



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **6010886**
Certificate: **67-T-0146**
Site: 001
South Georgia Girls Animal
Transport

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 14-JUN-2023

2.27(a)

Notification of change of operation.

Prior to arriving at the registrant's listed address, the registrant was called to verify she was available to begin an inspection, but the registrant stated they had recently moved and no longer at the address on file. Per the registrant, they moved to the new location April 14, 2023, and failed to adequately inform Animal Care of the change in address while continuing to transport animals. The last date of dog transportation, per the registrant, was May 27, 2023. Providing address changes with adequate notice allows Animal Care to correctly contact the registrant and allow for inspections to be conducted. The registrant shall notify the Deputy Administrator by certified mail of any change in the name, address, or ownership, or other change in operations affecting its status as an intermediate handler, within 10 days after making such a change.

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2.134(a)

Contingency planning.

At the time of the inspection, the registrant did not have a written contingency plan in place. The facility representative was not aware of a requirement for a written plan.

A written emergency/contingency plan is required to help ensure animal health and well-being in the event of an emergency or disaster; without this tool, animals may suffer illness, injury, or death due to unpreparedness should an emergency or disaster strike. The registrant must develop, document, and follow an appropriate plan to provide for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing and care of their animals in the event of an emergency or disaster (one which could reasonably be anticipated and expected to be detrimental to the good health and well-being of the animals in their possession). The contingency plan must include all of the information and documentation required by the Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations.

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3.14(c)(3)

Consignments to carriers and intermediate handlers.

The registrant stated she currently accepts dogs for transport without any written consignor certification of the time and date the animal was last fed and watered, or specific instructions for the next feeding and/or watering within the next 24

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hours.

Failure to acquire this required information could result in handling that would be detrimental to the well-being of the animals. When accepting dogs for transport, the registrant must ensure that the consignor's certification regarding feeding and watering is complete and written so that the information is available to those handling the animals during transit.

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3.15(a)(6)

Primary enclosures used to transport live dogs and cats.

The registrant stated she currently uses a total of twelve different sized plastic animal transport enclosures routinely, but only one enclosure was observed to have "Live Animal" lettering on it with arrows pointing in the upright correct position. Her last transport was May 27, 2023, and she used eight of these twelve crates.

Failure to properly label transport enclosures could result in mishandling, which could be harmful to the animals and/or result in injury. Unless the enclosure is permanently affixed to the conveyance, it should be clearly marked on top and on one or more sides with the words "LIVE ANIMALS", in letters at least 1 inch (2.5 cm.) high, and with arrows or other markings to indicate the correct upright position of the primary enclosure, in order to help ensure proper handling.

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3.15(h)

Primary enclosures used to transport live dogs and cats.

Per the registrant, no paperwork is attached to the transport enclosures for transit, therefore, no instructions for feeding, watering, or medication administration are attached to the enclosures. Failure to attach such care instructions to the transport enclosures could result in improper care of the animals, which could be detrimental to their health and well-being.

Shipping documents that must be attached to primary enclosures for dogs and cats for surface transportation include specific instructions for administration of drugs, medication and other special care in a manner that makes them easy to notice, to detach for examination, and to reattach securely. Food and water instructions must be attached to each primary enclosure as per 3.14 (c).

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3.17(c)

Food and water requirements.

Per the registrant, food and water receptacles are not secured or attached to the inside of the transport enclosure or placed so that the receptacles can be filled from outside the enclosure without opening the door. Instead, stainless steel bowls are placed on the floor of each enclosure. The unattached food and water receptacles could shift around the enclosure allowing their contents to spill and inhibits the ability to fill them without opening the door, potentially allowing escape.

To protect the health and well-being of the animals, food and water receptacles should be securely fastened to the inside of the travel crates and be constructed of such materials appropriate for the animals they are intended for. Food and water receptacles must be securely attached inside the primary enclosure and placed so that the receptacles can be filled from outside the enclosure without opening the door. Food and water containers must be designed, constructed, and

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installed so that a dog or cat cannot leave the primary enclosure through the food or water opening.
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3.18(a)

Care in transit.

Per the registrant, she stated when traveling overnight, they will continue to drive the transport van if the dogs being transported within their enclosures are asleep to not wake them. She stated she was not stopping every 4 hours to observe all the animals during those overnight transports. The transport enclosures are placed in the rear of the van in a manner that some of the crates face the back door which does not allow the attendants to observe them from the front seats.

Not stopping to visually check the dogs at the minimum requirement of once every 4 hours does not allow for observation of the animals for any signs of distress or injury and could impact their health and wellbeing.

During surface transportation, it shall be the responsibility of the driver or other employee to visually observe the animals as frequently as circumstances may dictate, but not less than once every 4 hours, to assure that they are receiving sufficient air for normal breathing and their ambient temperatures are within the prescribed limit. Also, the operator should observe the dogs for obvious physical distress and to obtain any veterinary care needed at the closest veterinary facility.

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3.18(d)

Care in transit.

Adult dogs are removed, per the registrant, from their transport enclosures and walked on leashes at "potty breaks" along their route. The adult dogs are removed from their transport enclosure by opening the transport van's door, then the transport enclosure's door is opened so a leash can be attached to the dog. The dog is then walked with an attendant, but they specifically do not walk them within a fenced area during these leashed "potty breaks."

The removal of an animal from its primary enclosure in commerce may result in escape and is prohibited. The registrant shall ensure the only time an animal is removed from its primary enclosure is during cleaning of the enclosure, as required in 3.15 (b). During transportation in commerce, a dog or cat must not be removed from its primary enclosure, unless it is placed in another primary enclosure or facility that meets the requirements of 3.6 or 3.15.

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

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