



Georgia Department of Agriculture

Companion Animal/Equine Division

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Inspection ID **52160**

Animal Protection Inspection Report

Inspection ID	Inspection Reason	Inspection Date	Inspection Start Time	Inspection End Time	Inspector Name
52160	RE-INSPN - COMPLAINT	11/30/2017	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Bame Nissa
EST NO		EST NAME		Type	License No
96126		SUN PET LTD		BIRD DEALER	3796126
Physical Address		Physical City	Physical State	Physical Zip Code	County
3775 Zip Industrial Boulevard SE		Atlanta	GA	30354	FULTON

Requirements Details

Premises	Current License Displayed	Housekeeping	Lighting	Adequate Temperature Control	Adequate Ventilation	Fire Extinguishing Device				
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A				
Enclosures	Space Requirement	Interior Surface	Structural Strength	Shelter / Elements	Drainage					
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Performance	Record Keeping	Storage	Pest Control	Sanitation	Waste Disposal					
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Animal Care	Class Separation	Adequate Food	Adequate Water	Selling or Adopting Injured or Diseased or Abnormal Animals	Minimum Age	Tethering	Euthanasia	Humane Care	Negative Coggins	Evacuation Plan
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Companion Animal Details

Number of Animals	Number of Stall/Enclosure	Number of Breeding Animals	Number of Monthly Bird Inventory

Follow Up Status Information

Follow Up Date	Follow Up Reason	Follow Up Duration	Animal Types
	N/A		

Follow Up Notes

Action Information

Quarantine Issued	SS (Stop Sale)	SU (Stop Use)	SM (Stop Movement)	Quarantine Issue Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disease type				



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Complaint Unfounded	Complaint Resolved	Complaint Resolved Date	Complaint Reference Number
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Action Notes

Stop use for euthanasia chamber which had a crack in it. Facility complied and now has a functional euthanasia chamber; stop use order released.

Violation Information



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Inspection Comments

Initial Complaint:

- Workers kicked hamsters, rats, mice, and guinea pigs, who frequently escaped from tubs or were dropped by employees. They set out poisons for these animals and, at times, put those who were exposed to the poisons back into the bins from which orders were packed.
- The small-animal building was so filthy that it appeared to be hazardous to both animals and workers. Dead animals were found in the toilet of its bathroom, which was virtually unusable.
- Entire tubs of hamsters drowned after water leaked through a roof.
- Employees drew blood from animals and gassed others to death in the break room while other workers ate lunch. The gas chamber was cracked, which allowed gas to escape, exposing workers and prolonging the animals' deaths.
- Many animals, including those who were shipped to stores, were "sickly" and kept in severely crowded tubs, where conditions were apparently so stressful that they cannibalized one another.

Investigation:

On 11-29-2017 inspector Jason Smith and I investigated the facility Sun Pet LTD. Today on 11-30-2017 I went to re-inspect the facility to check on the euthanasia chamber. Upon my arrival, department manager for small animals, Scott Goodson, was onsite. I informed Scott I was there to check on the euthanasia chamber and where it is located. Scott informed me there was a crack in the euthanasia chamber. I informed Scott that the euthanasia chamber would be placed under a stop order until they get a fully functional chamber. Scott agreed to comply.

Scott took me over to the small animal building which is where the euthanasia chamber is kept. Scott stated the room it will be in and has been in is currently the one under construction. The euthanasia chamber is located in the "Hospital" room. Scott stated that for precaution, the euthanasia chamber is kept under an air ventilation system so CO2 does not leak out of the room. Scott stated only trained persons are allowed to use the euthanasia chamber. Scott stated that licensed veterinarian Dr. Mimi Shepard will have training sessions with employees on the euthanasia chamber to make sure it is done correctly and humanely.

Scott also showed me the freezer which euthanized animals are kept. Scott stated the freezer is typically in the hospital room as well but is currently located in the next room over from where the euthanasia chamber is located due to construction. Scott stated they have a service which will pick up the deceased bodies to dispose.

Scott and I also discussed their packing shipment policies for animals. Scott informed me they use the USDA standards on packing which include having sufficient space to sit, stand, and turn comfortably. Scott gave me a copy of each animal's shipment regulations.

Note: An hour after the re-inspection inspection Scott sent me a photo over text of the new euthanasia chamber which appears to not have any cracks and in a good state of repair. Stop order released on euthanasia chamber.

Pictures are available upon request.

I will continue to monitor Sun Pet LTD.

Fulton County Animal Services has been informed of the situation.

GDA Supervisor, Mike Lurey and GDA Companion Animal manager, Mark Murrah, have been informed of the situation.

A copy of this report will be emailed to Barry at: barry@sunpet.com and to Fulton County Animal Services director, Lara Hudson at: lara.hudson@fultoncountyga.gov.