



Inspection Report

Vernon Zeiset
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Barnett, MO 65011

Customer ID: **324055**
Certificate: **43-A-5647**
Site: 001
VERNON ZEISET

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 28-JAN-2015

2.40(b)(2) REPEAT

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

***Within the main indoor facility, there were two guinea pigs in two separate enclosures with open wounds. One tan, white and black guinea pig had an approximately 1/2 inch reddened open puncture-like sore on its right side. According to the licensee, he had not noticed this animal's condition. Another tan and white guinea pig had an approximately 1/2 inch reddened open puncture-like sore on its back. According to the licensee, he had noticed the lesion about a week to a week and a half ago but didn't think he had been administering any treatment to the animal besides separating the animal from the enclosure where he thought the animal had been bitten by another guinea pig. These lesions could be the result of injury, infection, illness or other medical conditions which could be uncomfortable and/or lead to further health complications of the animals. The licensee must have these animals examined by a licensed veterinarian no later than January 31, 2015 in order to obtain an accurate diagnosis and to ensure that an appropriate treatment plan is developed and followed. The licensee must ensure that all animals receive adequate veterinary care at all times.

*Note: the guinea pigs with hair loss included on the report under 2.40 (b)(2) for the July 28, 2014 inspection had been addressed.

3.25(a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) Structural strength.

***There was a gap in the flooring and beneath the divider between two enclosures housing groups of guinea pigs. One guinea pig was observed outside of its enclosure and running loose on the washdown beneath animal enclosures and on the floor during the inspection. The gap between the wooden enclosure divider and the wire flooring was approximately 16 inches by 1 1/2 inches. A portion of the wire flooring underneath the wooden divider was also separated and an approximately 1 inch by 9 inch gap was present. These gaps were large enough for a guinea pig to fit its body through and allow entry to the adjacent enclosure or to escape the enclosure. Gaps present in an enclosure do not allow for secure containment of the animals and increase the risk of injury. The licensee must ensure, at all times, that all animal housing facilities are kept in good repair, and that they protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering.

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3.25(d) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

d) Waste disposal.

***In the indoor facility, there was an accumulation of excreta, food waste, dirt and grime on the washdowns and hanging from the edges of the washdowns beneath the primary enclosures. Near the back of the facility and at the end of the rows of animal enclosures there were some gnats observed and an increased smell of ammonia. Accumulations of excreta, waste, dirt and grime can cause odors, attract pests that can transmit disease and creates an unhealthy environment for the animals. The licensee must establish and maintain a program that ensures that animal waste and debris are removed and disposed of in a manner that reduces or eliminates the risks from pests, odors or disease.

3.31(a)(1) REPEAT

SANITATION.

(a) Cleaning and sanitation of primary enclosures. (1)

***There was an excessive amount of dirt and/or grime within several of the guinea pig enclosures. There was a build-up of dirt and grime on the PVC pipes of the automatic watering system in some of these enclosures. There was also a build-up of dirt, debris and grime along the ledges and side walls of some of these enclosures. One of the enclosures had a carpet square that was approximately 90% wet; the carpet square covered most of the wire floor of the enclosure housing 19 guinea pigs. Failure to properly clean and sanitize primary enclosures can attract pests, odors and potential disease hazards. The licensee must establish and maintain a program to ensure that primary enclosures are cleaned and sanitized often enough, but not less than every two weeks, to prevent an accumulation of dirt and debris.

3.31(b) REPEAT

SANITATION.

(b) Housekeeping.

***Within the indoor facility, there were excessive accumulations of dirt, debris, grime and/or pellet shaped fecal-like material along the ledges, pipes and walls above the primary enclosures. Near the back of the building and at the end of the rows of animal enclosures, there were some gnats observed and an increased smell of ammonia. Accumulations of dirt, debris and grime can lead to pests, odors and potential disease hazards. The licensee must establish and maintain a program to ensure that the premises are kept clean to protect the health and well-being of the animals.

The inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000542	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000542	Total	