



Inspection Report

Elanco Animal Health
2500 INNOVATION WAY
GREENFIELD, IN 46140

Customer ID: **332834**
Certificate: **32-R-0053**
Site: 001
ELANCO ANIMAL HEALTH

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 06-AUG-2024

3.53(a)(1) Critical

Primary enclosures.

On May 4, 2024, an animal caretaker heard “squealing and a commotion” in a rabbit enclosure and upon investigation found two male rabbits in an enclosure and one of the rabbits, #213, was unable to move or use its hind legs. Rabbit #213 was immediately euthanized. The rabbits are individually housed, and the second rabbit in the enclosure with #213 had escaped from the neighboring enclosure. These rabbits are housed in racks of enclosures that have dividers between adjacent enclosures that have a 2.25 inch gap at the top. The rabbit from the neighboring enclosure was small enough to fit through that gap and get into #213’s enclosure. The animal caretaker for the rabbits said that smaller rabbits upon arrival to the facility are sometimes able to fit through the gap at the top of the divider. The attending veterinarian confirmed that the rabbits are single housed because the enclosures are too small to provide adequate social distancing needed to safely pair house them. A post-mortem examination was done on rabbit #213 and the facility incident report states that a “traumatic lumbar-sacral fracture was identified – likely sustained during a fight with the escaped cohort.” Enclosures for rabbits need to be constructed in a way that securely contains them and protects them from injury. The facility has two types of enclosures for individually housing rabbits and the type that has the gap at the top of the divider is no longer in use since this incident.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarian.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000117	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000055	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000008	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000016	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000456	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000024	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT KITTEN
000132	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000808	Total	