



**INSPECTION REPORT**

APR 24 2006

**RODENT RANCH, INC.**

Customer ID: 2222

Certificate: 23-B-0047

712 HOFFMANSVILLE ROAD  
BECHTELSVILLE, PA 19505

Site: 001

RODENT RANCH INC

Inspection

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: APR-19-2006

2.40 ( a ) ( 2 )

2.40 ( b ) ( 3 )

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

Section 2.40(a)(2) Veterinary care: Each dealer shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

The dealer's animals were tested and given medication from another dealer. The dealer could not remember the diagnosis or purpose of the treatment. The attending veterinarian was not consulted. There are no records for when the colony was treated. The attending veterinarian must be kept informed and have the authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care. Correct by April 28, 2006.

Section 2.40(b)(3) Veterinary care: Each dealer shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that includes daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, 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.

There are seven enclosures with sick hamsters that are being treated with the medication received from another dealer. The attending veterinarian has not been consulted or informed about the sick hamsters. The attending veterinarian must be informed about sick animals in a timely manner to provide adequate veterinary care. Correct by April 28, 2006.

3.31 ( a )

3.31 ( b )

**SANITATION.**

Section 3.31(a) 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.

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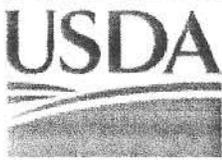
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About two dozen hamsters with litters that are several weeks old are housed in enclosures with an excessive amount of feces. Some of these enclosures have wet compacted litter in a corner of the enclosure. The animal caretaker in the hamster room stated that hamster enclosures with litters are not cleaned until the litter is weaned (about 4 weeks of age). Too much excreta accumulates in the hamster enclosures until the hamsters are old enough to be weaned. The hamster enclosures are to be sanitized at least every two weeks and cleaned often enough to prevent excessive feces.  
Correct by April 28, 2006.

Section 3.31(b) Housekeeping: Premises shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

The following housekeeping items need to be corrected.

- (1) The animals have enclosures under light bulbs without covers for the light fixtures. If the light bulbs shatter the pieces can fall into the animal enclosures and injure the animals. The light bulbs need covers to protect the animals from injury.
- (2) The metal cart in the hamster room is severely rusted on the top shelf. The cart can no longer be properly cleaned with the excessive rust. The cart needs to be replaced or repaired so it can be adequately cleaned.
- (3) There are holes in the wall in the hall behind the pallets for food and bedding. The holes need to be closed to prevent hiding and living areas for rodents.

Correct all by May 19, 2006.

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