



### Inspection Report

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INTERVET INC  
2 GIRALDA FARMS  
MADISON, NJ 07940

Customer ID: **321189**  
Certificate: **22-R-0144**  
Site: 005  
INTERVET INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 22-AUG-2022

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**2.32(a)**                      **Critical**                      **Repeat**

**Personnel qualifications.**

On January 21, 2022, 5 hamsters were found deceased in their enclosure. An investigation determined a caretaker had not properly slid an enclosure completely into the rack system which caused a flap at the back of the enclosure to improperly engage the lixit waterer, causing it to run and fill the enclosure below which contained the 5 hamsters.

Corrective actions taken have included retraining the staff, replacing the enclosures with a newer model, adding enrichment which provides an elevated space for the hamsters, and redesigning the rack system to ensure enclosures are always properly engaged.

It shall be the responsibility of the research facility to ensure that all scientists, research technicians, animal technicians, and other personnel involved in animal care, treatment, and use are qualified to perform their duties. This responsibility shall be fulfilled in part through the provision of training and instruction to those personnel.

**3.25(a)**                      **Critical**

**Facilities, general.**

On February 7, 2022, two hamsters were found deceased in their enclosure. It was determined that the hamsters died of dehydration. An investigation found that a rusty quick-connect fitting between the main water line and the rack system had caused a decrease in water pressure to the rack and resulted in no water reaching the enclosure containing the two

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hamsters. Further investigation by the facility found that these fittings were not designed for water systems and that there were several of these fittings in use throughout the facility. All the fittings in the facility were changed to new ones designed for use in watering systems and no further issues have been reported.

Hamsters housed in enclosures in rack systems rely on the structural integrity of that system to ensure the proper delivery of water. Facilities for hamsters need to be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect them from injury.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarian.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
321189	22-R-0144	005	INTERVET INC	22-AUG-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000091	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000050	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000045	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000061	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000617	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000009	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000025	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT KITTEN
000898	<b>Total</b>	