



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE USDA OFFICIAL WARNING NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION	CASE NUMBER: IA240020-AC
	ALLEGED VIOLATOR: Heath Meyers doing business as Century Farm Puppies
	ADDRESS (<i>City, State, ZIP Code</i>): Grundy Center, IA 50638
The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following alleged violation(s) of Federal laws: Date of Alleged Violation: October 19, 2023 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 keep housing facilities for dogs in good repair. APHIS Officials observed six enclosures, housing twelve puppies, with closed kennel shift doors with trim that was chewed or chipped away exposing the wood underneath. Date of Alleged Violation: October 19, 2023 9 C.F.R. § 3.13(b)(2) Veterinary care for dogs. Dealers, exhibitors, and research facilities must keep copies of medical records for dogs and make the records available for APHIS inspection. These records must include: (2) if a problem is identified (such as a disease, injury, or illness), the records must include the date and a description of the problem, examination findings, test results, plan for treatment and care, and treatment procedures performed, when appropriate. You did not maintain a record of treatment and care for a litter of three puppies that were under treatment for a cough. Date of Alleged Violation: January 18, 2024 9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(2) Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care (dealers and exhibitors). Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include: (2) the use of appropriate	



methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

You failed to use appropriate methods of veterinary care to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries for animals in your possession. APHIS Officials observed one bottle of Gentamicin Sulfate with an expiration date of “12-23” and a bottle of “eye drops” labeled with “12-23. The bottle of eye drops contained a Gentamicin mixture done in house per veterinary instructions. The medication was not identified on the bottle.

Date of Alleged Violation: January 18, 2024

9 C.F.R. § 3.11(b)(2) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control. Sanitization of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles. Used primary enclosures and food and water receptacles for dogs and cats must be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks using one of the methods prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, and more often if necessary to prevent an accumulation of dirt, debris, food waste, excreta, and other disease hazards.

You failed to sanitize food receptacles for dogs at least once every two weeks. At the time of the inspection, the facility sanitized food receptacles once a month.

Date of Alleged Violation: April 23, 2024

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(3) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include: (3) daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being. Daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian, provided 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.

You failed to observe and communicate timely information on animal health problems to the attending veterinarian for two dogs with medical conditions. APHIS Officials observed the following:

- A female Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (“Willow”, MC #0840) with a large wound, approximately 5 inches by 3 inches, on the right side. The wound exposed fresh, moist, reddened tissue and had a creamy white to yellow discharge covering approximately 70 percent of the wound. The dog had a second wound, approximately 2 inches by 2 inches, on the right side of its neck. The edges of the wound appeared dry with a pocket forming under the skin. The tissue inside the wound appeared red and moist.

- A female Bichon (“Luna”, MC #6100 and #3389) with poor dental health. One canine tooth had a receding gum line that was reddened and



inflamed with a spot of blood visible. The APHIS Official was unable to fully examine the teeth due to the dog reacting painfully to the exam.

Date of Alleged Violation: April 23, 2024

9 C.F.R. § 3.11(b)(2) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control. Sanitization of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles. Used primary enclosures and food and water receptacles for dogs and cats must be sanitized at least once every 2 weeks using one of the methods prescribed in paragraph (b)(3) of this section, and more often if necessary to prevent an accumulation of dirt, debris, food waste, excreta, and other disease hazards.

You failed to sanitize primary enclosures often enough to prevent accumulation of organic debris. APHIS Officials observed seven primary enclosures, housing fourteen dogs, with a brown film of organic material on the plastic dog doors.

Date of Alleged Violation: July 25, 2024

9 C.F.R. § 2.75(a)(1) Records: Dealers and exhibitors. 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 information outlined in 2.75(a)(1)(i) through 2.75(a)(1)(ix) 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.

You failed to maintain records which fully and correctly disclosed information on dogs in your possession. APHIS Officials observed seventeen dogs over four months (16 weeks) of age that had not been added to the facility's Record of Dogs on Hand (APHIS Form 7005). The dogs were being inventoried by cage cards, an unacceptable form of inventory for dogs over four months (16 weeks) of age.

Date of Alleged Violation: July 25, 2024

9 C.F.R. § 3.13(b)(1) Veterinary care for dogs. Dealers, exhibitors, and research facilities must keep copies of medical records for dogs and make the records available for APHIS inspection. The records must include (1) the identity of the animal, including identifying marks, tattoos, or tags on the animal and the animal's breed, sex, and age. Routine husbandry, such as vaccinations, preventive medical procedures, or treatments, performed on all animals in a group (or herd), may be kept on a single record.

You failed to record medical records for a dog in your possession. APHIS Officials observed medical records for a female Bichon ("Randi"). When the dog was groomed on January 15, 2024, the annual distemper and parvovirus vaccines and deworming dates



were not updated as done. The last recorded date for the vaccines and deworming were March 2, 2023.

Date of Alleged Violation: October 22, 2024

9 C.F.R. § 3.6(a)(2)(x) Primary enclosures. Primary enclosures for dogs and cats must meet the following minimum requirements, including (2) primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they (x) have floors that are constructed in a manner that protects the dogs' and cats' feet and legs from injury, and that, if of mesh or slatted construction, do not allow the dogs' and cats' feet to pass through any openings in the floor.

You failed to construct floors in a manner that protects dogs' feet and legs from injury and do not allow the dogs' feet to pass through any openings in the floor. APHIS Officials observed one adult female Bichon ("Frisky Snowball") with two toes on her rear right foot stuck in the flooring. The dog was panting with tail wagging. The tail wagging stopped when the facility representative removed the stuck toes. The dog was freed from the flooring after approximately two minutes. When the inspector examined the toes, the dog pulled back from the inspector's touch, likely due to tenderness. The toes were slightly reddened with a small two-millimeter abrasion with deeper reddened tissue on one of the toes. The dog had a mild limp and was bearing some weight on that foot. The flooring was plastic coated diamond tenderfoot flooring with ½ inch by ¾ inch openings. Cleaning staff had left this building approximately 11 a.m. and the inspector identified the toes caught at 12:36 p.m. Another facility representative stated that this happens about two times a year.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published 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 alleged violation(s) described above. This Official Warning is not to be construed as a final agency action, or as an adjudicated finding of a violation. If APHIS obtains evidence of any future violation of these federal regulations, APHIS may pursue sanctions, which may include criminal prosecution, for this alleged violation(s) and for any future violation(s). If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or alleged violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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