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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Inspection Report

Tropaquatics Inc.
4990 Paris Street
Denver, CO 80239

Customer ID: **326879**
Certificate: **84-B-0118**
Site: 001
Tropaquatics, Inc.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 27-SEP-2018

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WATERING.

An enclosure housing 7 guinea pigs has a dirty water bottle as the only source of drinking water. The water in the bottle is cloudy and grayish-brown. There is a thick sediment layer at the bottom of the bottle.Dirty water is unhealthy to animals and could be contaminated with toxins and / or infectious agents that could sicken the animals. Potable water shall be provided daily. Open containers used for dispensing water to guinea pigs shall be so placed in or attached to the primary enclosure as to minimize contamination from excreta. All watering receptacles shall be sanitized when dirty.

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3.31(a)(1) **REPEAT**

SANITATION.

An enclosure housing 7 guinea pigs has a heavy accumulation of excreta. Feces forms a dense layer on top of the litter that the animals cannot avoid walking or sitting on. This heavy accumulation of fecal matter creates an unhealthy environment for the animals that could lead to illness and discomfort.

A glass aquarium housing 14 hamsters has a layer of brown, oily grime on the inside of the walls at a level where the animals are in direct contact with it. The buildup is thick enough that it is difficult to see through. This grime cannot be disinfected or sanitized and therefore could be a source of germs that could contaminate the animals and make them ill.

Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris: Provided, however, That such enclosures shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks. Enclosures for guinea pigs and hamsters shall be sanitized by washing them with hot water (180 [deg]F.) and soap or detergent as in a mechanical cage washer, or by washing all soiled surfaces with a detergent solution followed by a safe and effective disinfectant, or by cleaning all soiled surfaces with live steam.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
326879	84-B-0118	001	Tropaquatics, Inc.	27-SEP-18

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000008	*Cavia porcellus*	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000019	*Meriones unguiculatus*	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000047	*Mesocricetus auratus*	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000015	*Phodopus roborovskii*	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
000089	**Total**	