



Inspection Report

Ruby Fur Farm Inc
2564 200th Street
New Sharon, IA 50207

Customer ID: 5177
Certificate: 42-B-0052
Site: 001
RUBY FUR FARM, I N C

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 22-FEB-2017

2.40(b)(2) REPEAT

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

A male spotted skunk (approximately 3 years old) has a hairless area behind the shoulder blades along the spine. The area is reddened and a dark brown crusty material was present. Closer examination of the animal revealed numerous small black insects crawling throughout the affected area. The licensee was unaware of the condition and stated that he has never applied parasite control products to the spotted skunk.

A white, adult, female skunk has extreme hair loss on its body. The area behind both shoulder blades, across the back, and around the base of its tail are nearly completely devoid of hair. The hair loss extends down the sides of its body to its abdomen. The last one-third of the tail also has severe hair loss and a crusty dark brown material is present on the affected area.

A white, adult, female raccoon has abnormal areas of hair loss on its body. The hair loss is located behind the rib cage across the right and left flank area. The area of hair loss is larger on the right side of the body and the entire tail is completely devoid of hair.

The licensee has not consulted a veterinarian about the abnormal health conditions of the animals listed above. Skin problems can indicate the presence of ectoparasites, poor health or nutrition or injury/trauma to the animal. Conditions such as these may be painful, cause discomfort and lead to further health complications.

Appropriate methods to prevent, control, observe, diagnose and treat diseases, injuries or parasite problems should be in place for all animals. The animals listed above must be examined by a licensed veterinarian in order to ensure that an accurate diagnosis is obtained and an appropriate treatment plan is developed and followed. This information, including the diagnosis, treatment and resolution of the condition, must be documented and made available to the inspector upon request. The licensee must ensure that all animals receive appropriate veterinary care at all times.

3.125(a) REPEAT

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Two enclosures, containing a total of four foxes, have nails protruding through the wooden braces into the enclosures. The ends of the nails have created sharp points which the foxes could come into contact with while moving throughout the enclosures.

Five enclosures, containing eleven ferrets, have metal water receptacles. The water receptacles are attached to the side of the enclosure by wire. The ends of the wires are creating sharp points which the ferrets could come into contact with when drinking from the receptacles.

Four enclosures, containing thirteen ferrets, have a plastic shelf. The plastic shelf is attached to the corner of the enclosure by wire. The ends of the wires are creating sharp points which the ferrets could come into contact with.

Four enclosures, containing eight ferrets, have broken wires around the entry door into the den box. The ferrets could come into contact with the sharp ends of the wires as they enter and exit the den box.

Sharp wire points that animals can come in contact with could cause injuries, be very painful and potentially lead to additional health problems.

The licensee must ensure that all housing is constructed of material appropriate for the animals housed and is maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and contain the animals safely. Continual monitoring and maintenance of cage and housing is an ongoing process.

3.125(d) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The interior surfaces of the machine used to prepare food for the regulated animals have an accumulation of dried and caked food material. There's also a buildup of old and fresh food waste under and on the exterior surfaces of the machine. The licensee stated that it has been about a month since it was cleaned.

Food waste that is not frequently removed from food receptacles, food preparation areas, food storage areas and housing facilities can lead to contamination, disease hazards and vermin infestations.

The licensee must remove food waste and other debris as often as necessary to minimize odors, vermin infestations and disease hazards.

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SANITATION.

One enclosure, containing at least one white raccoon, has a buildup of old excrement located in front of the den box. Most of the excrement is dried and covered in a gray material that has the appearance of mold.

Another enclosure, containing three raccoons, has a thick layer of dried food waste and organic material covering the surfaces on the front-half of the wire enclosure.

Three ferret enclosures, containing twelve ferrets, have an excessive buildup of old and new feces in the back corners. An enclosure containing one ferret, has an excessive buildup of feces located directly next to and beneath the opening of the den box.

Failure to remove excreta, food waste and other organic material from the enclosures can lead to contamination, disease hazards and odors, which can affect the health and well-being of the animals.

The licensee must ensure that excreta is removed from all primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee, Corbin Ranslem, ACI, Kelly Maxwell, ACI and Ann Goplen, VMO.

*The white skunk listed under 2.40 (b)(2) on the December 7, 2016 inspection report received veterinary care.

Additional Inspectors

Goplen D.V.M Ann, Veterinary Medical Officer

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Species Inspected

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5177	42-B-0052	001	RUBY FUR FARM, I N C	22-FEB-17

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000603	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000935	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000319	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000002	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	SPOTTED SKUNK
000003	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000006	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000008	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
001876	Total	