



Inspection Report

Heather Rivera
40 Upland Ct
Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

Customer ID: **6004035**
Certificate: **21-A-0219**
Site: 001
Heather Rivera

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 28-MAR-2022

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The licensee is not maintaining accurate acquisition records of all offspring born on the premises. A total of 5 sugar gliders have been born on the premises since October 2021 and sold. There are no records indicating the birth of the gliders, only the disposition records of the sales. Maintaining acquisition and disposition records is important for tracking animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, age of the animals, and humane transportation as well as for potential disease outbreaks. Correct by 4 April 2022 by maintaining acquisition and disposition records for all animals on the property, including any offspring born of any animal while in the possession of the licensee.

2.131(b)(1) Direct

Handling of animals.

During inspection, two sugar gliders, one male and one female, were observed unmoving in their enclosure. The female was found passed away near the pouch while the male was cold and weak, sitting in the front corner of the enclosure. Once it was determined that the male was still alive, he was brought immediately to the local veterinary hospital where he was humanely euthanized. Upon inspection of the enclosure, both water bottles were empty with no signs of moisture in the cage. The enclosure is located closest to the ground and near an electric heating unit which provides heat to the

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facility. The electric unit is mounted to a shelf that is several feet off the ground. Based on Kestrel measurements, the relative humidity at the level of the cage was 16% and the temperature was around 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

The attending veterinarian performed a post-mortem examination on both gliders and found no evidence of infectious disease. The female glider had evidence of dehydration and anorexia while the male had no specific abnormalities.

According to the licensee, the sugar gliders were both active the evening before during their daily observation and water was present in both water bottles.

Sugar gliders are sensitive to low temperatures and dehydration which can quickly lead to undue stress, physical harm, discomfort, and death.

Correct by 31 March 2022 by ensuring that all animals are handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000025	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000025	Total	