



Inspection Report

Pipsqueeks Pet Inc
10654 SE US Hwy 441
Bellevue, FL 34420

Customer ID: **331113**
Certificate: **58-B-0681**
Site: 001
PIPSQUEEKS PETS INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 15-JUL-2025

2.1(b)(2)(i)

Requirements and application

The facility has exceeded the maximum number of animals allowed under their license. The facility is approved for up to 200 animals but 289 animals were documented during the inspection. The USDA license authorizes a specific number of animals to ensure that the facility and personnel possess adequate facilities, employees and education to provide sufficient husbandry to the regulated animals. A licensee must obtain a new license before any change resulting in more than the authorized number of animals on hand at any single point in time during the period of licensure. The licensee must reapply for a license that properly reflects the number of regulated animals under the license or reduce the number of regulated animals to a number which is under the maximum threshold authorized under the current license. To be corrected by August 15, 2025.

2.75(b)(1)

Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility is not currently maintaining disposition records for the animals that are born in the upstairs breeding area but die prior to being moved to the show floor. This includes the disposition for two young chinchillas that died in May 2025. Appropriate documentation of regulated animals is essential for proper identification, tracking of animals and for APHIS Officials to be able to carry out their duties. Facilities shall make and maintain complete records regarding the details of the acquisition and disposition of animals in their possession in order to account for all animal transfers or deaths and the sources of the animals.

3.28(c)(1)(iii)

Primary enclosures.

Three guinea pig enclosures are not providing the minimum required space for the number of animals that are currently housed inside of them. -Ten guinea pigs are housed in a plastic bottomed primary enclosure with wire sides which measures 23 inches wide by 39 inches long providing a total of 897 square inches of floor space. The guinea pigs are over 350 grams and therefore require 101 square inches each (or 1,010 square inches for this group of ten). Fourteen guinea pigs are housed in a glass walled primary enclosure that measures 34 inches by 30 inches providing a total of 1,020 square inches of floor space. The guinea pigs are over 350 grams and therefore require 101 square inches

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each (or 1,414 square inches for this group of fourteen).

Fifteen guinea pigs are housed in a glass walled primary enclosure that measures 34 inches by 30 inches providing a total of 1,020 square inches of floor space. The guinea pigs are over 350 grams and therefore require 101 square inches each (or 1,515 square inches for this group of fifteen).

Not providing the minimum area of space does not allow for adequate freedom of movement, exercise, or reduce the potential for injury due to overcrowding or competition between the guinea pigs. All guinea pigs of this size must be provided at least the minimum required floor space (101 square inches for each guinea pig weighing > 350 grams) in their primary enclosure.

To be corrected by July 22, 2025.

3.28(c)(2)

Primary enclosures.

The upstairs breeding enclosures for Syrian hamsters are not providing the minimum required interior height of six inches. The enclosures are plastic bins measuring less than 4.5 inches tall from the outside.

Three Syrian hamster enclosures are not providing the minimum required space for the number of animals that are currently housed inside them. These three enclosures are part of a glass walled square enclosure that is separated into four equal sized triangles. The square enclosure measures 33 inches by 33 inches which provides 272.25 square inches of floor space per triangle enclosure. The Syrian hamsters are over 100 grams and therefore require 19 square inches each. The triangles are housing 22, 20, and 17 Syrian hamsters which require 418 square inches, 380 square inches, and 323 square inches respectively.

Not providing the minimum height or area of space does not allow for adequate freedom of movement, exercise, or reduce the potential for injury due to overcrowding or competition between the hamsters. All hamsters of this size must be provided at least the minimum required height (6 inches) and the minimum required floor space (19 square inches for each hamster weighing > 100 grams) in their primary enclosure.

To be corrected by July 22, 2025.

3.30 Direct

Watering.

There are two guinea pig enclosures that do not have any water available. When the facility representative offered water in the wire top enclosure housing ten guinea pigs, at least 6 guinea pigs were seen fighting to drink from the water bottle over a period of 2 minutes. When the facility representative offered water to the three hairless guinea pigs in the enclosure upstairs, these guinea pigs were seen drinking and fighting continuously over the water bottle for over five minutes.

Inadequate access to potable water can cause discomfort and dehydration of the guinea pigs. The facility must supply the guinea pigs with enough potable water to meet their normal water requirements for the health and comfort of the animals. The facility provided water to these animals at the time of inspection.

3.31(b)

Sanitation.

The facility does not have adequate housekeeping for the premises which houses guinea pigs and hamsters. There are currently numerous sections of deteriorating insulation hanging from the walls and ceiling. According to the

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facility representative, insulation often falls from the ceiling onto and into animal enclosures. The storage area upstairs is stacked multiple items deep and does not allow for easy cleaning. Below and around the items stored here, there are accumulations of bedding and rodent droppings. Under animal cages on the show floor and upstairs, there is old bedding and other debris that is not being swept up. Insulation can cause illness or injury to the animals. Accumulations of trash or debris can attract pests and pose disease hazards to the regulated animals. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.
To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

3.31(c)

Sanitation.

On both the show floor and upstairs in the breeding area which houses guinea pigs and hamsters, there is an excessive accumulation of rodent droppings. According to the facility representative, there has been an ongoing issue with wild rats at the store. These issues include chewing through the insulation lining the ceiling and walls as well as chewing through bags of feed kept in the store. The facility currently uses glue traps but this has not been successful in stopping the rats. Pests such as rats can spread disease and contaminate food, surfaces, and animal housing areas. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.
To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

3.56(c)

Sanitation.

The facility does not have adequate housekeeping for the premises which houses rabbits. There are currently numerous sections of deteriorating insulation hanging from the walls and ceiling. According to the facility representative, insulation often falls from the ceiling onto and into animal enclosures. The storage area upstairs is stacked multiple items deep and does not allow for easy cleaning. Below and around the items stored here, there are accumulations of bedding and rodent droppings. Under animal cages on the show floor and upstairs, there is old bedding and other debris that is not being swept up. Insulation can cause illness or injury to the animals. Accumulations of trash or debris can attract pests and pose disease hazards to the regulated animals. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.
To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

3.56(d)

Sanitation.

On both the show floor, which houses rabbits, and upstairs in the breeding area, there is an excessive accumulation of rodent droppings. According to the facility representative, there has been an ongoing issue with wild rats at the store. These issues include chewing through the insulation lining the ceiling and walls as well as chewing through bags of feed kept in the store. The facility currently uses glue traps but this has not been successful in stopping the rats. Pests such as rats can spread disease and contaminate food, surfaces, and animal housing areas. A safe and effective

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program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained. To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

3.126(a) Critical

Facilities, indoor.

Inability to maintain suitable temperatures in the indoor building resulted in the deaths of two very young chinchillas. According the owner, the facility has had ongoing issues with their air conditioning unit as well as a lack proper insulation for the building. In May 2025, the air conditioning unit for the building broke overnight. This resulted in the chinchilla enclosure, which is upstairs, not having adequate temperature control. When employees arrived in the morning, they found the two young chinchillas deceased in the enclosure.

Inadequate temperature regulation in the building, especially for very young animals and animals sensitive to heat, can result in discomfort or even death of the animals. Temperature in indoor housing facilities shall be sufficiently regulated by heating or cooling to protect the animals from the extremes of temperature, to provide for their health and to prevent their discomfort. The ambient temperature shall not be allowed to fall below nor rise above temperatures compatible with the health and comfort of the animal.

To be corrected from this day, July 15, 2025, forward.

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

The facility does not have adequate housekeeping for the premises which houses hedgehogs, degus, ferrets, gerbils, chinchillas, a pygmy squirrel, and a sugar glider.

There are currently numerous sections of deteriorating insulation hanging from the walls and ceiling. According to the facility representative, insulation often falls from the ceiling onto and into animal enclosures. At the time of inspection, there is a chunk of insulation on top of the chinchilla enclosure where the animals can access it.

The storage area upstairs is stacked multiple items deep and does not allow for easy cleaning. Below and around the items stored here, there are accumulations of bedding and rodent droppings.

Under animal cages on the show floor and upstairs, there is old bedding and other debris that is not being swept up. Insulation can cause illness or injury to the animals. Accumulations of trash or debris can attract pests and pose disease hazards to the regulated animals. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.

To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

3.131(d)

Sanitation.

On both the show floor and upstairs in the breeding area, there is an excessive accumulation of rodent droppings. These affected areas house hedgehogs, degus, ferrets, gerbils, chinchillas, a pygmy squirrel, and a sugar glider. According to the facility representative, there has been an ongoing issue with wild rats at the store. These issues include chewing through the insulation lining the ceiling and walls as well as chewing through bags of feed kept in the store. The facility currently uses glue traps but this has not been successful in stopping the rats.

Pests such as rats can spread disease and contaminate food, surfaces, and animal housing areas. A safe and effective

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program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained. To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

3.158(c)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

The facility does not have adequate housekeeping for the premises which houses birds. There are currently numerous sections of deteriorating insulation hanging from the walls and ceiling. According to the facility representative, insulation often falls from the ceiling onto and into animal enclosures. The storage area upstairs is stacked multiple items deep and does not allow for easy cleaning. Below and around the items stored here, there are accumulations of bedding and rodent droppings. Under animal cages on the show floor and upstairs, there is old bedding and other debris that is not being swept up. Insulation can cause illness or injury to the animals. Accumulations of trash or debris can attract pests and pose disease hazards to the regulated animals. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash. To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

3.158(d)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

On both the show floor and upstairs in the breeding area which houses birds, there is an excessive accumulation of rodent droppings. According to the facility representative, there has been an ongoing issue with wild rats at the store. These issues include chewing through the insulation lining the ceiling and walls as well as chewing through bags of feed kept in the store. The facility currently uses glue traps but this has not been successful in stopping the rats. Pests such as rats can spread disease and contaminate food, surfaces, and animal housing areas. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained. To be corrected by July 29, 2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
331113	58-B-0681	001	PIPSQUEEKS PETS INC	15-JUL-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000087	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000002	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000093	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000046	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000012	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000003	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000006	<i>Lonchura striata domestica</i>	SOCIETY FINCH / BENGALIAN FINCH
000005	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000001	<i>Sciurus pucheranii</i>	PYGMY SQUIRREL
000003	<i>Serinus canaria domestica</i>	DOMESTIC CANARY / COMMON CANARY
000004	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>	ROSY-FACED LOVEBIRD
000010	<i>Phodopus roborovskii</i>	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
000007	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL
000001	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000009	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000289	Total	



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Date: 05-OCT-2023

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility is not keeping an inventory of animals on hand.

Failure to maintain records which fully and correctly disclose the number of animals born, held, owned, acquired, sold, or disposed of can make it difficult to track regulated animal movement and identify changes in number of animals. The licensee must maintain records which disclose the number of animals born, held, owned, acquired, sold, or disposed of.

To be corrected by October 25, 2023.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

There is an enclosure for 4 eastern gray squirrels that is kept outside during the day. There is no perimeter fence in place for this outdoor enclosure.

Lack of a perimeter fence can allow unauthorized people or animals to come in contact with the squirrels and cause injury. The perimeter fence must be at least 6 feet tall and constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility.

To be corrected by November 10, 2023.

3.154

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

At the time of inspection, an environment enhancement plan (EEP) has not been established to promote the psychological well-being of the birds.

Failure to establish and maintain an EEP can result in birds not receiving adequate enrichment which can lead to behavioral, social, health, and other psychological problems. The plan must address at a minimum social grouping,

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environment enrichment, special considerations, restraint devices, and any birds that are exempted by the attending veterinarian because of health issues or other conditions. The plan must be approved by the attending veterinarian. Licensee must establish and maintain an EEP for the birds.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000009	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000010	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000019	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000006	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)
000010	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG (MOST COMMON PET HEDGEHOG)
000006	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000048	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000028	<i>Phodopus roborovskii</i>	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
000003	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000001	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000012	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	NORWAY RAT / LAB RAT (COMMON RESEARCH/PET VARIETY)
000004	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL
000015	<i>Graphiurus lorraineus</i>	AFRICAN DORMOUSE
000015	<i>Mus musculus</i>	HOUSE MOUSE / LAB MOUSE
000001	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	MONK PARAKEET / QUAKER PARROT
000001	<i>Serinus canaria domestica</i>	DOMESTIC CANARY / COMMON CANARY
000001	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000191	Total	



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3.31(b)

SANITATION.

The area of the loft where the guinea pigs are being kept is cluttered with cages, wood, store supplies, animal containers, crates and a variety of other items. The unorganized accumulation of items and debris nearby the animal housing, may encourage pests. Vermin pose a parasite and disease hazard to the guinea pigs. Premises must be kept clean and organized to discourage pests and protect the animals.

Correct by January 16, 2015.

Exit interview conducted with owners.

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000042	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000002	<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	GREY SHORT-TAILED OPOSSUM
000001	<i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>	HAZEL DORMOUSE
000002	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000003	<i>Phodopus cricetidae</i>	DWARF HAMSTER
000053	Total	