



## Inspection Report

Opossum Society Of The United States  
Po Box 1461  
Yucaipa, CA 92399

Customer ID: **8510**

Certificate: **93-C-0705**

Site: 003

OPOSSUM SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 05-NOV-2015

### 3.129(b)

#### FEEDING.

The food receptacle for the opossum has a small amount of dried food caked on to its inner surface. Food receptacles should be cleaned as often as needed to reduce food build up and to minimize the risk of contamination.

A system should be in place to ensure all food receptacles are cleaned and sanitized as required.

To be corrected by November 20, 2015

### 3.130

#### WATERING.

The water receptacle for the opossum has a moderate build-up of brown organic matter. All water receptacles should be cleaned as often as needed to reduce residues and to minimize the risk of contamination.

A system should be in place to ensure all water receptacles are cleaned and sanitized as required.

To be corrected by November 20, 2015

### 3.131(a) REPEAT

#### SANITATION.

A moderate to strong odor of organic material/ excreta was noted in the indoor housing room. The opossum has free range of this room and it is her primary housing enclosure.

The litter box provided for the animal is moderately full and 7 out of 30 empty, soiled, animal enclosures used for the rehabilitation animals have not been cleaned since they were last occupied. The build-up of excreta and other organic material can increase disease hazards and odors in animal areas.

Excreta should be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

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Original correction date: June 21, 2014

### 3.131(c) REPEAT

#### SANITATION.

The following was noted in the opossum indoor housing room:

- There is a moderate accumulation of old food and other debris collecting beneath and in-between at least 4 of the animal cages.
- There are 7 out of 30 empty, soiled, animal enclosures used for the rehabilitation animals that have not been cleaned since they were last occupied.
- There is a heavy collection of cob webs in the window sills, in the corners and behind the cages.
- The floors, including the linoleum and the rug, are soiled with food and other debris.
- There are at least 2 areas where the linoleum tile has peeled up and the underlying concrete floor is exposed.
- The exercise wheel appears soiled.
- There is a mild to moderate amount of small dead insects and other debris collecting on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator.
- At least two walls have areas that appear to be splattered with food.

Failure to keep animal rooms clean and sanitary may adversely affect the health and well-being of the animals.

Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

Original Correction date: July 1, 2013.

An exit briefing was conducted with the facility representative.

Accompanied on inspection by Dr. Katharine Frank, Veterinary Medical Officer

#### Additional Inspectors

Frank Katharine, Veterinary Medical Officer

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
8510	93-C-0705	003	OPOSSUM SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	05-NOV-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
<b>000001</b>	<b>Total</b>	