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

Sec. 2.40 Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.
(b) Each dealer 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.

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

Staff identified goat # 9697 as being in poor condition on May 5, 2012. From May 7 through May 10 the goat was identified as being thin in addition to being in poor condition. The goat was seen by a veterinarian on May 9, 2012 who agreed that the goat was in poor condition and ordered a hematocrit. The hematocrit was never performed. On May 17 a veterinarian observed "No Change" in the condition and a CBC was performed. On May 23 a veterinarian observed "Poor Condition Check CBC in Office." There was no record of a CBC performed that day. The veterinarian never recorded a diagnosis or recommended any treatment for the animal. The goat weighed 168 pounds on April 23, 2012, the last date of blood collection. At that time 900 ml of whole blood was collected. The goat was not weighed for nine days after being identified as being thin and in poor condition. When finally weighed on May 14, the goat weighed 139 pounds. Thus the goat had lost 29 pounds in three weeks, approximately 17% of total body weight. Despite this weight loss the goat had not been weighed again as of the date of the inspection on May 24. At the time of the inspection the goat was noticeably thin with protruding hips, ribs, and spinal processes.

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