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Inspection Report

Animal Tales Llc 1046 Barnes Cir

Kingston Springs, TN 37082

Customer ID: 44425

Certificate: 63-C-0279

Site: 001

ANIMAL TALES LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 15-JUN-2016

3.137(a)(1)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE ANIMALS.

The primary enclosure (pet taxi type cage) housing one chinchilla was noted to have duct tape placed over many of the ventilation openings on the outside of the enclosure. Viewing the area of the openings on the walls from the inside it was noted that damage had been done to the plastic housing in-between the ventilation openings leaving large holes/openings and some sharp plastic edges. If the tape comes loose the chinchilla could attempt to escape from the enclosure possibly injuring itself on the sharp edges. The missing sections of plastic also affect the structural strength of the enclosure and the presence of the duct tape has a negative effect on air flow. The structural strength of primary enclosures used to transport live animals must be sufficient to contain the animals and to withstand the normal rigor of transportation. Correct from this day forward.

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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE ANIMALS.

The primary enclosure (pet taxi type enclosure) used to house a Patagonian cavy during transport and at an educational exhibition event was too small to comfortably house the cavy. The enclosure was too small and not tall enough. The enclosure was not tall/high enough as the cavy could neither sit normally nor stand up without hunching over. The enclosure was not long enough for the cavy to lie down or wide enough to turn around comfortably. Primary enclosures used to transport animals shall be large enough to ensure that each animal contained therein has sufficient space to turn about freely and to make normal postural adjustments. Correct from this day forward.

3.137(d)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE ANIMALS.

During the exhibit of a Patagonian cavy the facility representative stated that the cavy was wet. The cavy's feet and lower legs appeared wet. The solid floor of the primary enclosure (pet taxi type enclosure) housing the cavy during transport and while at the exhibit site was noted to be wet with urine. A very small amount of straw was noted bunched in the back of the enclosure but it was too small in quantity and not absorbent enough to absorb/cover all

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the excreta. Lack of sufficient clean absorbent litter can lead to leakage and discomfort to and wetting of the animals. Primary enclosures with a solid bottom shall contain clean litter of a suitable absorbent material which is safe and nontoxic and in sufficient quantity to absorb and cover excreta. Correct from this day forward.

Inspection conducted at Pinkerton Park in Franklin TN. Exit conducted with facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	Atelerix albiventris	HEDGEHOG
000001	Chinchilla lanigera	CHINCHILLA
000001	Dolichotis patagonum	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000003	Total	