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(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

Appropriate methods were not used to diagnose and/or treat several goats at the facility.

During the previous inspection two goats, #15493 and #15704, were observed to be severely lame. Their injured legs were not splinted or bandaged and the inspectors were told that they were going to be seen by a veterinarian the following day. Goat #15704 was seen by a veterinarian two days after the inspection and was treated for an abscess. Goat #15493 was seen by the veterinarian on July 3, one week after the inspection. The goat was treated by staff the day of the inspection for pain and had "improved" by the time of the veterinary exam.

On the previous inspection report, goat # 9459 had a history of a respiratory condition in 2010. The goat weighed 123 pounds on 4/10/12, down 21 pounds from 144 pounds in 2011. Although the weight loss was recorded, the cause of the weight loss was not addressed prior to blood collection. The goat underwent blood collection on 4/12/2012. On 6/22/2012, four days prior to the inspection, staff members observed "Poor Condition, Start on Super B and Red Cell Swollen start banamine." On 6/23 staff observed "Poor Condition Thin, Swollen, Front Legs, Improving." On 6/24 staff adds a nasal discharge to the list of signs, but did not perform any diagnostic test, perform a physical exam, or change their treatment regimen. The goat was found dead on July 9. No diagnostic tests were performed.

During the previous May 24, 2012 inspection goat #14266 had a history of chronic, generalized dermatitis and poor condition. On April 26, 2012 a veterinarian wrote "Evaluate to Euthanize due to poor condition with generalized dermatitis suggesting a probable immune mediated condition." There was no record of any diagnostic tests or plans for tests for immune mediated conditions and the animal was not euthanized. A veterinarian ordered a hematocrit to be performed on May 9, 2012. There is no record that this was performed. On May 17 the veterinarian ordered a CBC, which was performed. The goat had a
hematocrit of 18.52, however the goat was not identified as being anemic in the records and no treatment for the anemia was ordered. At the time of that inspection the goat was observed to be thin, with a poor coat, and patchy hair loss with flaking skin. Since the last inspection goat #14266 was euthanized and found to have a large lung abscess.

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ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

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