



Inspection Report

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2.40(b)(2) **Direct** **Repeat**

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

A male Samoyed (tattoo #1, microchip 0A0157221) is seen shaking his head repeatedly. There is a greasy brown discoloration on his fur just below the right ear. The inspector had the facility representative get the dog out of the cage to look more closely at the ears. The skin on the inner right ear is red, with several small scabs, and there is a buildup of greasy brown material within the ear canal. The facility representative stated the dog had its ears treated for 5 days in October of 2022, but the current condition of the animal's ears has not been noticed and no treatment is being provided or has been planned. Redness of the skin, head shaking, and excessive brown debris in the ears can be signs of a possible ear infection. Animals with continual head shaking, redness of the ears, and buildup of brown debris can experience pain, discomfort, and stress.

There is a female Boston Terrier (tattoo #13, microchip 3377134) that has heavy buildup of a hard, thick, brown material encasing 50-80% of all the teeth on both sides of the mouth and the upper front teeth. In some areas the gum tissue is receding away from the tooth roots. The gums are swollen and red. Heavy buildup on the teeth as well as gum recession, redness and swelling can be signs of dental problems. The facility representative stated the dog had received a dental cleaning in May of 2022, but the current condition of the animal's teeth has not been identified and no treatment has been planned.

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This same dog (Boston Terrier #13) also has several areas of hair loss on the front legs from the toes to the wrist, on the left elbow, and the left hind leg near the knee. The skin is mildly reddened and scaly. Skin that is missing hair and is red and scaly could be causing pain or distress to the regulated animal. The facility representative stated the dog had been treated for the skin issue on 09-Nov-2022, but has not received treatment since and no treatment has been planned.

Dogs with dental problems may experience pain while eating, may not eat enough, and can be stressed or uncomfortable. Skin problems can also cause pain and distress.

There is a Bernese Mountain Dog (tattoo #44, microchip 7E10334910) that has redness of the eyes (right eye worse than the left) and a green, thick, mucus-like and dried, crusty discharge from both eyes (left worse than right). The dried discharge is located in the corner of the eyes and attached to the hair beneath both eyes. The current condition of the animal's eyes had not been noticed and no treatment is being provided or has been planned. Redness and discharge from the eyes can be a sign of infection, irritation, or allergy. Dogs with eye issues can experience pain, discomfort, stress, and even blindness.

There is a female Victorian bulldog (tattoo #135, microchip 7E10334842) that has reddened skin with hair loss on the left shoulder. There are a few small scabs present within the affected area as well. She also has a large, hairless, reddened swelling on the left front paw between the third and fourth toes. The skin on the inside of both ears is thickened with a cobblestone-like appearance. There are several scabs present in the left ear. There is a buildup of greasy, brown material in both ears. There is a discolored (darkened) area of the hair and skin on the left side of the neck. There are multiple small scabs in this area. Due to the condition of this animal's ears, it seems to the inspector that this type of wound could

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have occurred from the dog scratching at her left ear and hitting the neck as well. The current condition of this animal has not been noticed and no treatment is being provided or has been planned. Redness, hair loss, swelling, and built-up debris of the skin can be signs of infection, irritation, or injury. Animals with skin problems can experience pain, discomfort, self-traumatization, and stress.

The female Victorian bulldog (#135) also had a large swelling on her abdomen in between the mammary glands. This swelling was soft and could be pushed back into the abdominal cavity. The tissue would come back out once there was no pressure on it. The affected area was approximately 3 inches in length. The Veterinary Medical Officer thought the abnormality could indicate a possible hernia. Abdominal swellings could cause pain and discomfort to the animal, as well as indicate a more serious condition such as a hernia. The abnormal condition of the dog's abdomen has not been noted by the facility staff prior to the inspection and no treatment was being provided or has been planned.

A French Bulldog (tattoo #2, microchip 7E10180472) has a hair less swelling between the fourth and fifth toes on both the right and left front paws. The swelling on the left front has a hole where a small amount of fluid is draining out. The swelling of the right front paw has an area that is red and it looked ready to burst as there was a small amount of cloudy fluid accumulating at the top of the hole. The condition of this dog's paws has not been noticed and no treatment is being provided or has been planned. Swelling, draining wounds on the paws can cause pain and distress to the regulated animal.

There is a female Bulldog (tattoo #36, microchip 7E10334735) whose ears have an excessive amount of brown, greasy debris located around the ear canal. The skin on the inner ears is thickened and red. The condition of this dog's ears has not been noticed and no treatment is being provided or has been planned. Excessive build up of debris and redness of

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the ears can be a sign of infection or irritation. Ear problems may cause stress or discomfort to the regulated animal.

There is a female Whoodle (tattoo #14, microchip 2777956) with large areas of hair loss on the back and trunk. The skin is red and there are multiple small, slightly red, raised bumps. In one area on the left hip the skin where the hair is missing is darker than normal (hyperpigmentation). The condition of this dog's skin has not been noticed and no treatment is being provided or has been planned. Hair loss, skin discoloration, and bumps on the skin can be signs of a skin infection or irritation. Infected or irritated skin can cause stress, pain, or discomfort to the regulated animal.

The licensee is required to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries in the regulated animals. The licensee is required to have the above animals mentioned evaluated by a veterinarian for an accurate diagnosis and to develop an effective treatment plan. The licensee must ensure each animal receives adequate veterinary care at all times.

There is a female Pomsky (tattoo #10, microchip 357347) that is significantly matted. A few rope-like mats were located on the animal's outer hair coat and the hair beneath was matted into thick, firm clumps that were held tightly against the skin. The areas of matted hair are located along both shoulders, across the top of the back and neck, down both sides of the neck and behind both ears.

A female Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (tattoo # 88, microchip 357804) has significant matting of the hair on the outside of both ears. The hair is matted into large, thick clumps which were tight against the skin.

Matted hair can be a source of pain and discomfort to the regulated animal.

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The licensee must remove the matted hair from the dogs' hair coats and ensure the hair coats of each animal remains free of matted hair at all times.

3.1(c)(1)(ii)

Housing facilities, general.

In the first building, the plastic on the enclosure floor was cracked and exposes a sharp edge. There are two dogs housed in this enclosure and they are at risk of injury to their legs from this sharp piece of plastic.

In an enclosure housing a French Bulldog, there is an area at the front of the cage along the bottom of the gate where the wood is broken and frayed. This is exposing a screw head. The broken wood and/or the exposed screw could be a source of injury to the dog housed.

Housing facilities must be free of jagged edges or sharp points that might injure the animals. The licensee must either repair or replace the broken cage material in a manner that eliminates the risk of injury to the animals. The licensee must ensure that the housing facilities are safe for the dogs at all times.

Correct by: 12/27/22.

3.6(a)(2)(x)

Primary enclosures.

There was an enclosure that housed 3 small Maltese dogs. It was observed by the inspector that the legs of the smallest dog (Maltese #21) fell through the holes in the flooring multiple times. Feet and legs falling through the openings of the floor of an enclosure could cause injury or harm to the regulated animal. The licensee is required to provide floors that are

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constructed in a manner that protects the dogs' legs and feet from injury, and that do not allow the dogs' feet to pass through any openings in the floor. The licensee must provide Maltese #21 with flooring that does not allow her feet or legs to pass through any openings. The licensee must ensure that the flooring is safe for the animals at all times.

Correct by: 12/17/22

3.9(b)

Feeding

In the fourth building there was a large, blue, plastic container on wheels that contained an open bag of dog food. There was a single, white, plastic board covering the top of the blue container that acted as a roof. Underneath the bag of dog food there were multiple pieces of discarded dog food on the bottom of the blue container. Some of these pieces of dog food were wet and have started to expand and accumulate on the bottom of the container, causing them to cake together. The inside of the blue container had evidence of water running down it and a small amount of pooled water was present in the bottom of the receptacle. The licensee must take measures to ensure that there is no molding or caking of the dog food. The licensee must clean out the bottom of the blue plastic dog food container and ensure that the food stored within is protected from becoming moistened and/or contaminated.

Correct by: 12/17/22

3.13(b)(2)

Veterinary care for dogs.

Pomsky #10 and Cavalier #88 have matted hair coats. According to the facility's plan to maintain healthy and unmatted hair coats, the dogs are to be sheared biannually, but there are no medical records available that indicate the last time these dogs received any hair coat grooming.

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Bulldog #36 has excessively dirty ears. According to the facility's plan to maintain clean and healthy ears, any ear issues are to be addressed biannually, but there are no medical records available that indicate the last time this dog received an ear cleaning.

The facility representative stated that Bulldog #62 received an injection of Ivomec for a skin condition on 07-December-2022. There is no medical record documenting that this treatment was provided.

Failure to maintain medical records interferes with the ability of APHIS officials to determine if the animals have received adequate veterinary care.

Dealers must keep copies of medical records that include the problem identified and the treatment procedure performed. The licensee must ensure that all procedures and treatments performed on the dogs, including grooming, ear cleanings and injections, are documented on a complete medical record.

Correct by: From this day forward

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000680	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
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