



Inspection Report

KUIPER RABBIT RANCH LLC
5317 W 41ST AVE
GARY, IN 46408

Customer ID: **502426**
Certificate: **32-A-0640**
Site: 001
KUIPER RABBIT RANCH LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 07-JAN-2021

2.40(b)(3)

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

A white/black/brown guinea pig in barn 1 has an open wound on her left front leg, just above the foot. There is blood around the lesion. It is circular and appears to penetrate beyond the thickness of the skin. The paw also has a clump of fecal material adhered to the foot pads. Deep wounds are painful and easily become infected. Effective daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being must be conducted, including a mechanism of direct and frequent communication so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian. Upon identification by this APHIS official, the licensee removed the animal for euthanasia.

Correct by: January 8, 2021

3.29(d)

Repeat

Feeding.

Clay crocks are used as feed bowls. Many of the crocks are dirty, contain feces, are cracked and/or have chips in them. A few of the crocks have been glued together. Dirty, broken food receptacles harbor disease hazards, may cause injury,

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and cannot be effectively sanitized. Food bowls must be cleaned as often as necessary to prevent organic build up. Cracked, broken, or glued receptacles must be replaced.

3.31(a)(1) Repeat

Sanitation.

Approximately 25% of the enclosures for Guinea pigs in Barn 1 are wet and soiled with excessive feces. The accumulation of urine and feces pose a health risk for the animals.

All of the Guinea pig primary enclosures are extensively crusted with urine build up.

The build up remains despite cleaning and sanitizing. Disease hazards may be contained in this material.

Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Licensee.

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000076	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
001334	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
001410	Total	



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3.29(d)

FEEDING.

Multiple food receptacles are dirty, contain feces and have cracks and large chips in them. Some of the receptacles have been glued together.

All food receptacles shall be kept clean and shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks.

Clean and sanitize food receptacles as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the food. Broken and cracked food receptacles cannot be properly sanitized and therefore must be replaced when they can no longer be sanitized.

Clean and sanitize food receptacles by January 22, 2020. Replace broken and cracked water receptacles by February 4, 2020.

3.31(a)(1)

SANITATION.

Approximately 25% of the enclosures for the guinea pigs in barn 2 contain excessive feces and caked bedding.

Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris.

Clean the primary enclosures as often as necessary for the comfort of the guinea pigs contained and to prevent disease and odor.

To be corrected by January 22, 2020.

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3.39(a) CRITICAL

CARE IN TRANSIT.

The licensee sold 40 guinea pigs to a facility. The licensees' employee transported 8 boxes of guinea pigs to the facility approximately 8 hours away. Each transport box used holds 5 guinea pigs. Upon arrival at the facility it was found that one box had shifted during transport and was directly next to the heating vent. 3 of the 5 guinea pigs in the transport box had died due to overheating and the remaining 2 were in distress but have since recovered.

During surface transportation, it shall be the responsibility of the driver or other employee to visually observe the live guinea pigs or hamsters as frequently as circumstances may dictate, but not less than once every 4 hours, to assure that they are receiving sufficient air for normal breathing, their ambient temperatures are within the prescribed limits.

Guinea pigs must be checked on during transport to ensure they are receiving sufficient air and the proper temperatures are maintained to prevent overheating and death.

The licensee reported this incident to APHIS and has already taken corrective actions to ensure that this does not happen during transportation of guinea pigs in the future.

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Additional Inspectors

Hammel Kurt, Veterinary Medical Officer

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001750	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
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Date: 07-FEB-2019

2.40(b)(2) REPEAT

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

Approximately 20% of the guinea pigs have poor, thin hair-coats and chewed ears .

Each dealer shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

Poor hair coat, thinning hair and chewed ears can be caused by stress, external parasites and/or nutritional deficiency.

3.56(b)(1)

SANITATION.

The primary enclosures for the rabbits are excessively rusted to the point that they can no longer be properly sanitized.

Primary enclosures for rabbits shall be sanitized at least once every 30 days in the manner provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section.

The primary enclosures for the rabbits must be replaced or made free from rust so that they can be sanitized. Rusty surfaces cannot be properly sanitized.

To be corrected by April 15, 2019.

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002000	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
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Date: 06-NOV-2018

2.40(b)(2) REPEAT

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

Approximately 20% of the guinea pigs have poor, thin hair-coats .

Each dealer shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

Contact your attending veterinarian for consultation on this issue with the guinea pigs and how to address it. Poor hair coat and thinning hair can be caused by stress, external parasites and/or nutritional deficiency.

3.31(a)(1)

SANITATION.

There were approximately 75% of guinea pig enclosures in the east barn that had a large accumulation of feces and urine. The guinea pigs housed in these enclosures had no clean, dry areas.

Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris.

Clean the primary enclosures for the guinea pigs as often as necessary to prevent accumulation of urine and feces to prevent contamination of the guinea pigs and prevent disease and odors.

To be corrected by end of business today November 7, 2018.

3.32

EMPLOYEES.

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The licensee stated that his delivery driver has left and that he is currently doing deliveries. The licensee only has one employee in addition to himself to clean and maintain the facility.

A sufficient number of employees shall be utilized to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

Enough employees must be on staff to maintain appropriate husbandry for the animals held at the facility. This includes cleaning and maintaining the facility.

To be corrected by December 6, 2018.

3.53(a)(1) REPEAT

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

10% of the rabbit enclosures have breaks in the floor at the junction of the floor and wall due to excessive rust. All of the wire rabbit enclosures are rusted to the point that they cannot be properly cleaned and sanitized.

Primary enclosures shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the rabbits from injury, to contain them, and to keep predators out.

Primary enclosures must be kept in good repair to prevent escape or injury to the animals. Enclosures must be properly cleaned and sanitized to prevent contamination of animals that can lead to disease.

3.57

EMPLOYEES.

The wire enclosures for the rabbits are rusted and in disrepair. The materials for new enclosures are at the facility. With the licensee doing animal deliveries and only one other employee there is little to no time for the new enclosures to be constructed.

A sufficient number of employees shall be utilized to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

An adequate number of employees must be on staff to build the new enclosures to prevent injury and prevent the spread of disease that could be caused by enclosures that cannot be properly sanitized.

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2.40(b)(2)

REPEAT

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Approximately 20% of the guinea pigs have poor, thin hair-coats .

Each dealer shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
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Contact your attending veterinarian for consultation on this issue with the guinea pigs and how to address it. Poor hair coat and thinning hair can be caused by stress, external parasites and/or nutritional deficiency.

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2.40(b)(2) DIRECT

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

The majority of the guinea pigs either have chewed ears, thin hair-coats or both. There are fresh ear wounds on multiple guinea pigs.

Each dealer shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

Contact your attending veterinarian for consultation on these two issues with the guinea pigs and how to address them.

To be corrected by April 1, 2018.

3.53(a)(1)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Multiple rabbit enclosures have breaks in the floor at the wall due to excessive rust. All of the floors in the wire rabbit enclosures are rusted to the point that they cannot be properly cleaned and sanitized.

Primary enclosures shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the rabbits from injury, to contain them, and to keep predators out.

Primary enclosures must be kept in good repair to prevent escape or injury to the animals. Enclosures must be properly cleaned and sanitized to prevent contamination of animals that can lead to disease.

Enclosures with breaks in the floor must be repaired by April 1, 2018. The rusty floors must be corrected by September 1, 2018.

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