



Inspection Report

PHYLLIS HASTINGS
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Customer ID: **5159**
Certificate: **42-B-0333**
Site: 002
Phyllis Hastings

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 24-MAY-2023

2.40(b)(3) Critical

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

The licensee stated she doesn't have any current skunk litters due to the moms eating the babies. She stated the moms ate their babies last year due to an APHIS inspection. The licensee further alleged moms continue this cannibalistic behavior once it starts. The licensee has not consulted with the attending veterinarian regarding this year's litters being eaten. Failure to have communication with the attending veterinarian regarding cannibalistic behavior and possible maternal stress does not ensure the animals are receiving adequate veterinary care. Direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

Correct by 5/26/2023

2.75(b)(1) Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The licensee is missing acquisition records for two adult sugar gliders. Four adult sugar gliders were on the APHIS Form 7019 and the inspectors counted six adult sugar gliders. Accurate and up to date inventory records are necessary to identify animals still present at the facility. Every dealer shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the information concerning animals other than dogs and cats, purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or

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otherwise disposed of by that dealer. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control.

2.126(a) Critical

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

The licensee began an inspection with two APHIS inspectors at 1000 hours on 05/24/2023. Approximately ten minutes later, after several non-compliances had been identified, the licensee refused to allow APHIS inspectors to continue to conduct the Animal Welfare Inspection. During the inspection two inspectors attempted to inspect allegedly pregnant skunks behind a blue tarp. The licensee stated she didn't want the inspectors to go behind the tarp. One of the inspectors stated part of an inspection is allowing access to all of the regulated animals otherwise it's considered a refusal. The licensee said, "Well then, I am refusing. You (explicit) me last year...everyone of them [pregnant skunks] ate their babies. I'm refusing you access. Get the (explicit) out." As the inspectors were leaving, one inspector told the licensee the inspection report would be certified mailed to her. The licensee continued to scream at the inspectors as they immediately left the property. Refusal to allow inspection is a serious violation of the Animal Welfare Act. Failure to provide APHIS officials with access for inspection upon request interferes with the ability of the officials to protect the welfare of the animals and prevents the Secretary from fulfilling his obligation to enforce the Animal Welfare Act. .

The licensee must provide access for inspection when requested by APHIS officials.

3.131(a) Repeat

Sanitation.

Approximately five outdoor wire skunk enclosures housing one adult skunk each had numerous dried and moist feces piled in the plastic crate that is used as a den. Below the enclosures were a thick layer of feces and straw present with a large mound of moldy green and white feces. A buildup of feces may cause the animal to become soiled and is a risk to disease hazards. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of

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the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors. The enclosures and its contents must be cleaned as often as to prevent an accumulation of feces.

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

There is an accumulation of clutter including, but not limited to household goods, numerous dust covered bags of items, a moss filled, brown water aquarium, numerous trinkets and assorted goods in the room containing the sugar gliders' enclosures. Piles and accumulations of junk on the premises can contribute to pest infestation and serve as source of injury to humans and animals on the property. Correct by ensuring that animal housing facilities, buildings and surrounding grounds are kept clean and in good repair to protect animals from injury, facilitate good husbandry practices and reduce the risk of pest breeding.

Correct by 6/23/2023

Prior to the refusal this inspection was conducted with the licensee. Due to the refusal no exit interview was conducted.

Additional Inspectors:

Sarah Roloff, ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
5159	42-B-0333	002	Phyllis Hastings	24-MAY-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000005	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000006	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000011	Total	