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2.40 (b)(3)

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

Section 2.40(b)(3) Veterinary care: Each dealer shall establish and maintain programs of veterinary care that include daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being with a mechanism for direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian.

There were six dead hamsters found in different enclosures housing other hamsters. These hamsters had been dead for awhile. This inspection was conducted in the mid to late afternoon. The dead hamsters should have been observed by the facility personnel and removed from the enclosures.

Corrected during the inspection. The dead hamsters were removed at the time of the inspection.

2.75 (b)(1) REPEAT NC1
RECORDS; DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.

Section 2.75(b)(1) Records: Every dealer shall keep records of animals held that include animals disposed of by the dealer and any offspring born of any animal under his possession.

The licensee is recording animal births and weaned on cage cards for some of the dwarf hamsters. However, records are not kept for the regular hamsters for births and deaths. During this inspection many hamsters had babies and six dead hamsters were found. Records also need to be kept for animal deaths on animals bought for resale.

3.25 (c)
FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Section 3.25(b) Storage: Supplies of food and bedding shall in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against spoilage or deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids.

There was a sealed bag and an open bag of guinea pig food stored on the dirty floor of the animal room. Open bags of food need to be stored in a container with a tightly fitting lid. The unopened bags of food need to be stored up off the floor. The licensee has a storage area with pallets. The miscellaneous clutter needs to be removed from the storage area to prevent contamination of the food and bedding.

Correct by December 7, 2004.

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3.28 (c)(1)(ii)

3.28 (c)(2)(iii)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Section 3.28(c)(1)(ii) Space requirements: Each guinea pig shall be provided a minimum amount of floor space in any primary enclosure as follows: weaning to 350 grams each need at least 90 square inches of floor space and guinea pigs over 350 grams each need 101 square inches of floor space.

Guinea pigs are being housed in plastic tubs that provide about 504 square inches of floor space. The tubs have one or two large dishes that are 10.5 inches in diameter and each take about 89.5 square inches of floor space. The floor space occupied by the dishes is subtracted from the available floor space for the guinea pigs.

Two tubs housed guinea pigs that looked under 350 grams: one with 13 guinea pigs and one dish that should have housed only 7 guinea pigs and one with 15 guinea pigs and two dishes that should have housed only 5 guinea pigs. One tub with one dish housed 11 guinea pigs and at least four of the guinea pigs looked over 350 grams. This enclosure should only have housed the four guinea pigs over 350 grams. Each guinea pig needs at least its minimum amount of floor space in the primary enclosure to provide for its well-being.

Correct by December 7, 2004.

Section 3.28(c)(2)(iii) Space requirements: Each hamster shall be provided a minimum amount of floor space in any primary enclosure as follows: hamsters weighing less than 60 grams (2.1 ounces) need at least 10 square inches of floor space.

Two enclosures that provided 144.5 square inches of floor space (8.5 inches x 17 inches) housed 22 and 24 newly weaned Russian dwarf hamsters. This size enclosure can only house 14 hamsters weighing less than 2.1 ounces.

Corrected during the inspection. Hamsters were moved to additional enclosures.

3.30

WATERING.

Section 3.30 Watering: All watering receptacles shall be sanitized when dirty. Provided, however, That such receptacles shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks.

There were 7 enclosures with Chinese dwarf hamsters and 8 enclosures with Russian dwarf hamsters that had green algae growing in the water bottles. These hamsters need clean water bottles.

Correct by December 1, 2004.

3.31 (a)(1)

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SANITATION.

Section 3.31(a)(1) Cleaning of primary enclosures: Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris.

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There were 8 excessively wet and soiled enclosures housing hamsters. The bedding was wet and caked together with food and fecal residue. The licensee said these enclosures were scheduled to be cleaned today. Hamsters need to be provided enclosures with clean dry bedding.
Corrected during the inspection.

Section 3.91(b) Housekeeping: Premises shall be kept clean to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subsection.

- (1) The floor of the old animal room still has spill bedding and animal waste. There are now miscellaneous items accumulating around the food and bedding storage area.
 - (2) The new hamster breeding room needs covers for the lights, covers over the outlets, and the area around the air conditioner sealed.
- The old animal room needs a good cleaning and the new hamster room needs to be finished.

3.53 (c)(2)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

Section 3.53(c) Space requirements: Each weaned rabbit weighing less than 2 kilograms (4.4 pounds) housed in a primary enclosure shall be provided at least 0.5 square feet of floor space, exclusive of the floor space taken up by food and water receptacles.

The rabbits are housed in wire enclosures that provide 6 square feet of floor space. One enclosure housed 7 rabbits and one enclosure housed 5 rabbits. These enclosures only provide space for up to 4 rabbits weighing less than 4.4 pounds. Each rabbit needs at least its minimum amount of floor space in the primary enclosure to provide for its well-being.
Correct by December 7, 2004.

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.

One adult ferret and three adult chinchillas were housed in enclosures that were only 8 inches in height. These animals did not have sufficient room to stand up on their hind legs. The ferret also did not have room to sit up. These animals need enclosures that provide sufficient height for them to make normal postural adjustments.
Correct by December 7, 2004.

Note: Discussed the possible health problem resulting from housing guinea pigs and rabbits in the same room.

Note new regulation effective August 13, 2004: Section 2.132(d) No dealer or exhibitor shall knowingly obtain any dog, cat, or other animal from any person who is required to be licensed but who does not hold a current, valid, and unsuspended license.

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