



### Inspection Report

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Menno Gingerich  
2652 672nd Ave  
Albia, IA 52531

Customer ID: **6003391**  
Certificate: **42-A-1668**  
Site: 001  
Menno Gingerich

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 16-FEB-2022

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**2.40(b)(3) Direct**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

\* One English Bulldog puppy was observed walking with staggered steps and would also circle in a continuous motion. In addition, the puppy was observed carrying its head sideways. This puppy was born on December 6, 2021. Daily observation of the animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian provided that a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian. Failure to communicate illness, whether it appears mild or serious, to the attending veterinarian, could result in improper care of the animals. For example, this could lead to failure to seek professional veterinary care in a timely manner or provision of care that may not be appropriate for the animal's condition. A procedure should be adopted by which changes in health status or behavior of an animal are immediately reported to the attending veterinarian. Adequate veterinary care includes daily observation with assessment and recognition of any possible health problems, with these problems promptly reported to the attending veterinarian, so that appropriate diagnostics and any necessary treatment can occur in a timely manner to safeguard the animal's well-being. Daily observation and direct, timely, and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian is essential for the health and care of the animals. Lack of communication of ongoing problems might result in a delay of treatment if severity of the problem is not known by the veterinarian. The licensee must develop and maintain records of routine daily observations to ensure any animal with a health problem is treated promptly and appropriately. Failure to

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diagnose conditions or to follow up when the recorded treatment does not correct the issues can cause unnecessary discomfort, pain, or distress to the animals. The licensee must conduct daily observations of all animals to assess their health and well-being. Direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian. Correct by 2/23/22.

**2.40(b)(4) Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

\* One English Bulldog puppy was observed walking with staggered steps and would also circle in a continuous motion. In addition, the puppy was observed carrying its head sideways. I asked the representative what happened to this puppy. They stated that shortly after this puppy was born (December 6, 2021) its dam bit it on the back of its neck. The neck area sustained an open gash. The representative did not know how big the gash was. I asked the representative what did they do for this puppy after it was initially observed ? The response was that they stitched up the open wound. I then asked them if the puppy was taken to or if the attending veterinarian was contacted. They answered no the attending veterinarian was not called. I then asked the representative if anesthesia was used prior to stitching the puppy and the answer was no. Later on I was able to make phone contact with the licensee. I asked the licensee to tell me what happened to the puppy. They said that they noticed an open gash late Saturday evening December 11, 2021. They then decided to stitch the open wound instead of contacting the attending veterinarian. They did say they planned on calling the attending veterinarian on Monday December 13, 2021. The licensee did say that when they observed to puppy on Monday morning, it was nursing and acting normal. They then decided not to call the attending veterinarian. I asked them what did they use for string ? They stated that they used sewing sting and they only placed one stitch in the puppies neck. The licensee did state that he would of never done this if they had realized it would become an issue. I informed the licensee that what they did was considered to be a medical procedure and it was unacceptable for them to perform any medical procedure. I did inform them that the attending veterinarian should of been called first even if on the

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weekend. Then the puppy should of been taken to a veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment. The Attending Veterinarian must be consulted with for all procedures performed on the regulated animals. Medical procedures being done by the licensee must be documented in writing by the Attending Veterinarian in the Program of Veterinary Care.

#### 3.1(e)

##### Housing facilities, general.

\* An estimated 20 sacks of dog feed were being stored on the floor and against the entrance door to the feed room. Failure to store food up off the ground can result in contamination by rodents, insects, and other pests. The dog food must be stored off the floor and away from the walls, to allow cleaning underneath and around the supplies to prevent pest problems and to prevent contamination of the feed. The licensee must ensure that all supplies of food must be stored in a manner that protects the supplies from spoilage, contamination, and vermin infestation. The supplies must be stored off the floor and away from the walls, to allow cleaning underneath and around the supplies. Correct by 3/2/22.

#### 3.13(b)(2)

##### Veterinary care for dogs.

\* No medical records are being maintained on an eight-week-old English Bulldog puppy. It was observed walking with staggered steps and circling in a continuous motion. In addition, the puppy was observed carrying its head sideways. The representative stated that the puppy has acted this way since it was bitten on the back of its neck by its dam. The puppy was born on December 6, 2021 and was bitten on the back of its neck shortly after birth. The representative stated that the puppy was never taken to the attending veterinarian for observation, diagnosis, or potential treatment. In addition, the representative stated that no medical records have been maintained on this puppy nor were there any records from the attending veterinarian at the time of inspection. The representative stated that this puppy and its littermates were recently taken to the attending veterinarian for a health check prior to be shipped. The puppy in question failed its health check and was returned home by the licensee. The representative stated that no medical records were

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done on the puppy in question during its examination by the attending veterinarian. Maintaining medical records on any abnormal condition observed on any dog or puppy at the premise is essential to always have on hand. Medical records give a detailed description on when the abnormal condition was first observed, and any correspondence done by the licensee with the attending veterinarian. It will contain any diagnosis made the attending veterinarian and any treatment recommended by the attending veterinarian. Medical records on all dogs and puppies being kept at the licensee's facility are very essential and must be made available to the inspector upon request during the facility inspection. The licensee shall maintain medical records if a problem is identified (such as a disease, injury, or illness), the date and a description of the problem, examination findings, test results, plan for treatment and care, and treatment procedures performed, when appropriate. Correct by 2/23/22.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6003391	42-A-1668	001	Menno Gingerich	16-FEB-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000009	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000001	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000010	<b>Total</b>	