



Inspection Report

Renee Ray
17473 Hwy H H
Neosho, MO 64850

Customer ID: 31676
Certificate: 43-T-0035
Site: 001
RENEE RAY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 21-DEC-2016

2.131(b)(1) CRITICAL

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

On December 18, 2016, the transporter placed a portable propane heater inside the cargo area of a truck, which contained 211 puppies. She set the temperature setting on "low" and left for 1.5 hours. According to the manufacturer's website, this model of propane heater does not have a thermostat, is for outdoor use only, and is not safe to use indoors. The puppies became overheated and 53 puppies died from excessive heat. The use of inappropriate equipment can result in injury, pain, or death in animals. The transporter must ensure that handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.
TO BE CORRECTED FROM THIS POINT FORWARD.

3.17(a) CRITICAL

CARE IN TRANSIT.

Surface transportation (ground and water).

On December 18, 2016, the transporter placed a portable propane heater inside the cargo area of the truck, which contained 211 puppies. The puppies became overheated and the transporter removed 103 puppies from the truck to a cooler environment. Many of these puppies were already dead, and at least 47 of the puppies were described as "distressed" and 9 puppies were described as "critical" by the transporter. She gave subcutaneous fluids to all puppies and a nutritional supplement to the smallest dogs. She did not have a thermometer to monitor the temperature of the puppies. A total of 53 puppies died, including 6 of the "critical" puppies. The transporter did not take any of the puppies to a veterinarian and did not speak to a veterinarian about the incident for at least 8 hours after the overheated puppies were discovered. By that time 50 puppies had died. Immediate care by a veterinarian is necessary whenever puppies are suffering from an illness or injury. The regulated person must ensure that she obtains any veterinary care needed for dogs or cats in obvious physical distress at the closest available veterinary facility.
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The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the transporter in Neosho, MO on December 21, 2016. An additional exit briefing was conducted by phone on December 28, 2016.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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No Animals were Inspected.

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000000	NONE	NONE
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