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CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Alleged Violation: January 7, 2020

9 C.F.R. § 3.25(a) Facilities, general. Structural strength. Indoor and outdoor housing facilities for guinea pigs or hamsters shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair, to protect the animals from injury, to contain the animals, and to restrict the entrance of other animals.

You failed to maintain housing facilities in good repair to protect animals from injury, contain animals, and restrict entrance of other animals. An APHIS official observed three loose guinea pigs running around on the floor of the building. In areas where the bedding and hay were compacted, the sides were only 6.25” in height allowing for the animals to escape and possible injury.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.25(c) Facilities, general. Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against spoilage and deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers or in the original containers as received from the commercial sources of supply. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies or perishable food.

You failed to store feed and bedding in an area that would protect it from contamination. APHIS officials observed an open bag of shavings and a bale of grass on the floor. Rabbits that were loose were moving freely around the bag of shavings the loose bale of hay.

Date of Alleged Violation: January 7, 2020

9 C.F.R. § 3.26(a) Facilities, indoor. Heating. Indoor housing facilities for guinea pigs or hamsters shall be sufficiently heated when necessary to protect the animals from the cold, and to provide for their health and comfort. The ambient temperature shall not be allowed to fall below 60 degrees Fahrenheit, not to exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit.



You failed to maintain ambient temperatures above 60°F in the indoor housing facilities for guinea pigs. At the time of inspection, APHIS officials measured the guinea pig housing building at 51.2°F.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.29(d) Feeding. Food receptacles, if used, shall be accessible to all guinea pigs or hamsters in a primary enclosure shall be located so as to minimize contamination by excreta. All food receptacles shall be kept clean and shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks. If self-feeders are used for the feeding of pelleted feed, measures must be taken to prevent molding, deterioration or caking of the feed. Hamsters may be fed pelleted feed on the floor of the primary enclosure.

You failed to keep feeders and food receptables clean and free of fecal material. APHIS officials observed several self-feeders with fecal pellets mixed in with the feed.

Date of Alleged Violation: January 7, 2020

9 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(1) Sanitation. Cleaning and sanitation of primary enclosures. Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris: Provided, however, that such enclosures shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks in the manner provided in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

You failed to keep primary enclosures cleaned and sanitized as often as necessary to prevent the accumulation of excreta or debris. APHIS officials observed a large amount of soiled bedding, fecal matter, hay and food mixed with the bedding in the areas of the automatic waterers. There was also a large piece of blue bailing twine covering an area approximately 5” by 5” in one of the guinea pig pens.

Date of Alleged Violation: February 12, 2020

9 C.F.R. § 3.26(a) Facilities, indoor. Heating. Indoor housing facilities for guinea pigs or hamsters shall be sufficiently heated when necessary to protect the animals from the cold, and to provide for their health and comfort. The ambient temperature shall not be allowed to fall below 60 degrees Fahrenheit, nor to exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

You failed to maintain ambient temperatures above 60°F in the indoor housing facilities for guinea pigs. At the time of inspection, APHIS officials measured the guinea pig housing building at 56.8°F.

Date of Alleged Violation: February 12, 2020



9 C.F.R. § 3.29(d) Feeding. Food receptacles, if used, shall be accessible to all guinea pigs or hamsters in a primary enclosure and shall be located so as to minimize contamination by excreta. All food receptacles shall be kept clean and shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks. If self-feeders are used for the feeding of pelleted feed, measures must be taken to prevent molding, deterioration or caking of the feed. Hamsters may be fed pelleted feed on the floor of a primary enclosure.

You failed to keep feeders and food receptables clean and free of fecal material. APHIS officials observed approximately have of the self-feeders with dried fecal pellets mixed in with the feed and other feeders with only fecal material present in the feeder and no feed.

Date of Alleged Violation: February 12, 2020

9 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(1) Sanitation. Cleaning and sanitation of primary enclosures. Primary enclosures shall be cleaned and sanitized often enough to prevent an accumulation of excreta or debris: Provided, however, that such enclosures shall be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks in the manner provided in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

You failed to keep primary enclosures cleaned and sanitized as often as necessary to prevent the accumulation of excreta or debris. APHIS officials observed a large number of guinea pig enclosures with solid wet bedding, an accumulation of excess fecal material, debris, and discarded feed mixed in with the bedding.

Date of Alleged Violation: October 19, 2020

9 C.F.R. § 3.25(a) Facilities, general. Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against spoilage and deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers or in the original containers as received from the commercial sources of supply. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies or perishable food.

You failed to maintain housing facilities in good repair to protect animals from injury, contain animals, and restrict entrance of other animals. An APHIS official observed one loose guinea pig running around on the floor of the building.

Date of Alleged Violation: April 19, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 3.25(a) Facilities, general. Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against spoilage and deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers or in the original containers as received from the commercial sources of supply. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies or perishable food.



You failed to maintain housing facilities in good repair to protect animals from injury, contain animals, and restrict entrance of other animals. APHIS officials observed one loose guinea pig running around on the floor of the building.

Date of Alleged Violation: April 19, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 3.31(b) Sanitation. Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in orders to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.

You failed to keep clean, and in good repair, buildings used to house animals. APHIS officials observed a large amount of discarded bedding, hay and debris on the floor under and around the guinea pig pens.

Date of Alleged Violation: July 26, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care. (b) Each dealer or exhibitor 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, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

You failed to contact the attending veterinarian to develop an appropriate plan for diagnosis and treatment. APHIS officials observed an adult tri-color guinea pig (Pen 22) that was lethargic and moving very little with increased respiratory rate. The guinea pig had sunken eyes, and when tented, the skin remained tented for an extended period of time. At the time of inspection, the condition had been observed by the facility but there was no treatment administered and the attending veterinarian had not been contacted.

Date of Alleged Violation: July 26, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 3.25(a) Facilities, general. Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against spoilage and deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers or in the original containers as received from the commercial sources of supply. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies or perishable food.

You failed to maintain housing facilities in good repair to protect animals from injury, contain animals, and restrict entrance of other animals. APHIS officials observed five loose guinea pigs running around the floor of the building.



Date of Alleged Violation: July 26, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 3.31(b) Sanitation. Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in orders to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.

You failed to keep clean, and in good repair, buildings used to house animals. APHIS officials observed a large amount of discarded bedding, hay and debris on the floor underneath and around the guinea pig pens.

Date of Alleged Violation: December 15, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 3.25(a) Facilities, general. Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against spoilage and deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers or in the original containers as received from the commercial sources of supply. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies or perishable food.

You failed to maintain housing facilities in good repair to protect animals from injury, contain animals, and restrict entrance of other animals. An APHIS official observed three loose guinea pigs outside of the enclosure.

Date of Alleged Violation: March 16, 2022

9 C.F.R. § 3.25(a) Facilities, general. Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against spoilage and deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers or in the original containers as received from the commercial sources of supply. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies or perishable food.

You failed to maintain housing facilities in good repair to protect animals from injury, contain animals, and restrict entrance of other animals. APHIS officials observed two loose guinea pigs running around on the floor of the building.

Date of Alleged Violation: June 7, 2022

9 CFR § 3.25(a) Facilities, general. Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against spoilage and deterioration and infestation or contamination by vermin. Food supplies shall be stored in containers with tightly fitting lids or covers or in the original containers as received from the commercial sources of supply. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies or perishable food.



You failed to maintain housing facilities in good repair to protect animals from injury, contain animals, and restrict entrance of other animals. An APHIS official observed five loose guinea pigs outside of the enclosure.

Date of Alleged Violation: June 7, 2022

9 CFR § 3.28(a)(1) Primary Enclosures. Primary enclosures shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the guinea pigs and hamsters from injury. Such enclosures, including their racks, shelving and other accessories, shall be constructed of smooth material substantially impervious to liquids and moisture.

You failed to maintain primary enclosures that are structurally sound and in good repair to protect the guinea pigs from injury. APHIS officials observed a guinea pig enclosure (Pen 34) housing twenty-four guinea pigs with a 5” area of the side wall where the wire was bent creating an opening with sharp points.

Date of Alleged Violation: June 7, 2022

9 C.F.R. § 3.31(b) Sanitation. Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in orders to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Premises shall remain free of accumulations of trash.

You failed to clean, and keep in good repair, buildings used to house animals. APHIS officials observed debris and dirt coating the windowsills and numerous spiderwebs hanging from the ceiling over the open guinea pig pens.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$4,400.