dirt, and and debris on the sides and floors of enclosures in rows, 1, 2, 3, and 4 especially in the middle and lower tiers. The cleaning process (method and frequency) utilized is not effective in removing this accumulation inside the enclosures.

Ineffective cleaning and sanitation can expose the animals to disease hazards and health problems. Correct by ensuring that all primary enclosures are kept clean to prevent accumulations of excreta, dirty bedding, dirt and debris, and that enclosures are sanitized at least once every 2 weeks. Correct by February 9, 2024.

3.31(a)(4)

Sanitation.

There is not an adequate sanitation method being utilized to clean and disinfect the floors for the adult guinea pigs and their offspring in rows, 1, 2, 3, and 4. The floors in these 4 rows are on a conveyor belt which is currently rotated once each week. Licensee uses a gypsum powder to help control the ammonia levels, but there is no sanitation method currently being used to clean excreta and organic matter that adheres to the belted flooring or a method used to properly sanitize the floors. Ineffective cleaning and sanitation can expose the guinea pigs to disease hazards and health problems. Licensee must use a method prescribed in this subsection to properly clean and sanitize the floors of animal enclosures to maintain the health and welfare of the animals. Correct by February 14, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

	ROBERT MARKMANN ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR	USDA, APHIS, Animal Care	Date: 07-FEB-2024
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Species Inspected

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Count Scientific Name Common Name

000813 Cavia porcellus DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG

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