



Inspection Report

DAN MOULTON
976 14TH AVENUE S W
ROCHESTER, MN 55902

Customer ID: **2401**
Certificate: **41-B-0239**
Site: 001
DAN MOULTON

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 03-NOV-2021

2.40(b)(2) **Direct** **Repeat**

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

A female grey chinchilla in 149C had an index card labeled Leg (indicating a possible problem). It was seen favoring one of its hind legs when it moved in the enclosure. The licensee got it out and its right hind leg was found to wobble in multiple directions at the hock joint, indicating it was likely broken. The appearance of the break was that it had happened some time ago because no swelling was present and the chinchilla did not react when the lower portion of the leg was touched. When asked, the licensee said he did not know what had happened to it or how long ago it happened and does not remember when the note on the enclosure card of "Leg" was made about it. This chinchilla had not received any treatment for this condition prior to inspection and likely went through unrelieved pain when the bone injury occurred and underwent the healing process un-stabilized (untreated).

Ensure that conditions such as injured/broken legs are promptly reported to the attending veterinarian so that treatment can be administered right away.

****Note****

This chinchilla was taken to a veterinarian by the licensee the same evening (11/3/2021).

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2.40(b)(3) **Direct** **Repeat**

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

These conditions were pointed out to the licensee during inspection and were not under treatment:

A female in 106C was seen circling to her left, closer observation found both eyes were protruding more than normally seen on other chinchillas. Her left eye had an opaque area on the surface of the eyeball. Her right eyeball's surface appeared to be drier and had an area of a brown scab-like material on the center of the eyeball with some veins on the surface of the eye going to the center. These observations are indicative of a possible serious underlying condition that needs further evaluation by the attending veterinarian. Ensure that she is evaluated promptly by the attending veterinarian and treatment instructions are followed.

Indirect non-compliances:

A chinchilla in 165D was found to have its right eye sealed shut and when the licensee handled it, it was found to have some mild pale discharge in its eye. This animal's enclosure had not been marked for treatment prior to inspection.

A chinchilla in 21C was seen to have wet fur under its chin and chest. The licensee held it and it was found that an area under its left mandible was had a hard bump likely associated with the jawbone. This protrusion seen with the hair loss and slobbers observed could be a problem occurring in its mouth and causing discomfort and creating difficulty eating. While her body condition was found to be adequate, her mouth condition needs further evaluation by the attending veterinarian.

Four chinchillas were found to have eye problems not on the treatment plan:

Chinchilla in 33D was found to have her right eye crusted shut, some mild hair loss and when handled by the licensee

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there was some pale discharge that came out and the eyeball could not be easily visualized.

A female grey (middle room, middle south row, 11 enclosures counting from the east end), cage card DOB 8-8-15; was found to have a crusted left eye, mild pale discharge with some hair loss and reddened eyelids.

A female grey (no cage card; front room, north row by the wall, 23rd enclosure from the middle door); was found to have a crusted left eye, mild pale discharge, and the left eye could not be easily visualized.

3.125(a) **Repeat**

Facilities, general.

At least 134 metal feeders were in disrepair during the inspection. Each of the affected feeders had rusted, sharp, and rough edges directly exposed to the animals. At least 22 enclosures contained sharp, broken, and bent wires exposed to the animals during the inspection (17B floor, 25A front wall, 41C floor, 42B floor, 58A floor, 58D floor, 55B floor, 87C wall, 88A wall, 114B wall, 11 unnumbered enclosures in the middle rows of the middle room, 1 unnumbered enclosure in the north row of the middle room). Sharp metal points and rough, rusted edges could injure the animals. Repair or place the affected feeders and enclosures.

Note: The chinchillas in the enclosures with broken wires on the floor were moved by the licensee to different enclosures during the time of inspection.

3.129(b)

Feeding.

At least 23 chinchillas' hay cubes were observed to be darkened (indicating its not fresh) and contaminated with excessive dust. Also, in the middle room, the north two rows of enclosures the wire box that holds the hay cubes (for 149 chinchillas) on top of the enclosures had an excessive amount of hair and dust on them. The darkened hay with dust and

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feeder areas with excessive hair and dust are not minimizing contamination to this food source. Ensure measures are taken so that chinchilla's hay cubes are not contaminated and not deteriorated.

Correct by 11/18/2021.

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

The watering lines, located outside of the primary enclosures, have an excessive build-up of hair, dust and dark material. This material was seen in some areas to have drops of fly-waste on it as well. The licensee said the lines are flushed weekly to clean the inside of the line, however the exterior has not been cleaned in about a month and indicated he plans to replace the lines instead of cleaning them. The excessively dusty and hair-covered water lines create unsanitary conditions that germs (disease hazards) can reproduce on. Ensure the outsides of the water lines are kept clean.

Correct by 11/18/2021.

3.132 Direct

Employees.

The facility is behind on maintenance items, metal feeders in disrepair (134), enclosures with broken, bent, and sharp points in disrepair (22), Twenty three animals didn't have access to wholesome and palatable food as their hay cubes were discolored grey and dusty, the facility didn't identify 6 veterinary care issues, the facility didn't contact the veterinarian regarding a broken leg, and the outside of the water lines has excessive accumulations of fur and need to be cleaned. Daily observations of each animal for health conditions are not done by other people if the licensee is not available. Other than a family member or employee from another business that reportedly help with feeding and watering at times, the licensee is the only person that is responsible and does the husbandry practices such as daily observations,

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cleaning, enclosure repair. Per the licensee, he is also involved in running other businesses which detract from time available for the chinchilla facility. The non-compliances demonstrate that there is not a sufficient amount of adequately trained employees in place to maintain an acceptable level of husbandry practices for the amount of animals at the facility. Ensure that a sufficient number of adequately trained employees are in place to maintain the professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices required by the Animal Welfare Act.

Correct by 11/12/2021.

This inspection was conducted with the licensee and his employee. The exit interview was conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

CHAD MOORE, ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

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Species Inspected

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2401	41-B-0239	001	DAN MOULTON	03-NOV-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000698	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
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