



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **508170**
Certificate: **67-A-0002**
Site: 001
Adam Yoder

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 29-JUN-2026

2.1(b)(2)(i) Repeat

Requirements and application

After taking inventory of the rabbits, hamsters, gerbils, and guinea pigs within the facility, APHIS officials realized the number of animals at the facility is above the numbers approved for the license. The facility is currently approved for 9900 animals, but the current total inventory is 18,248 animals. The USDA license authorizes a specific number of animals to ensure the facility is capable of providing care for that number of animals. A licensee must obtain a new license before any change resulting in more than the authorized number of animals on hand at any single point in time during the period of licensure. The licensee must maintain no more than the maximum number of animals that his USDA license allows.

2.40(b)(2) Repeat

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

The facility's methods to control, diagnose and treat diseases were inadequate in the following circumstances:

An individually housed brown female rabbit, MB-139, had a bulging right eye. The area surrounding the eye was swollen, appearing like a rounded mass and creating noticeable facial asymmetry. The skin around the eye as well as the eye itself were reddened. There was a small amount of cloudy white discharge at the corner of the eye. Per a facility representative, the condition affecting this rabbit was identified a few weeks ago while she was nursing kits. The decision was made to not treat, to wait for her to wean her litter and then euthanize. The facility did not consult with the veterinarian on how to care for this rabbit or what could be done to alleviate discomfort during the weeks prior to euthanasia.

In an enclosure housing a black and white female rabbit with a litter of 6 kits, 2 kits, also black and white in color, had wet diarrhea on their back end going onto the tail and the hind legs. Per an employee, the kits back ends were cleaned by shaving the fur around the tail and they received the usual preventative treatment in the water given to all the rabbits weekly. No other treatment was given. Per the licensee, this is not the approved method to treat this condition per the program of veterinary care, and the preventative water treatment alone would not be sufficient.

Inappropriate methods to treat and control diseases may lead to unresolved medical issues and undue distress to the animals. The licensee must provide adequate veterinary care and alleviate discomfort for all animals under his control, even those set to be culled in the future. The licensee must make sure all employees also use appropriate methods to

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prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries as described in the program of veterinary care and approved by the veterinarian.

3.25(d)

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Facilities, general.

The removal and disposal of animal and food waste is not being done adequately in a large number of hamster enclosures throughout the facility. Most of the 250 enclosures housing breeding pairs were in need of cleaning with a large accumulation of feces throughout the entire floor. Old dirty bedding was intermixed with feed and feces thus not allowing for many areas of clean space for the hamsters to stand. A significant amount of old moldy grey feed was also found spread out on the floor of many enclosures housing either an expecting female or a female with a litter. This constant contact with feces as well as the ingestion of moldy feed may result in disease as well as cause discomfort to the hamsters housed within. Provisions shall be made for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris. Disposal facilities shall be so provided and operated as to minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards.

3.53(a)(1)

Primary enclosures.

The following primary enclosures were not maintained in good repair:

- In the back corner of an enclosure housing one grey rabbit in the main barn, the metal mesh floor was rusted. In that corner, there was a metal strand broken in half creating 2 pieces that resulted in sharp points pointing up and into the enclosure about 2 inches in length each. The damaged section created a gap approximately 4 inches long and 1 inch wide.
- The enclosure adjoining the one mentioned above and housing one white and tan rabbit also had a rusted floor area with broken wire strands in the back corner. The damaged section created a gap approximately 6 inches long and 1 inch wide with exposed sharp points from the broken wires.
- The mesh floor, in the back corner of an enclosure housing a large white rabbit in the main barn, was rusted and had a large hole approximately 5 inches long and 2 inches wide.
- In one enclosure housing 3 young rabbits, the wire mesh around the feeder had rusted and many of the strands were broken creating multiple sharp points, up to 1 inch in length, protruding into the enclosure from above the feeder.
- In two separate enclosures of the main barn, one housing a white, tan and black rabbit with the other housing a brown rabbit, there was a rusted section of the wire mesh between enclosures with a broken wire creating an approximately 2 inches long and 1 inch wide gap and exposed sharp points.

Rusted and damaged enclosures such as these may result in entrapment of body parts and in animal injury. The primary enclosures for rabbits must be maintained in good repair to protect the rabbits from injury and to safely contain the animals. Correct by July 10, 2026.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
013162	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000090	<i>Phodopus sungorus</i>	DJUNGARIAN / RUSSIAN WINTER WHITE DWARF HAMSTER
000474	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000239	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL
004283	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
018248	Total	