

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING  
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NUMBER:  
NE11020-AC

VIOLATOR:  
Barbara Crick  
dba Cricks Kennels

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):  
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Burwell, NE 68823

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

**Date of Violation: September 9, 2008**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.1(c)(3)** Housing facilities, general. Surfaces. Cleaning. Hard surfaces with which the dogs or cats come in contact must be spot-cleaned daily and sanitized in accordance with 3.11(b) of this subpart to prevent accumulation of of excreta and reduce disease hazards. Floors made of dirt, absorbent bedding, sand, gravel, grass, or other similar material must be raked or spot-cleaned daily and sanitized with sufficient frequency to ensure all animals the freedom to avoid contact with excreta. Contaminated material must be must be replaced whenever this raking and spot-cleaning is not sufficient to prevent or eliminate odors, insects, pests, or vermin infestation.

You failed to keep pens free of excessive accumulations of feces.

**Date of Violation: March 2, 2011**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.1(a)** Housing facilities, general. Structure; construction. Housing facilities for dogs and cats must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound. They must be kept in good repair, and they must protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering.

You failed to repair pens 2-5 and 11 that had bent and broken wire that exposed rough edges and points.

**Date of Violation: March 2, 2011**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.4(b)(4)** Outdoor housing facilities. Shelter from the elements. Outdoor facilities for dogs or cats must include one or more shelter structures that are accessible to each animal in each outdoor facility, and that are large enough to allow each animal in the shelter structure to sit, stand, and lie in a normal manner, and to turn about freely. In addition to the shelter structures, one or more separate outside areas of shade must be provided, large enough to contain all the animals at one time and protect them from the direct rays of the sun. Shelters in outdoor facilities for dogs and cats must contain a roof, four sides, and a floor, and must contain clean, dry, bedding material if the ambient temperature is below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Additional clean, dry bedding is required when the temperature is 35 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

You failed to provide additional bedding in pens 16-18.

**Date of Violation: April 11, 2012**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.1(a)** Housing facilities, general. Structure; construction. Housing facilities for dogs and cats must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound. They must be kept in good repair, and they must protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering.

You failed to repair the pen divider cattel panel that was not securely fastened to the post at the south end of the pen.

**Date of Violation: April 11, 2012**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.10** Watering. If potable water is not continually available to the dogs and cats, it must be offered to the dogs and cats as often as necessary to ensure their health and well-being, but not less than twice daily for at least 1 hour each time, unless restricted by the attending veterinarian.

You failed to provide water for a total of 2 dogs.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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