



Inspection Report

BLUE RIDGE KENNEL
P O BOX 1207
WETUMPKA, AL 36092

Customer ID: **928**
Certificate: **64-R-0102**
Site: 001
BLUE RIDGE KENNEL

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 06-APR-2021

2.31(a)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

The Principal Investigator was carrying out the IACUC's duties by constructing the minutes for the meetings, facilitating the semi-annual inspections of the facilities and reviews of the programs and, reporting the semi-annual findings to the Institutional Officer. The committee was unaware of the duties that they were required to conduct for the research facility. The IACUC appointed to assess the research facility's animal program, facilities and, procedures did not have any knowledge of the duties prescribe to them by the regulations. The Chief Executive Officer of the research facility shall appoint an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), qualified through the experience and expertise of its members to assess the research facility's animal program, facilities, and procedures. Correct from this day forward.

2.31(c)(7)

Repeat

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

The facility's record still shows that the Palatability protocol has PP, an individual who is no longer associated with the facility, listed as Program Manager/Principal Investigator. Another individual, JP, has been designated as the facility's Program Manager and this information has not been corrected. The PI has yet to submit a modification to be reviewed and IACUC did not review and approve this change since the October 2020 inspection. A change in the Principal Investigator of a protocol is considered a significant change to a protocol. The IACUC must conduct a review of all

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significant changes to a protocol in order to determine that the proposed animal activities and personnel changes are in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act Regulations. The IACUC must review and approve, require modifications in (to secure approval) or withhold approval of proposed significant changes regarding the care and use of animals in all ongoing protocols.

2.32(a)

Personnel qualifications.

Conversations with the Principal Investigator and IACUC members, and review of IACUC/facility records and the October 2020 inspection report indicates that the staff/member's lack knowledge about the Animal Welfare Act and protocol review process. Adequate knowledge is necessary to ensure that the facility remains compliant with the Animal Welfare Act Regulations and Standards and to ensure the health and well-being of the animals. The facility must ensure that the veterinarians, principal investigator and facility staff are provided training and instruction on their duties under the Animal Welfare Act. Correct from this day forward.

2.38(g)(8)

Miscellaneous.

While inspecting the primary enclosures of the dogs it was observed that several runs were missing cage cards. The cage cards included a picture, name and identification number of the dogs occupying that enclosure. There were several runs with dogs that did not have their cards present. The cards had not been replaced for some time. Each research facility shall be held accountable for all official tags. In the event an official tag is lost from a dog while in the possession of a research facility, the facility shall make a diligent effort to locate and reapply the tag to the proper animal. If the lost tag is not located, the research facility shall affix another official tag to the animal in the manner prescribed in this section and record the tag number on the official records. Correct by May 1, 2021.

3.1(a)

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Housing facilities, general.

The fencing near the walkway of the most eastern exercise pen is rolling up away from the ground, raised and lifted up enough for a large dog to get under it. This may allow an animal to escape or get caught under the fencing which could potentially harm the animal.

There were also deep holes under majority of the platforms in the yards, one of which was about 2 feet wide and 3 feet deep. These holes are under the platforms that are utilized by the dogs during play that needed to be filled to prevent injury.

The facilities must be maintained and kept in good repair to keep out unwanted animals, prevent escape or injury.

Correct by May 1, 2021.

3.1(c)(1)

Housing facilities, general.

There were platforms in the exercise yards that were cracked and peeling. The surface looks compromised and needs to be replaced/repared. One of the platforms are chipped and broken off. The dogs come in contact with this furniture in their play yards and they must be readily cleaned and sanitized and they no longer cannot. Correct by May 1, 2021.

In some of the dog's indoor runs there were areas on the well that are chipping paint. The surfaces that the dogs come in contact with must be maintained in a manner that they may be readily sanitized and the surfaces are compromised so they can't. Correct by September 30, 2021.

Several beds are damaged with large tears with scratched-up legs and corners. These surfaces are compromised and the

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beds are damaged beyond repair and have been for some time. Correct by Jun 30, 2021.

There were rusted racks that their feeding bowls dry on after being sanitized. The dogs eat from the bowls that come in direct contact with the racks as they dry. In order for the bowls to be considered clean they cannot come in contact with rust. These drying racks need to be replaced/repared to ensure that the clean bows that dry on them remain clean and sanitized before dog use. Correct by May 31, 2021

The surfaces of housing facilities - including houses, dens, and other furniture-type fixtures and objects within the facility - must be constructed in a manner and made of materials that allow them to be readily cleaned and sanitized, or removed or replaced when worn or soiled.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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928	64-R-0102	001	BLUE RIDGE KENNEL	06-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000069	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000069	Total	