



## Inspection Report

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R Valley Pets LLC  
9976 Ragersville Road SW  
Baltic, OH 43804

Customer ID: **6002788**  
Certificate: **31-A-0856**  
Site: 001  
Freeman Barkman

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 23-APR-2025

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### 2.40(b)(3)

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

The facility failed to contact their attending veterinarian regarding a dog with a positive heartworm test. An adult female poodle "Coco" (Microchip 99100300036) was positive for heartworm antigen during her annual heartworm test which was reported on 18 February 2025. The facility recognized the positive result but did not communicate with the AV regarding treatment recommendations. When asked how the animal was treated the representative responded that injectable ivermectin was given orally once in addition to the monthly prevention dose per the program of veterinary care. When reviewing the program of veterinary care for heartworm disease it states to contact your veterinarian for various treatment options but does not describe a method to treat heartworm disease. The dose of ivermectin was administered on 3 March 2025 per available medical records. When speaking with the AV he explained to the facility representative that ivermectin alone does not treat or resolve an adult heartworm infection and a different medication would need to be administered by the AV.

Failure to contact the attending veterinarian in a timely manner when illness or medical conditions such as heartworm disease are identified by the facility or testing results can lead to a delay in treatment for the animal with potential worsening of the condition, unnecessary suffering, or even death. Correct by ensuring there is direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being can be addressed and treatment or additional testing be implemented as needed.

Corrected at the time of inspection.

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

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Received by Title: Facility Representative

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**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6002788	31-A-0856	001	Freeman Barkman	23-APR-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000041	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000046	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000087	<b>Total</b>	