



Inspection Report

Aaron G Fisher
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Customer ID: **6003537**
Certificate: **23-A-0752**
Site: 001
Aaron G Fisher

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 13-JUL-2023

2.40(b)(3) Direct

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

There were several guinea pigs observed with health conditions requiring treatment in accordance with the Program of Veterinary Care or consultation with the attending veterinarian.

In Pen 60, there was an adult tricolor guinea pig that was lethargic and laying on its side. It approached the water nipple and was observed rolling back and forth.

In Pen 4, there was a black and white adult guinea pig with a head tilt to the left.

In Pen 39, there was a black and white adult guinea pig with thickened ear flaps.

In Pen 9, there was a tricolor adult guinea pig with hair loss, red skin, and scabs over a large area of the back.

In Pen 11, there was a tricolor adult guinea pig with hair loss and scabs on the nose.

In Pen 29 there was a black and white adult guinea pig with hair loss and scabs over the back.

In Pen 117 there was a tricolor adult guinea pig with the right eye that was bulging and red with a central yellow area.

In Pen 110, there was a black and white adult guinea pig with an area of hair loss and red skin approximately 2 cm in size below the left eye.

In Pen 9, there was a tricolor adult guinea pig with the left eye held closed. When the eye was pulled open there was yellow discharge and the eye appeared red. The guinea pig was also very thin with prominent ribs and backbone easily felt.

In Pen 114 there was a tricolor adult guinea pig with a circular area of hair loss and flaky skin approximately 3 cm in size in the middle of the back.

In Pen 115, there were 2 adult guinea pigs with hair loss over the whole body and scabs observed on the skin.

In addition, there were several dead animals (at least 5) observed in the pens.

The licensee had not observed these health problems in the guinea pigs and had not contacted his attending veterinarian. Eye infections, skin and ear problems, head tilts, thin animals, and lethargic animals that have not been observed by the licensee demonstrate a failure to observe and address health conditions that may have a serious negative impact on the health and well-being of the animals.

The licensee must develop and implement a plan for effective daily observations and regular communication of those findings to the attending veterinarian. The licensee must contact the attending veterinarian to evaluate these animals and develop a plan for diagnosis and treatment.

Correct by: July 14, 2023

2.75(b)(1)

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Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

A current record of guinea pigs on hand was not available for review during this inspection. A total of 1,597 adult, weanling, and newborn guinea pigs were counted during this inspection.

Failure to maintain these records can make it difficult to assess the health of the colony by identifying animal losses by deaths or decreased numbers of animals born and to track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their humane care and use.

The facility must maintain records containing the required information for animals which fully and correctly disclose the number of animals held, owned, and acquired or disposed of including births and deaths.

Correct by: July 27, 2023

3.25(a)

Repeat

Facilities, general.

There were 5 guinea pigs outside of their enclosures running loose in the building. Some of the latches on the pens were loose and the walls flap open easily allowing escape.

Guinea pigs that have escaped their enclosure could be at risk of injury or escape from the barn as well as the inability to access food and water.

The licensee must ensure that the enclosure contains the animals at all times and does not allow them to escape.

Housing facilities must be adequate to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

3.31(a)(1)

Direct

Sanitation.

Approximately 25% of the guinea pig enclosures had portions of the pens that were mats of solid fecal material with no clean bedding available. Of these, approximately 10% were completely covered with wet brown sludge with no clean or dry areas for the guinea pigs to walk. The guinea pigs in these enclosures were wet and their bodies and feet were covered with wet brown material. The licensee stated pens were cleaned weekly and sanitized monthly.

The accumulation of feces and unclean enclosures can cause unpleasant odors, lead to contamination of the enclosure, and attract pests and vermin that carry diseases that result in risks to the health of the animals.

Enclosures must be cleaned and sanitized as often as necessary to prevent a build-up of debris and fecal material and sanitized at a minimum of once every two weeks.

Correct by: July 15, 2023

3.31(c)

Sanitation.

There were 3 dead mice and an overwhelming amount of flies observed in the guinea pig facility. The licensee said he uses rodent baits but does not use anything for fly control. There was one window observed without a screen.

Excessive pests such as flies can cause discomfort to the animals and result in increased disease spread.

An effective program for the control of flies must be established and maintained.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

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6003537	23-A-0752	001	Aaron G Fisher	13-JUL-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
001597	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
001597	Total	