



Inspection Report

Ruby Fur Farm Inc
2564 200TH STREET
NEW SHARON, IA 50207

Customer ID: **5177**
Certificate: **42-B-0052**
Site: 001
RUBY FUR FARM, I N C

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 21-JUL-2022

3.125(a) **Direct** **Repeat**

Facilities, general.

The inspectors observed a juvenile raccoon that was entrapped in the wire panel of its enclosure. The animal has slid its left foreleg through an opening in the panel and then angled the leg upward as it came into contact with the exterior water line and could not withdraw the leg back into the enclosure. The licensee worked on cutting the wire apart for nearly one minute and was able to free the raccoon's leg. A bloody laceration is located on the anterior surface of the foreleg. This enclosure is constructed of material that allows the leg of the juvenile raccoon to pass through openings and has resulted in an injury to the animal.

The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. The licensee must ensure the enclosures are constructed of such material that eliminates the risk of injury to the animals.

One enclosure, containing one skunk, has damaged wire flooring. The wire has broken resulting in several sharp points and in a hole large enough for the skunk's foot to pass through. The licensee moved the skunk to a compliant enclosure at the time of the inspection.

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One nest box, accessed by at least four ferrets, has damaged wire flooring. The wire has broken resulting in sharp points and in a hole large enough for a ferret's foot to pass through. The licensee provided the ferrets with a new compliant nest box at the time of the inspection.

At least seven enclosures, containing an approximate total of seven skunks, have sharp points located along the bottom of the nest box opening. The skunks could come into contact with the sharp points each time they enter and exit the nest box. The licensee removed the sharp points at the time of the inspection.

Sharp points and holes in the flooring could cause injury to the animals.

The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. The licensee must ensure the enclosures are free of sharp points and maintained in good repair at all times in order to support the well-being of the animals.

Two enclosure, containing an approximate total of two ferrets, have a loose section of wire floor lying directly on top of the original flooring. In one of the these enclosures the loose section of flooring is severely bowed upward in the corner of the enclosure. The loose section of flooring in the other affected enclosure is bowing upward in front of the nest box opening and the animals could potentially crawl out of the nest box and beneath the loose section. Loose, bent and/or damaged flooring could cause injury to the animals.

The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the

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animals from injury and to contain the animals. The licensee must alter the bowed flooring in a manner that eliminates the risk of injury to the animals. The licensee must ensure the flooring is maintained in good repair at all times in order to support the well-being of the animals. The licensee corrected the non-compliant flooring at the time of the inspection.

One enclosure, containing one skunk, has a large gap between the nest box and the wire flooring. The gap is large enough to allow the skunk's foot to pass through. One enclosure containing one ferret has one inch gaps between the nest box and the wire panels of the enclosure. The gaps are large enough that a ferret could potential pass its leg or head through. Gaps that are large enough to allow an animal to pass part of its body through could cause the animal to become entrapped or injured.

The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. The licensee must ensure the enclosures are maintained in good repair and safe for the animals at all times in order to support their well-being. The licensee eliminated the gaps at the time of the inspection.

3.130

Watering.

Many enclosures contain water bowls and receptacles in addition to the automatic waters. In at least 14 enclosures containing 10 foxes, 6 skunks, and 9 racoons, those water receptacles were not clean and contained water mixed with plant material, dead insects, food waste, and/or fecal material. Some receptacles had moss growing in it indicating they had not been clean in some time.

Dirty water can contain bacteria and other contaminants that can make animals ill. The contaminated/stagnant water can

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attract pests and become a breeding area for insects.

All water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary or can be removed from the enclosures if not needed.

To be corrected by: August 1, 2022

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Sanitation.

At least seven nest boxes, accessed by a total of approximately nineteen skunks, contain heavily contaminated bedding material. The hay placed in the nest boxes is severely saturated and caked together with wet feces. One nest box has fly maggots found within the layers of contaminated bedding. The wood floors of several of these affected nest boxes have become saturated and the wood is soft and beginning to rot away. Failure to remove waste and excreta from the enclosures could cause the animals to become contaminated and could increase the risk of disease.

Excreta shall 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. The licensee must ensure that all nest boxes are free of contaminated bedding material in order to support the health and well-being of the animals.

The licensee was able to move some of the animals to compliant enclosures at the time of the inspection.

3.131(d)

Sanitation.

At least three enclosures containing at least 10 skunks had food on top of their wire enclosure that was heavily contaminated with flies.

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Flies carry bacteria that can contaminate food and can cause illness in animals.

A safe and effective program for control of flies and other insects shall be established and maintained.

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

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
5177	42-B-0052	001	RUBY FUR FARM, I N C	21-JUL-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000035	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000379	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
001156	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000414	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
001984	Total	