



Inspection Report

MOSE ZOOK
48 N CASTLE FINN ROAD
DELTA, PA 17314

Customer ID: **324325**
Certificate: **23-A-0577**
Site: 003
MOSE ZOOK JR

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 23-DEC-2021

2.40(b)(3) **Direct** **Repeat**

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

During this inspection, the following animals and conditions were observed:

- In the 5th pen of stack 8A, there is a brown, tan, and white guinea pig with hair loss near it's right eye.
- In the bottom pen of stack 8A, there are 3 dead juvenile guinea pigs that have been partially cannibalized by the other guinea pigs in the enclosure.
- In the bottom pen of stack 8A, there is a dead adult guinea pig.
- In the 4th pen of stack 5A, there is a tan and white guinea pig with hair loss and moderate ulceration near the right eye.
- Also in the 4th pen of stack 5A, there is a brown and tan guinea pig with hair loss and ulceration near the right eye.
- In the 2nd pen of stack 3A, there is a tan and white guinea pig with hair loss on it's nose.
- In the bottom enclosure of stack 2A, there is a decaying carcass of an adult guinea pig.
- Also in the bottom pen of stack 2A, there is a light brown and white guinea pig with hair loss, crusting skin, and mild ulceration near it's right eye.
- In the top pen of stack 1A, there is a brown, white, and tan guinea pig with hair loss, crusting skin, and mild ulceration around both eyes.

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- Also in the top pen of stack 1A, there is a black, brown, and white guinea pig with hair loss and moderate ulceration near it's left eye and extending over it's nose.
- In the 4th pen of stack 4B, there is a brown, tan, and white guinea pig with a markedly swollen left eye surrounded by moderate hair loss, ulceration, and crusting skin.
- In the top pen of stack 3B, there is a black, tan, and white guinea pig with marked hair loss, crusting skin, and ulceration around it's right eye.
- In the bottom pen of stack 3B, there is a dead adult guinea pig.
- Also in the bottom pen of stack 3B, there is a brown, tan, and white guinea pig with marked hair loss, crusting skin, and ulceration around it's right eye.
- In the 5th pen of stack 1B, there are two dead juvenile guinea pigs that have been partially cannibalized by the other guinea pigs in the enclosure.

All of these animals were still in their original enclosures at the time of inspection and had not been identified by the licensee. Animals with missing hair were not separated as outlined in the Program of Veterinary Care and treated with Miconazole Nitrate. Animals with ulcerations and the animal with the swollen left eye were also not identified, segregated, or discussed with the Attending Veterinarian.

The licensee was also asked about the animals identified on the USDA Inspection Report dated December 8, 2021. The licensee stated that the Attending Veterinarian did visit on December 22, 2021 but the licensee only asked about the following two animals:

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- The tan and white guinea pig with a right-sided head tilt (originally in the 4th pen of stack 2B) was examined by the Attending Veterinarian and antibiotics were prescribed. However, the Attending Veterinarian states that she instructed the licensee to separate the animal and add the antibiotics to the water. At the time of inspection, this animal was still in the 4th pen of stack 2B and had not yet received any treatment by the licensee as the water source in this pen is not treated. When the licensee was asked about the plan for treatment of the animal, he showed that the bottle of antibiotics was still unopened (sealed) and he was unsure how to administer it even though instructions for adding to the water are included in the Program of Veterinary Care. This animal still displays a right-sided head tilt.
- The Attending Veterinarian was asked to euthanize a guinea pig with severe ringworm. Records at the facility and a discussion with the Attending Veterinarian describe that it was a tri-colored male approximately three months of age. The licensee stated that this animal was noted on the last inspection report as being the animal in the top enclosure of stack 5A with a left eye that was sealed shut with crusting green mucous and missing hair around its right eye and back. When the Attending Veterinarian was shown a photo of this guinea pig, she could not confirm that this was the animal that was euthanized but did not recall any issues with the eyes.

When the licensee was asked about the other animals included on the last inspection report, many of whom had ulceration present with hair loss, he stated that they were all treated with the Miconazole Nitrate spray and returned to their enclosures as all of the lesions had cleared up. Only one guinea pig, listed on the last inspection report as having missing hair on its back and nose (initially in the 3rd pen of stack 5A and found in the same pen today) was located as it still has hair loss on its face and back. None of the other animals identified on the last inspection report were located today, despite the licensee's statements that all recovered with treatment and were returned to their enclosures.

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Finally, the licensee stated that a guinea pig listed on the last inspection report (top pen of stack 3A, tan and white guinea pig with a left eye that was discolored yellow/green/white with a red border and thick, green mucous) was not seen by the Attending Veterinarian as the eye resolved on it's own without treatment and the guinea pig was returned to the pens. The Attending Veterinarian confirmed that she did not see this animal and does not fit the description of the animal she euthanized yesterday. When shown a picture of the eye, the Attending Veterinarian did not believe that this condition would clear up on it's own without treatment.

A failure to conduct daily observations with direct communication with the Attending Veterinarian can result in delay of care, worsening of health issues, and further spread of disease. Instructions provided by the Attending Veterinarian must be followed to prevent further pain and distress to the animals as well as limiting the spread of disease.

Correct by having the Attending Veterinarian exam all animals listed in this Inspection Report, observing all animals on a daily basis, and following the instructions provided by the Attending Veterinarian, either given verbally or stated in the Program of Veterinary Care, including the segregation of animals requiring antibiotics for a head tilt and topical medications for hair loss.

3.25(a) Repeat

Facilities, general.

At least five guinea pigs were observed to be loose within the building housing the guinea pigs. One of these guinea pigs was a nursing juvenile that, when caught, had to be placed in a pen with other nursing juveniles in hopes that a lactating female would continue feeding it as the licensee did not know where the mother was or how to catch it.

Enclosures must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair so as to contain the animals and protect them from

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injury. Loose guinea pigs are susceptible to injury and even death. Correct by ensuring guinea pig enclosures properly contain the animals and capturing the animals already loose.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000568	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000568	Total	