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Inspection Report

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PUPPYS ON WHEELS 51402 410TH ST

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NEW YORK MILLS, MN 56567

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

- (a) Each dealer or exhibitor shall have an attending veterinarian who shall provide adequate veterinary care to its animals in compliance with this section.
- (1) Each dealer and exhibitor shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the dealer or exhibitor; and
- (2) Each dealer and exhibitor shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.
- (b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
- (1) The availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to comply with the provisions of this subchapter;
- (2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;
- (3) Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, 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;
- (4) Adequate guidance to personnel involved in the care and use of animals regarding handling, immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization, and euthanasia; and
- (5) Adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with established veterinary medical and nursing procedures.

There were several animals observed on inspection that had medical issues. A Great Dane with a weight bearing left rear foot swelling, 2 American Eskimos; one with 2 red round areas located on either side of the rectum and one with a red area on the back, and a bulldog with red dermatitis on the muzzle and front left foot. There were also several animals that had injuries that upon inspection the facility had no documentation that the conditions were communicated to the attending veterinarian and that adequate veterinary care was provided. Among the animals included but not limited to a Husky with a laceration on the right torso, a pregnant Bichon that later died, a seizing English Mastiff that was euthanized by a method that was not approved by the Attending Veterinarian after reviewing

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the Program of Veterinary Care, an American Bulldog with facial lacerations, a seizing Pekingese that later died, an emaciated English Springer with a runny nose and a crusty left eye, a Pug with a corneal condition of the right eye that was later euthanized by an unapproved method, an English Bulldog with an approximately 2.5 x swollen left rear leg and a swollen left ear from a possible dog fight 5-6 days previously, and a Shih Tzu that had an eye nucleation that was later euthanized by an unapproved method.

The facility does not have an effective means in place for communicating with the attending veterinarian accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being to the attending veterinarian. In addition, animal health conditions are being missed on the daily observations of animals or daily observations of all animals is not being done. The facility is not documenting that adequate veterinary care is being provided and have deviated from the approved method euthanasia documented on the Program of Veterinary Care. All these items contributed to the suffering of several animals.

The facility's lack of adequate veterinary care is affecting the health and wellbeing of the animals and can potentially lead to animal suffering.

Provide an effective approved Program of Veterinary Care in place that is followed and documented, document communications to and from the Attending Veterinarian, provide adequate veterinary care and use only approved methods of euthanasia to relieve animal suffering.

Correct immediately. This affected approximately 13 animals directly.

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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

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.

There was one pen in the whelping barn containing 9 puppies where the feet were going through the flooring.

Puppies not having flooring that supports their footing can potentially injure themselves if their feet pass through the flooring. This affects their health and wellbeing.

Corrected at the time of inspection. This affected 9 animals at the time of inspection.

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Inspection and exit interview conducted with Owner and Owners Daughter and Spouse.

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