



Inspection Report

SHAWN ZIELKE
2613 WOODS ROAD
IONIA, MI 48846

Customer ID: **326848**
Certificate: **34-B-0229**
Site: 001
SHAWN ZIELKE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 19-JAN-2022

3.29(d)

Feeding.

The food receptacles for the guinea pigs have caked food around the bottom edges of the bowls.

All food receptacles shall be kept clean and shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks.

Clean the food receptacles for the guinea pigs as often as necessary to prevent caking, and contamination of the food.

To be corrected by end of business January 20, 2022.

3.31(a)

Direct

Sanitation.

At least 70% of the approximately 270 primary enclosures for hamsters and guinea pigs are excessively full of feces and urine, and another 20% include petrified dead hamsters whose cause of death is unknown. There is also food waste on top of the wet and soiled bedding. The majority of the enclosures for hamster have more feces contained in them than bedding. The licensee stated that she has two employees that usually clean the primary enclosures and they have not been available for one month. Even through the surgical mask worn for inspection the odor of ammonia and decaying animals is overwhelming in the building containing the hamsters, guinea pigs, chinchillas, and degus. Some enclosures

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have a small layer of clean bedding that has been added over the wet and soiled bedding decreasing the amount of head space for the hamsters housed in these enclosures. One of the guinea pig enclosures has caked on feces and other organic material on the plastic bottom, and the metal rungs that make up the primary enclosure housing 2 guinea pigs. The hamster and guinea pig enclosures are not being properly sanitized. The licensee stated that the enclosures are being scrapped out, sprayed with sanitizer, and wiped out weekly. The licensee stated that she can only keep up with feeding and watering of the animals without the help of others.

Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris and shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks. If primary enclosures become soiled or wet to a degree that might be harmful or uncomfortable to the animals therein due to discharges from dead or dying animals, spoiled perishable foods, or moisture condensation, the guinea pigs or hamsters shall be transferred to clean primary enclosures. Primary enclosures for guinea pigs or hamsters shall be sanitized by washing them with hot water at 180 °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.

Primary enclosures for hamsters and guinea pigs must be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent the accumulation of urine, feces, dead animals, and food waste. Sanitizing enclosures requires washing all organic material from surfaces prior to the use of a sanitizing solution. Failure to remove dead animals in primary enclosures for hamsters can lead to contamination of the animal, uncomfortable living conditions, and disease transmission.

To be corrected by January 21, 2022 12:00 PM EST

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Employees.

The primary enclosures for the hamsters and guinea pigs are excessively dirty with urine, feces, dead hamsters, and caked feces and organic material. The licensee stated she is unable to clean as needed without the help of others. The licensee stated she can only keep up with feeding and watering without assistance.

A sufficient number of employees shall be utilized to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

Enough employees must be used to ensure that primary enclosures for animals are cleaned and sanitized as necessary to prevent animals from living in enclosures that contain excessive urine, feces, food waste, and in the presence of dead animals.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000077	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
001305	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000023	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000011	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000197	<i>Phodopus roborovskii</i>	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
001613	Total	



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2.40(b)(3) Direct

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

-The licensee has an enclosure used to hold hamsters sorted for euthanasia. Two hamsters were found dead in this enclosure on inspection. The licensee stated that hamsters are sorted, and then euthanized once a week.

-The licensee acquired two guinea pigs approximately one week ago. The licensee has been treating two guinea pigs with Fungisan for patches of hair loss, with scaly and scabby skin.

Daily observation of all animals is required. If daily observations are accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian;

Animals held for euthanasia must be euthanized promptly to ensure their death is humane. If problems of health are noted by the licensee they must be communicated with the veterinarian for proper diagnosis and treatment to ensure the health of the animals.

To be corrected from this day forward, April 14, 2022

3.28(c)(2)(i)

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Primary enclosures.

There are two enclosures of dwarf hamsters that are overcrowded. These enclosures measure 19" X 9". One of the bins had approximately 20 hamsters, this bin had hairless baby hamsters contained, and the other had approximately 30 hamsters.

Primary enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space for each hamster contained therein to make normal postural adjustments with adequate freedom of movement.

Hamsters must be sorted, and moved to separate enclosures when necessary to ensure they have sufficient space for normal postural adjustments and freedom of movement.

To be corrected from this day forward, April 14, 2022

3.131(a)

Sanitation.

The primary enclosure housing 6 degus has a large accumulation of feces in it, and around it. There is also old food surrounding the enclosure and a large accumulation of organic material and hair on all of the plastic coated wire that make up the majority of the enclosure, and the water bottle. These animals are unable to move about there enclosure without walking through feces. There is a strong odor in the area around this enclosure.

Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

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Primary enclosures for animals must be cleaned as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animal contained, to reduce disease hazards, and to reduce odors.

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000012	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000283	<i>Phodopus roborovskii</i>	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
000016	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
001155	Total	