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

Appropriate Methods of Treatment

At least 5 Chinchillas have a crusty yellow discharge around one or both eyes. Some of these Chinchilla's cannot see because their eyes cannot open on their own. This has been an ongoing problem which has been assessed in the past. However, the problem persists and the licensee is currently treating it with Ciprofloxacin. The licensee states that the Ciprofloxacin was prescribed by a Veterinarian, but there are no instructions on how to administer the drug, what dosages to give, or how long to treat the animals. Medication given without proper diagnosis, or without the authorization a veterinarian can have harmful side affects, and may cause further health problems. The 5 Chinchillas displaying eye irritation must be seen by a veterinarian and a treatment plan must be created and followed.

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Structural Strength

In at least 6 enclosures, there are blocks of wood being used as enrichment. The animals have chewed these wood blocks to the extent that they are exposing nails which were inside them that now poses an injury hazard. Direct injury and infection can occur by exposing animals to sharp or rusted objects. Remove any enrichment containing sharp or rusty objects. Correct by 06/10/2014
hanging down through the floor. The chinchilla had to be physically pulled out by the licensee. The floor no longer protects the animals from injury, as the gaps between the wire are much larger than the feet of the chinchillas. Materials that come in contact with the animals must protect the animals from injury. Ensure that the enclosures are structurally sound and maintained appropriately.

3.126(c) REPEAT

FACILITIES, INDOOR.

Lighting

There continues to be sections of the facility which to not have adequate lighting and a flashlight has to be used to properly inspect some animals and enclosures. Without adequate lighting, there is no way to conduct daily observations of the animals and enclosures. Adequate lighting must be available in areas where animals are present.

3.130 REPEAT

WATERING.

Water Receptacles

There continues to be many sections of the watering line that has an excessive buildup of hair, cobwebs, and excreta built up on them. Unclean watering lines can contaminate the water supply which can affect the animals in a negative way. All watering lines must be cleaned or replaced in order to assure a clean supply of water to the animals.

3.131(a) DIRECT REPEAT

SANITATION.

Cleaning of enclosures

There was an excessive accumulation of excreta and food waste in many of the primary enclosures. Some animals currently cannot find adequate areas in their enclosure where they can stand or walk without being in waste. There were multiple primary enclosures and enclosure runs throughout the facility that had an excessive accumulation of wood shaving waste, cobwebs, fur, and dust. The facility failed to maintain the primary caging of these animals in a sanitary condition. Unsanitary conditions can lead to biological disease hazards and can affect the comfort of the animals as well as their health and well-being. Eliminate the buildup of waste material from the primary enclosures and maintain in a clean and sanitary condition.
3.131(c) SANITATION.

Housekeeping

The facility has an overly excessive accumulation of soiled bedding, excreta, feed, non used cages, enclosure parts, and construction material throughout the facility. These areas can contain insects or vermin, can contaminate clean materials, or can make the atmosphere inside the facility unsafe to breathe. The facility must be cleaned and any unused hardware must be moved somewhere away from active enclosures. Correct by 6/20/2014

3.132 DIRECT REPEAT EMPLOYEES.

Employees

There were numerous repeat and/or direct noncompliances identified on the inspection. The licensee stated that in order to properly clean some areas, other areas must be neglected. The licensee also stated that he has hired an employee on a part time bases, however the employee has not started working in the animal facility yet. Without an adequate number of trained employees, both the animals and the facility itself do not receive the proper amount of care that is required for good husbandry practices. The licensee must attain enough employees to adequately and properly care for the animals and preform all husbandry requirements.

Inspection was conducted with the licensee on 6/9/2014
Exit interview was conducted with the undersigned facility representative on 6/10/2014
# Species Inspected

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