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### **Inspection Report**

Skunkie Acres Inc 16990 Ne 30th Court Citra, FL 32113 Customer ID: **43680** 

Certificate: 58-C-1005

Site: 001

SKUNKIE ACRES INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 01-FEB-2018

#### 2.40(b)(3) CRITICAL

#### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

A litter of at least seven rabbit kits was found dead in the outdoor rabbit enclosure which housed twelve adult rabbits. The dead baby rabbits were found in an animal carrier which had been placed in the enclosure as an additional shelter space. The dead rabbits were found scattered throughout the floor of the carrier which contained old, wet, and dirty hay. There was dark wet material and fecal build up under the hay surface so this container did not appear to have been cleaned for several days. The kits appeared to be at least several days old based on their size and that fur was beginning to grow. The licensees indicated they were not aware that one of the rabbits had given birth. Although they had cleaned and fed the animals in the main enclosure they had neglected to clean or check the carrier which was facing toward the back of the pen. Adequate daily observation of the animals and the enclosure was not performed so they did not find that a rabbit had given birth and that infant animals were present which needed care. The lack of adequate daily observation of every animal and all parts of the enclosure can result in pain, suffering, or death of animals when they are in need of care and have health or welfare concerns. A suitable nest box containing clean nesting material must be provided in each primary enclosure housing a female rabbit with a litter, the nest boxes and enclosure must be kept clean and dry, and daily observation of all the animals must be conducted to assess their health and well-being and communicate health problems to their veterinarian.

The licensee indicated that they had been doing daily observations during pen cleaning and feeding. They stated that they intend to change their processes and have a written protocol for checking animals and that they would start doing a separate wellness check on every animal in the mornings as a separate activity from other maintenance.

Correct from this point forward.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensees.

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# **Species Inspected**

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43680	58-C-1005	001	SKUNKIE ACRES INC	01-FEB-18

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	Bos primigenuis indicus	ZEBU
800000	Capra hircus	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	Dama dama	FALLOW DEER
000002	Lama pacos	ALPACA
000001	Nasua nasua	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000003	Odocoileus virginianus	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000012	Oryctolagus cuniculus	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000003	Ovis aries aries	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	Procyon lotor	RACCOON
000002	Sus scrofa domestica	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	Urocyon cinereoargenteus	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000037	Total	