

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

ADEPOE INS-000900874

Inspection Report

Creatures By Theresa 18609 SE State Route Y DEARBORN, MO 64439 Customer ID: 329348

Certificate: 43-C-0347

Site: 002

CREATURES BY THERESA

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 23-OCT-2023

3.26(b)

Facilities, indoor.

There is a strong ammonia odor within the building. The most concentrated smell (make you catch your breath) is located in the portion housing the hedgehogs. Ventilation was observed; however, the building is small with a significant number of animals (to include 23 guinea pigs) and used litter pans. Poor ventilation can negatively impact the animal's respiratory function, aid in the spread of disease, increase odors and cause physical discomfort, all of which affect the health and well-being of the animals.

Licensee must ensure that indoor housing facilities are effectively ventilated by natural or mechanical means to minimize odors, spread of disease, and improve the overall air quality for the health and well-being of the animals.

* To be corrected by: 11/7/2023

3.51(b)

Facilities, indoor.

There is a strong ammonia odor throughout the building. The most concentrated smell (make you catch your breath) is located in the portion housing the hedgehog and rabbit enclosures.. Ventilation was observed; however, the building is small with a significant number of animals (to include 24 rabbits) and used litter pans. Poor ventilation can negatively impact the animal's respiratory function, aid in the spread of disease, increase odors and cause physical discomfort, all of which affect the health and well-being of the animals.

Licensee must ensure that indoor housing facilities are effectively ventilated by natural or mechanical means to minimize odors, spread of disease, and improve the overall air quality for the health and well-being of the rabbits.

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3.126(b) Repeat

Facilities, indoor.

There is a strong ammonia odor within the building. The most concentrated smell (make you catch your breath) is located in the portion housing the hedgehogs. Ventilation was observed; however, the building is small with a significant number of animals and used litter pans. Poor ventilation can negatively impact the animal's respiratory function, aid in the spread of disease, increase odors and cause physical discomfort, all of which affect the health and well-being of the animals. Licensee must ensure that indoor housing facilities are effectively ventilated by natural or mechanical means to minimize odors, spread of disease, and improve the overall air quality for the health and well-being of the animals.

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3.131(a)	Repeat
Sanitation.	

An enclosure containing six hedgehogs has an exercise wheel that has caked on excreta and bedding. A significant number of gnats were also observed to be flying around that enclosure. The hedgehogs are in contact with the affected surface area when they use the exercise wheel. Accumulations of fecal or waste matter can increase disease transmission, create odors, and attract pests, which negatively affects the health of the animals. Adequate cleaning is a crucial aspect of animal husbandry and helps to reduce disease hazards, odors and pests. The licensee must ensure that excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals, to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors and pests.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with licensee.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000023	Cavia porcellus	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000003	Mesocricetus auratus	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000007	Atelerix albiventris	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG (MOST COMMON PET HEDGEHOG)
000003	Chinchilla lanigera	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000024	Oryctolagus cuniculus	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	Petaurus breviceps	SUGAR GLIDER
000001	Mus musculus	HOUSE MOUSE / LAB MOUSE
000007	Rattus norvegicus	NORWAY RAT / LAB RAT (COMMON RESEARCH/PET VARIETY)
000072	Total	