



Inspection Report

AAKW LLC
2730 BROOKDALE DR
KINGWOOD, TX 77339

Customer ID: **501290**
Certificate: **74-B-0814**
Site: 001
AAKW LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 24-MAY-2023

2.134

Contingency planning.

At the time of inspection, the licensee did not have a developed and documented contingency plan. Lack of a contingency plan could be detrimental to the animal's health and well-being. An adequate contingency plan must be developed and documented to provide for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing, and care in the event of an emergency or disaster (one that could be reasonably anticipated/expected to be harmful to the health and well-being of the animals).

Correct by: June 14, 2023

3.31(a)(1)

Sanitation.

During the inspection, in the exhibition room, there were several guinea pigs identified with an over accumulation of feces in their primary enclosures. One individually housed female guinea pig was in an enclosure where greater than 70% of the surface area of her floor was covered with a mixture of dried/old and moist/newer feces. There were two additional individually housed guinea pigs in adjoining enclosures where the accumulated feces covered approximately 50% of the surface area of their floors. When feces is allowed to excessively accumulate in primary enclosures, it attracts pests and

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fosters the opportunity for the development of disease(s) within the animals maintained therein. Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris.

Correct by: May 27, 2023

3.56(a)(1)

Sanitation.

During the inspection, in the exhibition room, there were two white rabbits sharing an enclosure with an over accumulation of feces. Approximately 50% of the surface area of the floor was covered in a mixture of old/dried, and moist/newer feces. Along the center wall of the front of the enclosure – which was a glass aquarium tank - was a mound of older, moist bedding. When feces is allowed to excessively accumulate in primary enclosures, it attracts pests and fosters the opportunity for the development of disease(s) within the animals maintained therein. Primary enclosures shall be kept reasonably free of excreta, hair, cobwebs and other debris by periodic cleaning.

Correct by: May 27, 2023

3.131(a)

Sanitation.

During the inspection, in the exhibition room, there were five female hedgehogs sharing an enclosure where more than 50% of the surface area of their floor was covered in a mixture of dried/old and moist/newer feces. In the breeding room, there were two sets of paired male and female hedgehogs, each pair in separate enclosures, where approximately 50% of the surface area of their floor was covered in a mixture of dried/old and moist/newer feces; of which, one enclosure had a pile of dried feces stuck to one of the sides of the enclosure. Both rooms had a noticeable foul odor when approaching

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and entering them. When feces is allowed to excessively accumulate in primary enclosures, it attracts pests and fosters the opportunity for the development of disease(s) within the animals maintained therein. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

Correct by: May 27, 2023

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

The food and breeding rooms, which contained two breeding pairs of hedgehogs, were untidy and in disrepair. There were sections of the floor with missing and/or broken tiles, and the same for the boards along parts of the walls. There was an accumulation of trash and debris in various parts of the room near animal food storage areas, on top of one of the enclosures that contained a breeding pair of hedgehogs, and along various areas of the floor. There was food waste (mixture of hay and pellets) and bedding along various areas of the floor as well. Accumulation of trash, debris, and food waste can both invite and harbor pests, as well as create insanitary conditions that foster disease(s) which can negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals maintained therein. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

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3.131(d)

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In the exhibition room, there were numerous fruit flies gathered on, and around, the sugar glider food. There were also numerous house flies found in various areas of the exhibition room, and breeding room that contained four-breeding pairs of hedgehogs. Fruit and house flies are insects that can carry diseases that can be contracted by the animals, resulting in adverse outcomes for their health and well-being. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

Correct by: May 31, 2023

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000005	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000003	<i>Phodopus sungorus</i>	DJUNGARIAN / RUSSIAN WINTER WHITE DWARF HAMSTER
000012	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000020	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000002	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000001	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000001	<i>Mus musculus</i>	HOUSE MOUSE / LAB MOUSE
000044	Total	



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3.30

Watering.

There were two guinea pigs, housed in separate cages in the Small Animal room, that had a mild-moderate amount of green algae growing along the inside of their plastic water bottles that were affixed to their cages. Lack of proper sanitization of the water bottles could allow for harmful organisms to grow, which could negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals. All watering receptacles must be sanitized when dirty. The facility cleaned the water bottles and increased their sanitization frequency as corrective actions.

Correct by: September 11, 2023

3.130

Watering.

There were two pied degus (housed in the same cage) and two hedgehogs (housed in the same cage) in the small animal room, and four hedgehogs (two in each cage) in the breeding/feeder room that had a mild-moderate amount of green algae growing along the inside of their plastic water bottles that were affixed to their cages. Lack of proper sanitization of the water bottles could allow for harmful organisms to grow, which could negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals. All water bottles must be kept clean and sanitary. The facility cleaned the water bottles and increased their sanitization frequency as corrective actions.

Correct by: September 11, 2023

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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000011	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000020	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000031	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000002	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000006	<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	NORWAY RAT / LAB RAT (COMMON RESEARCH/PET VARIETY)
000070	Total	



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2.126(a)

Access and inspection of records and property; submission of itineraries.

A routine animal welfare inspection was attempted on 11/27/2023 at 2:22 pm. However, the licensee refused to allow the APHIS inspector to conduct the inspection, despite there being three other responsible employees present in addition to himself. I requested for someone to accompany me on the tour that was 18 years of age or older, however the licensee stated he did not have anyone available, and it was an inconvenient time. I informed him of the consequences of the refusal, to which he debated with me about the unfairness of the situation and made many accusatory statements, including that I was inspecting too frequently. I explained to him the nature of past non-compliances and the inspection frequency, among other things in response to what he mentioned. He continued to debate with me some more and threatened to get rid of his license. I reminded him that it is his right, as well as familiarizing himself with the activities and species which fall under our purview by reviewing the AWA/Blue book. I also explained what he would need to do to discontinue his license with us. Once I saw the matter was not being resolved, and he was not providing anyone to accompany me on an inspection, I told him I would leave and document the visit as a refusal; to which he agreed and said that would be best. Refusal to allow inspection is a serious violation of the Animal Welfare Act. Each dealer, exhibitor, intermediate handler or carrier, shall, during business hours, allow APHIS officials to examine records required to be kept by the Act and the regulations in this part, and to inspect and photograph the facilities, property and animals, as the APHIS officials consider necessary to enforce the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the standards in this subchapter.

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