



## Inspection Report

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MALINDA KING DAVID KING  
459 ROSEDALE RD  
KIRKWOOD, PA 17536

Customer ID: **501255**  
Certificate: **23-A-0641**  
Site: 001  
DAVID AND MALINDA KING

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
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**2.40(b)(3)**                      **Direct**                      **Repeat**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

At time of inspection the following guinea pigs were identified as needing veterinary care:

A tri-colored (brindle, tan, white) adult male guinea pig in enclosure #36 housing 9 adults and 1 newborn was observed with hair loss over the right lower back and rump that was approximately 2 inches in diameter. The underlying skin was red, irritated, and had actively draining lesions and scabs. There was another area of hair loss on the left medial lower back that was approximately 1 inch in diameter. The underlying skin was crusty with scabs present.

A tri-colored (brown, tan, white) adult male guinea pig in enclosure #56 housing 8 adults and 1 newborn was observed with hair loss on over both sides of the lower back and rump. The right area was approximately 2 inches in diameter. The underlying skin was red and thickened with multiple areas of lesions and crusts. On the left side, there were two areas of hair loss. The anterior area was approximately 1/2 of an inch in diameter and the posterior area was approximately 1.5 inches in diameter. The underlying skin was red and thickened with multiple areas of lesions and crusts.

A tri-colored (tan, black, white) adult male guinea pig in enclosure #57 housing 10 adults and 10 newborns was observed with extensive hair loss on the lower back and rump that was approximately 5 inches in length that encircled the back.

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The underlying skin was red and thickened with actively draining lesions with red discharge and crusts. There was one area on the left lower back with thick, white, actively draining discharge.

A white adult female guinea pig in enclosure #5 housing 11 adults and 14 newborns was observed with moderate generalized hair thinning on both sides of the lower back. The underlying skin was crusty.

A tri-colored (reddish brown, brown, white) adult male guinea pig in enclosure #16 housing 10 adults and 15 newborns was observed with severe hair loss on the left lower back that was approximately 3 inches in diameter. The underlying skin was thickened with open, draining wounds. Toward the middle of the back, the underlying skin was crusty with scabs present. The animal was observed continuing to bite at the affected areas.

A tri-colored (brindle, tan, white) adult female guinea pig in enclosure #22 housing 7 adults and 3 newborns was observed with a cloudy and dull left eye that was much smaller than the right eye with thick, white ocular discharge.

One newborn was found dead in enclosure #4. The lower half of its body had been cannibalized.

Two recent newborns were found dead in enclosure #28.

There were no records to determine if these animals with hair loss, crusty skin, and/or with scabs were observed prior to this inspection. There were no treatment records or medications present to treat these animals. The program of veterinary care mentions bacterial skin infections. For treatment, it states "[s]eparate animals as soon as possible. If superficial, topical neosporin. If severe, consult a veterinarian."

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A failure to conduct daily observations with direct communication with the attending veterinarian can result in a delay of care provided to animals and can prolong animal health problems. All animals must be observed daily to assess their health and well-being with a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health and well-being are conveyed.

These 6 guinea pigs with veterinary conditions identified above require examination by a veterinarian to prevent worsening of the conditions and unnecessary suffering. Additionally, the licensee must provide documentation of such examination and treatment to APHIS officials upon request. Remains uncorrected.

### 3.25(a) Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

The bottom of the wire divider was broken that was separating enclosure #42 housing 6 adults and 3 newborns and #47 housing 7 adults and 7 newborns. There was an approximately 2 inches in height and 4 foot long gap with protruding ends. Newborns were observed going between the two enclosures.

Housing facilities need to protect the guinea pigs from injury and contain the animals securely. Failure to do so can lead to injuries. Correct by ensuring that primary enclosures are properly maintained. Remains uncorrected.

### 3.25(c) Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

Storage. The entrance door was blocked by loose hay scattered all over the floor. To the right of the door, there were empty bags of feed stored on a pallet containing food and shavings.

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Supplies of food and bedding must be stored in areas that protect supplies against spoilage, deterioration, and contamination from insects or rodents. Loose hay and spilled feed can attract insects and rodents. The licensee must ensure that the food storage area is kept clean to prevent contamination of the feed by insects and vermin. Remains uncorrected.

**3.28(c)(1)(iii)**

**Repeat**

**Primary enclosures.**

Space. Insufficient space was being provided to guinea pigs housed in the following enclosures:

Brown enclosure #2 housing 39 weanlings measures 62 inches by 24 inches or 1488 square inches of floor space. The maximum number of weanling guinea pigs in this size space is 24.

Weanling guinea pigs weighing up to 350 grams require at least 60 square inches of floor space each. Weanlings weighing over 350 grams and adults require at least 101 square inches of floor space each. Inadequate space can cause stress, overcrowding, and aggression in animals. The licensee must ensure guinea pigs are provided at least the minimum amount of floor space per animal to prevent unnecessary stress, discomfort, or aggression. Remains uncorrected.

**3.30**

**Repeat**

**Watering.**

The rack of enclosures numbers 48-52 housing a total of 36 adult guinea pigs and 34 newborns had accumulations of dirty, wet bedding, fecal material and debris on the sides of the wire surfaces surrounding the PVC drainpipe for the water nipples.

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Water bottles and water nipples must be sanitized when dirty so that potable water is provided to guinea pigs to protect their health and well-being. In addition, water receptacles must be sanitized at least once every two weeks. Failure to do so can increase the risk of disease as well as possible avoidance of water. The licensee must ensure that guinea pigs have access to potable water, have clean water receptacles, and that water receptacles are sanitized at least once every 2 weeks. Remains uncorrected.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
501255	23-A-0641	001	DAVID AND MALINDA KING	02-AUG-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000814	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000814	<b>Total</b>	