



### Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **5222**  
Certificate: **42-A-0124**  
Site: 001  
HELENE HAMRICK

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 05-DEC-2023

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#### 3.1(a)

##### Housing facilities, general.

In building #5, three enclosures housing a total of 3 adults and 1 puppy had excessively damaged carpet squares. This was corrected at the time of inspection. The damaged carpet squares could cause injury to an animal should it become entangled in the shredded fibers and could have a negative impact on the health of an animal should the animals swallow damaged carpet materials.

Housing facilities for dogs must be maintained in good repair and protect the dogs from injury. The licensee must remove the damaged carpet squares or alter them in a manner that eliminates the risk of injury to the dogs. The licensee must maintain all enclosures in good repair at all times.

To be corrected by: 6-December-2023

In building #3, an enclosure housing one adult dog has a piece of broken metal trim that was rusted and sharp and sticking out into the enclosure. This was corrected at the time of inspection.

In building #5, several enclosures have small screws protruding into the top of the primary enclosure's. The screws were approximately 1/4-1/2" inches long into the enclosure and were sharp on the ends. A dog may be able to come into contact if they were to jump in the enclosure or stand on their hind legs. Contact with sharp points could cause injury to the dog.

Housing facilities for dogs must be maintained in good repair and protect the animals from injury. The licensee must either remove the sharp points or alter them in a manner that eliminates the risk of injury to the dogs. The licensee must ensure that all enclosures are safe for the dogs at all times.

To be corrected by: 26-December-2023

Two sheltered primary enclosures each containing one adult dog had plastic material on the wall of their outdoor section that has been excessively chewed on. These surfaces are no longer in good repair and chewing on plastic could have a negative impact on the health of an animal should the animals swallow pieces of plastic

Housing facilities for dogs must be maintained in good repair and protect the animals from injury. The licensee must either remove the plastic board or alter them in a manner that eliminates the risk of injury to the dog and ensure the enclosures remain in good repair at all times.

To be corrected by: 26-December-2023

#### 3.11(a)

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#### Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

At least three sheltered primary enclosures each housing one adult dog have an excessive buildup of feces in the outdoor section. The facility representative states it has been a couple of days since those enclosures were cleaned. One adult Bichon had dried fecal material present in the hair on the rear feet, the representative stated the enclosures will be cleaned and sanitized today and this dog will receive a bath today. A buildup of feces could cause the dog to become soiled, could attract pests, and could also increase the risk of disease.

Excreta and food waste must be removed from primary enclosures daily. The licensee must remove the feces from the affected enclosure and ensure that all waste is removed from each enclosure daily.

To be corrected by: End of business 5-December-2023

**3.13(b)(2)**

**Repeat**

#### Veterinary care for dogs.

Male Bichon (MC#977200009776858) is currently being treated for "hot spots" on the rear legs with Vetricyn wound spray twice a day for the last 3-4 days. The licensee is not keeping medical records of when the problem was identified and treatments being given.

Without proper documentation, it is difficult to determine the efficacy of a treatment plan and ensure the animals are receiving adequate veterinary care. A proper medical record includes the date the problem was found, a description of the problem, the name and frequency and amount of medications used, examination findings, test results, plans for treatment and care, and treatment procedures performed must be recorded and a copy kept for review for inspection by APHIS officials. Correct by ensuring all records of any treatments for problems identified in the dogs are recorded and maintained at all times.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
5222	42-A-0124	001	HELENE HAMRICK	05-DEC-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000048	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000006	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000054	<b>Total</b>	