



Inspection Report

CastleWall, LLC
24 Arnoldsville Road
Crawford, GA 30636

Customer ID: **6010931**
Certificate: **67-A-0006**
Site: 002
CastleWall, LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 23-AUG-2023

3.126(d)

Facilities, indoor.

Two female ferrets, identified as "Hayley" and "Baylee," housed together within an indoor wire primary enclosure, had approximately ½ inch of standing water in their elevated shelf tray, requiring them to walk through the standing water to access their lixit. A slight tilt downwards of their elevated plastic shelf tray, towards their actively dripping (approximately one drop per 6-7 seconds) lixit, connected to a water line, caused water to collect below the lixit requiring the ferrets' feet and part of their legs to get wet in order to access their water.

Standing water can cause animals discomfort, promote skin problems, and encourage the growth of pathogens. The licensee must provide a suitable method to rapidly eliminate excess water or otherwise prevent the situation where the animals have no dry surfaces on which to walk to reach their water. The facility must ensure adequate drainage in all enclosures to protect the health and welfare of the animals.
Corrected at the time of inspection.

3.130 Direct

Watering.

A one-year-old male domestic ferret, identified as "Colton," housed individually in a wire indoor enclosure with a plastic tray floor was found without a water source available. For this enclosure, water is usually provided by a metal lixit with an associated water line attached to the exterior of the enclosure, but upon inspection, the lixit was detached and hanging approximately 6-8 inches away from the enclosure. The inspector asked the facility representative to provide water. The watering lixit was reattached, and "Colton" drank continuously for a period of 3 minutes and 04 seconds indicating extreme thirst. "Colton" vigorously drank at the water lixit including lapping at any water that spilled onto his plastic tray floor. Afterwards, he continued to sip water for an additional 2 minutes.

Adequate hydration is important to the health and well-being of all animals and to prevent dehydration. If potable water is not always accessible to the ferrets, it must be provided as often as necessary for their health and comfort.
Corrected by supplying water during the inspection.

3.131(c)

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Sanitation.

Housekeeping was inadequate in the following areas:

- The supply carts, located within each of the ferret rooms, each had wheels with dried ferret food and/or animal waste caked on them.
- Three of the five feeding carts had spilled feed on top of them including one had dried feces as well.
- Dried feces and/or used litter was found below the primary enclosures in 4 of 5 of the ferret rooms. These rooms also had dried feces running down the length of the wall, from the height of the enclosures (approximately 4 feet) and approximately 6-12 inches behind the primary enclosures. The ferrets are allowed out of their primary enclosures while their primary enclosure is being cleaned for exercise allowing them access to the dirty floors.

Dried feed and/or excrement on the wheels of the supply carts and on the floors where the ferrets are allowed to roam may expose the ferrets to disease hazards and/or attract pests. Accumulations of feces, bedding and spilled feed shall be cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals and facilitate husbandry practices.

CORRECT BY: 10/05/2023

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6010931	67-A-0006	002	CastleWall, LLC	23-AUG-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000158	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000158	Total	