



Inspection Report

Valorie Craig
2310 630th St
Newell, IA 50568

Customer ID: **331646**
Certificate: **42-A-1706**
Site: 001
Valorie Craig

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 14-FEB-2025

3.2(a)

Indoor housing facilities.

Eight adult cats are housed in two rooms where the ambient temperature is not adequately maintained. Four of the cats, housed together in a room in a building called the "Big Trailer", had ice floating in both their water bowls. The air temperature (measured with a Kestrel 3000) at floor level near the water bowls was 37.7 degrees Fahrenheit. The air temperature about 6 feet above the floor, was 52 degrees. The licensee said there is no insulation under the floor which has a crawl space underneath that is open to the outdoor air. There is also a gap under the door, near the water bowls, where non-conditioned air can enter. The cats were on resting surfaces near the ceiling and did not appear stressed or uncomfortable. The 4 other cats are housed together in room in a building called the "Breeding Trailer". The temperature in the room was 48.2 degrees. Both rooms are heated by space heaters that the licensee said cannot be turned up any higher. At the time of the inspection, 9:30 am, the outdoor temperature was 13 degrees. The overnight low temperature had been about 5 degrees in the area. Ambient temperatures in enclosures must not fall below 45 degrees for more than 4 hours when cats are present. The temperature near the water and food bowls in the "Big Trailer" were still below this level. The ambient temperature in the "Breeding Trailer" at the time of inspection would suggest the temperature had likely fallen below this level during the night. Outdoor temperatures for 5 of the next 7 days are forecast to only be in the single digits with overnight lows below zero. Indoor housing facilities for cats must be sufficiently heated when necessary to protect the cats from temperature extremes and to provide for their health and well-being.

To be corrected by: February 14, 2024

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000029	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT ADULT
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000039	Total	



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2.40(b)(2)

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

One grey female cat "Poppypeed" has a matted hair coat with fecal material present. Three individual matts are present on the cat's lower back across the spine each approximately one inch in diameter. At the base of the tail and under the tail are several matts with dried fecal material present within them. Hair coats that are matted have the potential to cause skin irritation, pain and discomfort. Hair coats must be maintained to prevent injury and illness to the cat. This cat must be groomed by 9-October-2024.

2.40(b)(3)

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

The licensee is not conducting daily observations of all cats daily. The licensee states 9 adult cats housed in the isolation and south buildings are checked on every other day. Failure to conduct daily observation of all animals does not ensure that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being can be evaluated and addressed if needed. The licensee must conduct daily observations on all animals to assess their health and well-being. To be corrected by: 3-October-2024

A female Balinese cat "Snowy" has a mild head tilt that has not been communicated to the attending veterinarian. The inspector observed intermittent turning in large circles and when let out of her enclosure she walked straight with a mild head tilt to the right. The licensee states this cat started exhibiting the head tilt in August but has not communicated this health change with the attending veterinarian. Head tilt could indicate an underlying health issue and if left untreated could result in the pain, physical or psychological distress or additional systemic problems. The licensee must have frequent and direct communication with the attending veterinarian so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being can be evaluated by the attending veterinarian. This animal must be evaluated by a licensed veterinarian for an accurate diagnosis and to develop an effective treatment plan.

To be corrected by: 9-October-2024

3.6(b)(4)

Primary enclosures.

The elevated resting surface in one enclosure housing one adult cat is in poor repair. The board supporting the resting surface has split in half making the resting surface wobble back and forth when weight is distributed on each side. Lack of well maintained surfaces can negatively impact the well-being of the animals as they provide the opportunity for the

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species to exhibit some of their natural behaviors and decrease stress. Each primary enclosure housing cats must contain elevated resting surface or surfaces that are impervious to moisture, easily cleaned, sanitized, or replaced when soiled or worn, and large enough to hold all the occupants of the primary enclosure at the same time comfortably.

To be corrected by: 17-October-2024

3.11(a)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

The litter boxes in the isolation and south building are not being spot cleaned daily to remove excreta. One adult cat had dried fecal material present in the hair under her tail. An accumulation of excreta could cause the cats to become more soiled, could attract pests, and could also increase the risk of disease. Excreta and food waste must be removed from primary enclosures daily. The licensee must remove the feces from the affected enclosure and ensure that all waste is removed from each enclosure daily.

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2.50(a)(1)

Time and method of identification.

The facility uses microchips as their form of official identification for cats over 16 weeks of age. There was at least 8 cats over the age of 16 weeks without a microchip. An acceptable form of official identification (listed below) is necessary for APHIS officials to positively identify animals for inspection and to properly trace their movements.

All live cats over the age of 16 weeks shall be identified by an official tag affixed to a collar around the animal's neck, by a legible tattoo marking approved by the Administrator, or by a microchip placed under the animal's skin. The licensee must apply one of these forms of identification to the cats. The licensee must ensure that all cats have an official form of identification at all times.

To be corrected by: 5-July-2024

2.75(a)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Acquisition information for eight adult cats (over 4 months of age) and the disposition date and method for 3 adult cats is not present on the Acquisition of Dogs and Cats on Hand (APHIS form 7005). The licensee microchips all kittens before leaving the facility but has not recorded those microchip numbers on the Disposition of Dogs and Cats (APHIS form 7006). Failure to provide complete and accurate acquisition and disposition information inhibits APHIS's ability to identify and trace animal movements. Each dealer, other than operators of auction sales and brokers to whom animals are consigned, and each exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information concerning each dog or cat purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, euthanized, sold, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control.

To be corrected by: 5-July-2024

3.1(c)(1)(i)

Housing facilities, general.

Several surfaces in the isolation building holding 4 adult cats had red pitted rust present. A metal baseboard heater, 3 metal self feeders and a metal rack had various stages of rust present, this items were present within the primary enclosures of the 4 cats. Surfaces with excessive rust prevents cleaning and sanitizing which may create a disease hazard and may affect the animal's health. The surfaces of housing facilities - including houses, dens, and other furniture-

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type fixtures and objects within the facility - must be 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. Interior surfaces and any surfaces that come in contact with dogs or cats must be free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning and sanitization, or that affects the structural strength of the surface.

To be corrected by: 5-July-2024

3.10(c)

Watering

The water receptacles in the cattery building housing approximately 23 adult cats and 13 kittens are no longer able to be sanitized. A brown calcium buildup is present in the water receptacles due to hard water at the facility as stated by the licensee. While the facility has attempted to remove the calcium buildup, it has not removed it. The rough surface of calcium buildup may cause disease hazards and may affect the health of the animals. Water receptacles must be kept clean and sanitized in accordance with § 3.11(b).

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