

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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**RTS ANIMALS** 

13 LONG LANE ALBURTIS, PA 18011 Customer ID: 7117 Certificate: 23-B-0156

Site: 001

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Inspection Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION Date: APR-02-2004

## 2.75 (b)(1)(iv)

#### **RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.**

Section 2.75(b)(1)Records: Each dealer shall keep records that include births and death. (iv) The name and address of the person to whom the animal was sold or given.

The licensee did not have the address to all the pet stores where animals were sold and delivered. The licensee must keep records that include the complete address of where the animals are sold. Correct by April 9, 2004.

Note: The licensee just started to keep records of animal births last week.

# 3.28 ( c )( 2 ) REPEAT NCI

#### PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Section 3.28(c)(2) Space requirements: Each hamster shall be provided with at least the following minimum floor space in its primary enclosure:

(ii)10 sq. inches for hamsters weighing less than 2.1 ozs., 13 sq. inches for hamsters weighing 2.1-2.8 ozs.

(iii) 25 sq. inches for a nursing dwarf hamster with a litter.

(iv) Space requirements: A nursing hamster with her litter shall be housed in a primary enclosure with no other hamsters.

A female dwarf hamster with her litter has been allowed to be housed with the male to prevent fighting and possible death when reintroducing the male dwarf hamster after the litter is weaned. Innovative housing for harem breeding of dwarf hamsters would require the approval of the Eastern Regional Director.

(1) Old breeding Russian dwarf hamsters were housed in an enclosure that was 8.5 inches by 17 inches providing 144.5 sq. inches of floor space. These hamsters appeared to weigh about 2.1-2.8 ozs. Each of these hamsters requires at least 13 sq. inches of floor space. One enclosure housed 16 hamsters. This enclosure can house up to 11 hamsters of this size.

(2) There was one enclosure housing about 10 Chinese dwarf hamsters with at least one nursing female with a litter and one enclosures housing about 4 Chinese dwarf hamsters with at least one nursing female. The nursing female dwarf hamster may only be housed with the breeding male.

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(3) There were 83 enclosures housing one male and two female dwarf Russian hamsters. Some of these enclosures had litters. The licensee said he had just sent in a variance request to the Eastern Regional office for the harem breeding of the dwarf hamsters, but had not yet received a reply. Need to have approval prior to harem breeding.

## 3.53 (c)

### PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Section 3.53(c) Space requirements: Rabbit weighing less than 4 pounds shall be provided an enclosure with at least 1.5 square feet of floor space per rabbit and the height of the enclosure shall be at least 14 inches.

(1) Rabbits weighing less than 4 pounds were housed in enclosures that were 9 inches in height and had 4.5 sq. ft. of floor space. The following enclosures did not provide sufficient height or floor space for the rabbits: two enclosures each housing 6 rabbits and one enclosure housing 4 rabbits. One of the rabbits in the enclosure housing 4 rabbits had its head against the top of the enclosure. These enclosures can not be used to house rabbits. The 4 rabbits were moved to a new enclosure during the inspection. There are still 12 rabbits housed in enclosures that are only 9 inches in height.

(2) Rabbits weighing less than 4 pounds were housed in enclosures that were at least 14 inches in height and provided 6 sq. feet of floor space. The following enclosures did not provide sufficient floor space: one enclosure housed 8 rabbits and one enclosure housed 5 rabbits. These enclosures can house up to 4 rabbits weighing less than 4 pounds. The enclosure housing 8 rabbits had 4 rabbits moved to another enclosure.

(3) Five rabbits weighing less than 4 pounds were housed in an enclosure that was at least 14 inches in height and provided 5.1 sq. ft. of floor space. This enclosure can only house up to 3 rabbits weighing less than 4 pounds. Correct item 1 -3 by April 9, 2004.

## 3.56 (c)

#### SANITATION.

Section 3.56(c) Housekeeping: Premises shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices.

(1) In the white animal building there are miscellaneous items stored on top of the rabbit enclosure housing 8 rabbits. The area housing the animals has the floor cluttered with boxes, stored supplies, empty enclosures and used transport enclosures. Items need to be stored in an orderly manner. Animal areas should have the animals and items needed for their care. This was corrected during the inspection.

(2) There are 36 rabbits being housed in the red storage shed that is in the process of being renovated. A storage shed with an accumulation of miscellaneous items is not an appropriate place to house animals. Correct item 2 by April 9, 2004.

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# 3.128 SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

Section 3.128 Space requirements: Enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each animal to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement.

A chinchilla was housed in an enclosure that was only 8 inches in height at the tallest portion of the enclosure. The chinchilla did not have enough room to sit up. Corrected during the inspection.

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