



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **5115**
Certificate: **47-B-0079**
Site: 001
Paul Nichols

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 03-APR-2018

3.1(c)(1)(i) REPEAT

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The dogs that were in the North Pens with the excessively rusted metal divider panel that was cited from last inspection were moved to different runs. However, the other divider cited has not been repaired or replaced, and dogs are still being housed in this run. During this inspection, one additional divider currently being used was found rusted at the bottom. The rusted area was exposed due to the shifting of the substrate since last inspection. This divider is rusted to the point of having a jagged edge.

Excessive rust prevents proper cleaning and sanitization, causing possible disease hazards, and can affect structural strength.

The licensee must repair the rusted areas or replace the panels. The licensee must create and follow a program of maintenance to ensure that all surfaces are free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning and sanitization, and affects the structural strength, as part of the facility's regular plan.

3.1(c)(2) REPEAT

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

A doghouse in the West Pens is still chewed on the top section of the entrance. Several other doghouses now have edges that are also chewed and roughened.

Chewed and roughened surfaces are difficult to properly clean and sanitize, creating disease hazards.

These surfaces must be repaired or replaced to ensure proper cleaning and sanitization. The licensee must develop and follow a regular maintenance program that ensures all surfaces including houses, dens, and other furniture-type fixtures and objects within the facility that cannot be readily cleaned and sanitized, are repaired or replaced when worn or soiled as part of the facility's regular plan.

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3.1(c)(3) REPEAT

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Inside the Sheltered Building, there is still grime and uneaten food in the wash-down gutters. Most of the inside of the doggie doors in both the Sheltered Building and the Whelping Building also have a build-up of a greasy brown material on their surfaces. In the outdoor housing area, many of the runs still have an excessive build-up of feces. When asked, a facility representative stated that it was last Thursday since the runs were last raked, which was five days before this inspection. In addition, in the Whelping Building, two enclosures have still have rubber mats that have an extreme amount of dirt and grime ground into them.

Dirt, grime, and fecal buildup create disease hazards.

The licensee must ensure that all hard surfaces and all other surfaces to which the dogs are exposed are spot-cleaned daily and sanitized in accordance with subpart 3.11 (b) to prevent the accumulation of excreta and reduce disease hazards. If removable surfaces such as rubber mats cannot be sufficiently cleaned and sanitized, they must be replaced. Floors made of dirt, sand, gravel, or other similar materials must be raked or spot-cleaned with sufficient frequency to ensure all animals the freedom to avoid contact with excreta.

3.4(b)(4) REPEAT

OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.

Many of the dogs housed outdoors still had little to no bedding in their doghouses at the time of inspection. Although there was some bedding scattered in many of the runs indicating the dogs had pulled it out of the doghouses, fresh bedding had not been added. One dog had recently been shaved completely down. His doghouse had only a small amount of bedding around the outer edges, and it did not even cover the floor. The time of inspection was between 1:00 to 2:30 pm, and the recorded temperature in the region at 2:53 pm according to wunderground.com was 41 degrees Fahrenheit, with sustained winds of 19 mph from the North, resulting in a wind chill of 30.9 degrees Fahrenheit. Maximum wind gusts were reported at a speed of 47 mph. The minimum temperature recorded in the region on the previous night was 18 degrees Fahrenheit, with a wind chill of 14 degrees Fahrenheit.

Having little or no bedding in low temperatures can cause major stress and discomfort, and affect the health and well-being of the animals.

The licensee must continuously monitor the temperature to ensure that all dogs are provided with clean, dry, bedding material if the ambient temperature is below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and ensure additional clean, dry

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bedding is provided when the temperature is 35 degrees or lower.

3.11(d) REPEAT

CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

There was still a bird's nest on one side above the upper enclosures in the outdoor portion of the Sheltered Building. Although no dogs were present in the upper enclosures, they were present in the lower enclosures. This nest was removed during the inspection.

Pests and vermin create disease hazards to the dogs.

The licensee must establish and maintain an effective program for the control of insects, external parasites, and bird and mammal pests, to promote the health and well-being of the animals and to reduce contamination by pests in all animal areas as part of the facility's regular plan.

3.12

EMPLOYEES.

The number of repeat non-compliances cited during this inspection indicates the facility does not have enough employees to carry out proper husbandry standards.

Each person subject to the Animal Welfare regulations must have enough employees to carry out the level of husbandry practices and care required in this subpart.

The licensee must acquire employee(s) to help with cleaning, maintenance and husbandry practices to maintain the health and well-being of the animals in the facility. The acquired employees must be supervised by an individual who has the knowledge, background, and experience in proper husbandry and care of the dogs, and to supervise others. The employer must ensure that these employees can perform to these standards.

To be corrected by April 13, 2018.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility's representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000081	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000028	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000109	Total	