



Inspection Report

Aaron K Esh
110 Esh Lane
Loganton, PA 17747

Customer ID: **502383**
Certificate: **23-A-0656**
Site: 001
AARON K ESH

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 31-JUL-2019

3.28(c)(1)(iii) REPEAT

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Four enclosures measuring 15-16 inches x 48 inches are housing 15 weanling guinea pigs. These enclosures have 720-768 square inches which provides enough space for 12 weanling guinea pigs that are under 350 grams. Overcrowding enclosures can cause stress and discomfort to animals. Ensure that these enclosures do not have more than 12 weanling guinea pigs under 350 grams in them (ensure that each weanling guinea pig under 350 grams has 60 square inches.)

3.30 REPEAT

WATERING.

The facility has a cleaning and sanitizing routine for water bottles, however some (about 9 water bottles have clean clear water but the insides have a buildup of dark greenish material on them. Build-up of materials in water bottles can cause sickness to the guinea pigs. Ensure that this buildup is cleaned out and then cleaned often enough to prevent it from building up as observed in inspection.

3.31(a)(2) REPEAT

SANITATION.

-While the majority of the bedding in enclosures is dry, the corners under the the water bottle valves are soiled and visibly wet and create an area that guinea pigs have to get their feet wet and soiled to drink water. Wet and soiled areas that guinea pigs have to stand in increase their risk for getting sick and can cause discomfort. Ensure that these corner areas are cleaned more often so that guinea pigs do not have to get their feet wet to drink.

-The facility has a cleaning and sanitizing routine established and guided by the attending veterinarian, however the licensee said that recently they have been doing bedding changes without using the disinfectant in between the cleaning. Sanitization of enclosures decreases germs and risk of sickness and is required to be done at least once every two weeks or more often if needed. To protect the health of the guinea pigs ensure that a routine method of sanitizing guinea pigs is put in place and done at least every 2 weeks or more often if needed.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
502383	23-A-0656	001	AARON K ESH	31-JUL-19

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000290	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000290	Total	