



Inspection Report

Little Explorers Petting Zoo
2433 West Avenue 133rd
San Leandro, CA 94577

Customer ID: **329204**
Certificate: **93-C-1052**
Site: 001

LITTLE EXPLORERS PETTING ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 16-OCT-2014

2.40(a)(2) REPEAT

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

The attending veterinarian reports that the exhibitor has failed to follow through with prescribed treatment for chronic respiratory disease in the rabbits. She has failed to pick up a new prescribed medicine, and at the time of inspection she stated that she was using a medication which was found to be expired. Whereas the veterinarian has recommended humane euthanasia for rabbits that do not respond to treatment, the exhibitor stated that she has been keeping or selling them. The attending veterinarian had requested a copy of the written Program of Veterinary Care so as to make changes discussed during a consultation in July, but the exhibitor has been unresponsive, and it is unclear whether she is currently employing an attending veterinarian.

The exhibitor should work with an attending veterinarian to ensure that all the animals receive appropriate care. The exhibitor must ensure that the veterinarian has the appropriate authority to make decisions regarding adequate care for the animals. Failure to communicate, employ, and collaborate with the attending veterinarian, and follow the written Program of Veterinary Care, could be detrimental to the well-being of the animals.

The exhibitor should take immediate steps to employ the help of an attending veterinarian, and collaborate with that person so as to provide a consistent program of veterinary care for the animals.

3.53(a)(1)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

At the time of inspection it was found that about a third of the rabbit cages had bent doors that created a gap, where rabbits could either become entangled and be injured, or escape. One rabbit was running loose, outside of its enclosure, at the time of arrival during the inspection.

Primary enclosures should be structurally sound and maintained in good repair in order to protect the rabbits from injury, to contain them.

The exhibitor should make repairs and ensure that there are no gaps that could allow a rabbit to be injured or

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WATERING.

At the time of inspection it was discovered that two of the lixit type automatic waterers were not functioning. A rabbit singly housed in one of the affected enclosures was moved to an enclosure with a functional water source, and displayed extreme thirst, drinking rapidly for nearly a minute.

Care should be taken to ensure that the rabbits have adequate water supplied to them to meet their hydration needs, and avoid stress. The exhibitor should inspect waterers on a regular basis to ensure that they are functioning correctly, and examine rabbits at least daily to verify that they appear healthy and well-hydrated.

To be corrected from this time forward.

An exit briefing was conducted with the exhibitor.

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Species Inspected

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329204	93-C-1052	001	LITTLE EXPLORERS PETTING ZOO	16-OCT-14

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000010	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000003	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000033	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000009	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000003	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000059	Total	