



Inspection Report

Connie Waters
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Customer ID: 43772
Certificate: 63-B-0184
Site: 001
CONNIE WATERS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 20-MAY-2017

3.36(a)(5)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE GUINEA PIGS AND HAMSTERS.

The facility had over 50 'skinny pig' guinea pigs for sale at the Expo. The guinea pigs were being transported in multiple plastic shoebox type containers most of which were 13inx20inx4in high. These containers were not manufactured for animal transport or housing. Someone had drilled a round hole about 1 cm in diameter approximately every 3 inches in one row just under the lid on each of the four sides of the enclosure. The lids had no holes. The number of ventilation openings were not sufficient to provide needed ventilation for the animals. This was evidenced by condensation forming on the inside walls of a couple of the containers. When these wet containers were opened, a rush of warm wet air was released. Lack of adequate ventilation can lead to condensation and heat buildup and over time lead to air quality issues that may affect the health and life of the animals. The facility shall ensure that an adequate amount of ventilation openings are present (at least 8% of the total surface area of each wall if all four walls are ventilated) and that there are ventilation openings on both the upper and lower half of the enclosure. Correct from this day forward.

3.36(e)(1)(i)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE GUINEA PIGS AND HAMSTERS.

The facility had over 50 'skinny pig' guinea pigs (adult and young) for sale at the Expo. The guinea pigs were being transported in multiple plastic shoebox type containers most of which were 13inx20inx4in high. These containers were not manufactured for animal transport or housing. Taking into account about half an inch of shavings in the enclosures this leaves only about 3 1/2 inches of height for the guinea pigs. This does not provide enough height for the guinea pigs to stand up and make normal postural adjustments. The interior height of enclosures used to transport guinea pigs shall provide at least 6 inches for guinea pigs weighing up to 500 gm and 7 inches for guinea pigs over 500 gm. Correct from this day forward.

3.36(e)(1)(ii)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE GUINEA PIGS AND HAMSTERS.

The facility had over 50 'skinny pig' guinea pigs for sale at the Expo. One enclosure with condensation/ventilation issues measured 13inx20inx4in and housed five adult and 1 young guinea pig. The enclosure provided 260 sq

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inches of floor space (13x20). The five guinea pigs required 305 sq inches of floor space (55x5 + 30). The overcrowding of the enclosure contributed to the ventilation issues. In addition, lack of floor space can lead to animals not being able to make adequate postural adjustments and increased stress to the animals. Each live guinea pig transported shall be provided with the minimum required floor space. Correct from this day forward.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representative.
This inspection was conducted at the Espresso Exotic Animal Expo in Cowan, TN.

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Species Inspected

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43772	63-B-0184	001	CONNIE WATERS	20-MAY-17

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG (MOST COMMON PET HEDGEHOG)
000002	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000068	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000002	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000002	<i>Tamias sibiricus</i>	SIBERIAN CHIPMUNK
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000078	Total	