2.40(b)(2)
Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).
An 8 year-old female Dachshund (# 0A01366660) was found to have reddened gums along some of her teeth and a heavy deposit of dark brown/tan material mostly on both sides of the upper teeth as well as some on the lower teeth. There were also areas where the gums had receded along the teeth. In addition, there was a heavy amount of brown/tan sponge-like material, that appeared to be food, covering the lower back teeth on both sides of her mouth; this material was able to be removed with a gloved hand from the teeth. The licensee had not contacted a veterinarian regarding the dog’s dental condition. The abnormal build-up of material on the teeth can cause damage to the gum tissue and tooth structures. This condition could be painful, may decrease the dog’s ability to eat normally and negatively impact the overall health of the animal. The licensee must communicate with a veterinarian regarding treatment for the dog’s dental condition in order to obtain an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment plan. The licensee must ensure that the treatment plan is followed and that all animals receive adequate veterinary care at all times. To be corrected by: December 6, 2021

2.75(a)(1)
Records: Dealers and exhibitors.
While reviewing the APHIS Forms 7005, "Record of Acquisition of Dogs and Cats on Hand", a total of 10 dogs that were in the possession of the licensee were not accounted for on the form. In addition, the date and method of disposition of 12 dogs were missing from the record. Complete and accurate records must be kept in order to ensure that each animal's identity can be known with certainty and to facilitate tracking and tracing of animals. The licensee must maintain records which fully and correctly disclose all the information required on an APHIS Form 7005. To be corrected by: December 15, 2021

3.1(c)(1)(ii)
**Housing facilities, general.**
There were surfaces within some of the dog enclosures which had jagged edges and/or sharp points. For example, there were several plastic whelping boxes that had varying amounts of chewed and roughened edges. At least one of the boxes was chewed completely around the entire top rim. There was also a plastic-type panel that was broken with sharp edges located against the back wall near the access door of the outdoor portion of a dog’s enclosure. A small exposed sharp wire point from a previously cut section of coated wire fencing was also observed at the level of the dogs’ heads as they walked through the opening/passageway in which it was located. The jagged edges and/or sharp points can increase the risk of injury to the dogs. The licensee must ensure that surfaces of housing facilities for dogs are constructed in a manner and made of materials that allow them to be readily cleaned and sanitized, or removed or replaced when worn or soiled, as well as be kept free of jagged edges or sharp points that might injure the animals at all times. To be corrected by: December 10, 2021.

3.11(b)(2)
**Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.**
There were multiple surfaces at the facility with a build-up of dirt, hair and/or grime. For example, within one of the sheltered buildings at least five enclosures housing adult dogs had in/out doors with a heavy build-up of dirt and grime.
This build-up of grime covered the entire central portion of the doors. According to the licensee, it had been longer than two weeks since the doors had been cleaned. There was also a large accumulation of hair located directly in front of at least four enclosures with adult dogs. Some of the hair appeared to be entwined within the coated wire of enclosure walls and the horizontal wooden support structure connected at the front of the enclosures. The build-up of dirt, hair and/or grime can increase the risk of disease hazards in the dogs. The licensee must ensure that the primary enclosures are sanitized at least once every 2 weeks using one of the methods prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, and more often if necessary, to prevent an accumulation of dirt, debris, food waste, excreta, and other disease hazards. To be corrected by: December 10, 2021.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

NIANET CARRASQUILLO, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER
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3.1(a) Housing facilities, general.
In the outdoor portion of a sheltered building, there was an enclosure housing two adult Dachshunds with flooring in disrepair. There was a wooden floorboard that had become separated and positioned underneath its support structure instead of on top of it. This dislocated board had a space between it and the adjacent boards which created gaps that were at least a foot long and a few inches tall on each side of it. The partially unsecured floorboard extended into an adjacent enclosure, housing three adult dogs, where the board was observed to be more mobile than the rest of the flooring when the dogs walked on it. The floorboard had decreased security and the gaps were large enough for the dogs' feet and/or legs to pass through, which could increase the risk of injury. The licensee must ensure, at all times, that all animal housing facilities are kept in good repair, and that they protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering. To be corrected by: November 5, 2022.

3.11(d) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.
There were numerous flies and gnat-like insects observed within the indoor portion of the sheltered facility. Most of the flies and gnat-like insects were observed around a drain located in the middle of the whelping room, near enclosures housing weaned puppies, and around a sink/counter area. The licensee was currently using fly bait products, however,
these products were not effective for the control of the insects at the entire facility. Insects can carry diseases and pose potential health hazards to the animals. The licensee must establish and maintain a safe and effective protocol for the control of insects and other pests to reduce disease hazards. To be corrected by: November 10, 2022.

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2.40(b)(2)
Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

A 7 1/2 year-old male, chocolate and tan, long haired Dachshund (# 0A02546924), “Toy Soldier”, had a dental condition. There was a heavy deposit of dark brown/tan material on both sides of the upper and lower teeth. The gums appeared reddened and there were areas where the gums had receded along the teeth. According to documentation maintained by the facility, this dog had been examined by a veterinarian and a dental had been recommended on November 29, 2022. However, according to the applicant, no follow up contact with a veterinarian to schedule an appointment for the dog’s dental had been made since the veterinarian’s examination and treatment recommendation last November. The abnormal build-up of material on the teeth can cause damage to the gum tissue and tooth structures. This condition could be painful, may decrease the dog's ability to eat normally and could negatively impact the overall health of the animal. The applicant must communicate with a veterinarian regarding the dog's current dental condition in order to obtain an accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment plan. The applicant must ensure that the treatment plan is followed and that all animals receive adequate veterinary care at all times.

3.3(b)
Sheltered housing facilities.

A strong ammonia odor was noticed within the indoor portion of the sheltered whelping building. There was a ventilation fan in the room, but it was not turned on at the time of inspection. There were several windows in the building, but they were all closed during the inspection. An ammonia odor this strong and noticeable can increase the risk of severe respiratory conditions in the puppies and adult dogs over time. The applicant must ensure that the enclosed or sheltered part of sheltered housing facilities is sufficiently ventilated to provide for the health and well-being of the dogs, and to minimize odors, drafts, ammonia levels, and moisture condensation at all times.

3.6(a)(2)(i)
Primary enclosures.

Two separate enclosures, each housing a dam and her puppies, contained a plastic whelping box with a corner that had a chewed and roughened edge. Also, in some of the outdoor enclosures of the sheltered building, there were some previously cut sections of coated wire fencing with edges that appeared rough and/or sharp. These were located at the level of some of the dogs as they walked through the openings/passageways. The jagged edges and/or sharp points can
increase the risk of injury to the dogs. The applicant must ensure, at all times, that primary enclosures are constructed and maintained so that they have no sharp edges or points that might injure the animals.

3.13(b)
Veterinary care for dogs.

The applicant was maintaining some animal medical records by various methods; however, the facility could not provide complete medical records with dates and/or animal identifications for some dogs’ examinations, test results, treatments, etc., which had been performed, according to the applicant. For example, there were no written records available for most of the adult dogs that the applicant stated had been given distemper and parvovirus vaccines around February of this year. Treatment plans and procedures had not been documented for a dog that had been examined, approximately 2 weeks prior to inspection, for a skin condition on her ear tips. Also, the facility’s medical records did not include test results for heartworm and fecal tests performed around December 2022. Complete medical records are necessary to determine that the facility’s program of veterinary care is being followed and that the dogs are receiving adequate veterinary care. The applicant must keep copies of medical records for dogs and make the records available for APHIS inspection. The records must comply with the Animal Welfare Regulations as required in Section 3.13(b) and retained as described in Section 3.13(c).

This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class “A” license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspections or by 8/29/2023 or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.
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