



Inspection Report

MICHAEL BONTRAGER
E15160 WARNER AVE
HILLSBORO, WI 54634

Customer ID: **502597**
Certificate: **35-A-0413**
Site: 001
MICHAEL BONTRAGER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 28-AUG-2023

2.40(a)(2) Repeat

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

Each dog was checked for fleas in inspection. Eight dogs housed on the floor in the group runs were found to have one or two live fleas on them, affecting each group (one dog having fleas in a group affects the whole group). None of the dams in the raised whelping pens with puppies were found to have fleas or signs of fleas. The facility had contacted the attending veterinarian on 7/8/2023 and recorded doing haircuts with baths (with soap), increased cleaning/sanitizing through 7/15 and first gave a flea product (Capstar) to control fleas to most dogs on 7/26/2023 and the rest on 7/27 after the attending veterinarian did physical exams and found fleas on dogs on 7/26/2023. The facility noted that a topical spray has also been applied to dogs when fleas are observed but it is unclear to which dogs. I contacted the attending veterinarian (AV) who said instructions need to be followed more closely. The AV also said that Capstar was discussed but would need to be given daily for protection and other products with better flea protection were recommended. A note from the clinic sent after the 7/26/2023 visit to the facility says that the product Zoguard should be started and 'the sooner the better.' The caretaker said that a box of Zoguard arrived a couple of weeks ago but only one dog has received a dose. Fleas can cause discomfort to dogs and can spread sickness. Flea populations inside a kennel can reproduce for months if not controlled and very strict cleaning and sanitizing routines with acceptable treatments for dogs must be followed as recommended by the attending veterinarian. Ensure to give the attending veterinarian appropriate authority for the health of the dogs by closely following the treatment plan(s) given for the facility and dogs.

2.40(b)(2) Repeat

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Dog #68 had an area of shaved hair and an area that was scabbed with some white discharge. The licensee said the attending veterinarian said it was likely a cyst and could be monitored but possibly the animal caretaker/helper might have started putting something on it. The scab and white discharge suggest an active problem and needs to be seen by the attending veterinarian for treatment guidance. Ensure that this dog's skin problem is seen by the veterinarian and follow the recommended treatment.

3.1(c)(1)

Housing facilities, general.

There is some loose paneling by the raised whelping enclosures that is collecting soiled material on the side. Collections of soiled material can increase pest/disease risk in a facility.

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The loose paneling does not allow for surfaces to be readily cleaned and sanitized and must be repaired/replaced. Ensure to repair/replace the loose paneling.

Correct by 9/8/2023.

3.6(a)(2)(ii)

Primary enclosures.

Two whelping enclosures had carpet sections that had frayed edges leaving loose strings in the area that the dog and puppies walk. The loose strings are a risk for the dog or puppies to get tangled in. Ensure that carpets are maintained free from loose strings.

Correct by 8/29/2023.

3.10(a)

Watering

Dogs in the raised enclosure (#58 and #27) and a beagle (#66) with puppies had water dishes that were empty. Other dogs in the facility have a continuous water system. When given water, these dogs drank in a manner that suggested they were moderately thirsty. Lack of water can cause health problems in dogs. Ensure that all dogs have continuous access to potable water.

Maintain correct by 8/29/2023.

3.11(a)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

There was excessive soiled waste under the four raised whelping enclosures closest to the entry door. When examining these dogs inside their enclosures stronger odors were noted and some flies were on the waste. The licensee said areas underneath (where dogs don't contact it) is cleaned twice weekly. Since stronger odors were observed and flies were on the waste, more frequent cleaning is needed of this area. Odors and flies can cause discomfort and sickness in dogs.

Ensure that areas under these enclosures are cleaned more often to prevent odors and pests such as flies.

Correct by 8/30/2023.

3.13(b)(3)

Veterinary care for dogs.

Facility representatives said a spray product (Adams Plus) has been used on dogs since July when fleas were seen. A record of when and which dog was given this product wasn't kept. The names of treatments given and the dates they are given and to which dog is required to be kept in records and is important for animal health monitoring. Ensure that accurate records are kept that show what treatments were given to which animal and the date given.

Correct from this day forward.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
502597	35-A-0413	001	MICHAEL BONTRAGER	28-AUG-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000046	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000037	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000083	Total	