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From: Daniel Paden
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 4:59 PM
To: ac.complaints@usda.gov
Subject: Request for investigation, 31-B-0195
Attachments: 2025-12-12 Sheriff detective report re warrant.pdf

Good afternoon,

I write regarding R&R Chinchilla, Inc. (certificate no. 31-B-0195), located at 7754 State Route 103, Jenera, OH 45841.

On September 10, 2025, Animal Care staff found 364 chinchillas in this licensee's possession.

However, on December 12, 2025, the licensee told a local law enforcement officer that he possessed "around 1200 chinchillas at the property." Having already seen "numerous chinchillas" in one outbuilding at the above address, detectives "checked the remaining outbuildings" and located "[a]dditional chinchillas ... in another building." (See attached report.)

Subsequent inspections by Animal Care have listed no more than 364 chinchillas on the property.

The discrepancy of more than 800 animals between those Animal Care has observed and those the licensee has informed law enforcement officers he possessed in the same time period raises the possibility that he has and/or is denying your personnel access to facilities, property and animals in violation of 9 CFR 2.126 (a) (4).

I wished to bring that discrepancy and possible violation to your attention.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Kindly inform me of the number assigned to this complaint.

Dan Paden
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals