



Inspection Report

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Certificate: **84-C-0071**
Site: 001
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2.50 (c) (2) (ii)

TIME AND METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION.

The record books for 4 wolf-hybrid dogs did not contain a clear photograph of each animal: Spartacus, ID#96, acquired 9/27/14, Trigger, ID#95, acquired 9/21/14, Tundra, ID#92, acquired 11/16/13, and Zoey, ID#99, acquired 4/30/15.

The record book requirements for exhibitors are necessary to ensure all animals can be properly matched to their official identification, to ensure that they have been acquired legally, and to readily identify each animal when exhibited to the public by photographic identification.

The licensee must have a record book containing each animal's tag number, a written description of each animal, the data required by Sec. 2.75(a), and a clear photograph of each animal.

To be corrected by June 14, 2015.

3.1 (e)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Several bags of open dog food that were not stored in leakproof containers were found in the food storage area.

Open bags of food can become contaminated, allow for deterioration of the food from moisture, or attract pests. These can diminish the nutritive value of the food or may pose a risk to the animal's health due to bacterial or pest contamination.

All open supplies of food and bedding must be kept in leakproof containers with tightly fitting lids to prevent contamination and spoilage.

To be corrected by June 14, 2015.

Inspection and exit interview conducted with the Animal Caretaker, AC Program Assistant, and AC VMO, Tracy Thompson, DVM.

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2.40 (a)(1)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

<< (a) Each exhibitor shall have an attending veterinarian who shall provide adequate veterinary care to its animals in compliance with this section.

(1) Each exhibitor shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the exhibitor; >>

The licensee has been working with several veterinarians on a consultant basis but has not employed an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements with a written program of veterinary care that includes all of the requirements under this Section as well as how often regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the exhibitor will be made. Formalized arrangements with a written description of the program for providing adequate veterinary care is necessary to ensure that the animals are being observed for problems daily and receiving appropriate care as directed by the attending veterinarian who will evaluate the animals on the premises during regularly scheduled visits.

The licensee shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements including a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises.

To be corrected by 7/15/2013.

2.75 (a)(1)(iii)

RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.

<< (a)(1) Each dealer, other than operators of auction sales and brokers to whom animals are consigned, and each exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information concerning each dog or cat purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, euthanized, sold, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control.

(iii) The vehicle license number and State, and the driver's license number (or photographic identification card

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for nondrivers issued by a State) and State of the person, if he or she is not licensed or registered under the Act;>>

The license did not make records of acquisition for at least 3 wolf-hybrid dogs that contain all the required information under this Section:

**One male wolf-hybrid dog, Cowboy ID#84, acquired on 2/17/2013 from a person not licensed or registered under the Act; record of acquisition did not contain the vehicle license number and State.

**One male wolf-hybrid dog, Drake ID#86, acquired on 4/27/2013 from a person not licensed or registered under the Act; record of acquisition did not contain the full address, the driver's license number and State, and the vehicle license number and State.

**One female wolf-hybrid dog, Ariel ID#88, acquired on 6/23/2013 from a person not licensed or registered under the Act; record of acquisition did not contain the vehicle license number and State and the driver's license number and State.

Complete records are required to ensure the animals are acquired legally for use in regulated activities.

To be corrected on all subsequent acquisitions.

3.1 (e)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

<< (e) Storage. Supplies of food and bedding 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. Foods requiring refrigeration must be stored accordingly, and all food must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination and deterioration of its nutritive value. All open supplies of food and bedding must be kept in leakproof containers with tightly fitting lids to prevent contamination and spoilage. Only food and bedding that is currently being used may be kept in the animal areas.>>

The food storage shed had several bags of dog food being stored in the manufacturer's packaging directly on the floor. Also, several bags on the storage shelves had been received with tears in the packaging which had been covered with tape but were not sealed well enough to prevent leaking or contamination of the food. Storage of food needs to be done in a manner that protects the food from contamination and deterioration.

Supplies of food must be stored off the floor and away from walls to allow cleaning around and underneath them and in a manner that prevents contamination and deterioration of its nutritive value.

To be corrected by 7/6/2013.

3.6 (a)(2)(x)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

<<Primary enclosures for dogs must meet the following minimum requirements:

(a) General requirements (2) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:

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(x) Have floors that are constructed in a manner that protects the dogs' feet and legs from injury, and that, if of mesh or slatted construction, do not allow the dogs' feet to pass through any openings in the floor;>>

At least two primary enclosures had exposed wire (2" X 2" chained link) used as a dig guard which had large holes and gaps through which the dogs' feet and legs could pass.

**In enclosure #7 housing JJ ID#69 and Odin ID#82, the ground wire on the northeast side of the enclosure is exposed especially around a tree near the bottom of the enclosure that has large gaps and sharp ends.

**In enclosure #8 housing Makoce ID#43, Peta, ID#45, and Tate ID#44, the west and south fencelines has most of the ground wire exposed. The dogs tend to set travel paths around the enclosure near the fenceline so exposed wire mesh can entrap their feet and legs, posing a risk of injury.

Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained in a manner that protects the dogs' feet and legs from injury.

To be corrected by 7/31/2013.

3.11 (a)

CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

<<(a) Cleaning of primary enclosures. Excreta and food waste must be removed from primary enclosures daily, and from under primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent an excessive accumulation of feces and food waste, to prevent soiling of the dogs or cats contained in the primary enclosures, and to reduce disease hazards, insects, pests and odors.>>

**At least four primary enclosures were observed to have meat scraps and bones accumulating in the enclosures which had numerous flies on and around the food waste: #1 housing Cowboy ID#84 and Arkte ID#59; #2 housing Meeka ID#75, Tala ID#74, and Tonka ID#76; #3 housing Sasha ID#77 and Pax ID#79; #4 housing Isabeau ID#56 and Nashoba ID#63. The meat and bones are thawed at room temperature, or higher, for greater than 4 hours prior to feeding and then are not removed within 12 hours. This poses a risk to the animals due to growth of bacteria in the meat and attraction of pests which may contaminate the meat.

**Additionally, at least one enclosure, #4 with Isabeau and Nashoba, was noted to have more than one day's worth of excreta present for 2 dogs near the entrance to the enclosure. The Animal Caretaker explained that the excreta was typically only removed once per week which is not adequate to reduce disease hazards, insects, pests, and odors.

Accumulation of excreta and food waste poses a health risk to the animals as it attracts pests which may contaminate the food and may spread diseases.

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Excreta and food waste must be removed from primary enclosures daily.

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3.11 (c)

CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

<< (c) Housekeeping for premises. Premises where housing facilities are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin.>>

The shed used to store and prepare meat as food for the dogs had a foul, rotten odor when the outer door was opened. The counter where meat is thawed prior to feeding was covered in a blue tarp that was stained with dried blood and debris. When the tarp was lifted, there was a pool of blood from meat that had been thawed the day before covering approximately 30 % of the counter. No sink or other source of running water was available in this food prep area for staff to wash their hands or clean and disinfect the surfaces where meat is prepared for feeding to the dogs. The thawing of meat in this area and not cleaning the area will attract pests and poses a risk to the health of the animals due to growth of bacteria on the surfaces that may contaminate any food being prepared in this area.

The odor and old blood on the counter are evidence that this facility for food preparation is not being kept clean and poses a risk for attraction of pests and contamination of food for the animals.

The practice of thawing meat at room temperature, or higher, for more than 4 hours and preparing it on contaminated surfaces that cannot be adequately cleaned or sanitized is to be corrected immediately.

A process for proper food handling and cleaning of the area used in its preparation shall be corrected by 7/6/2013.

Accompanied on the inspection by the Animal Caretaker/Education Programs Director, 2 APHIS student interns, and APHIS VMO. Exit interview conducted on site and by telephone on 6/24/2013 with facility representatives.

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