

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & LAND STEWARDSHIP

ANIMAL INDUSTRY BUREAU
DES MOINES OFFICE: 515-281-6358

Animal Welfare Inspection Form

Insp Date: 8/24/2023 **Business ID:** 10700

Business: SUNSET VALLEY FARM
3027 540TH ST SW

RIVERSIDE, IA 52327

Inspection: AB004971

Store ID:

Phone: 319-679-2879

Livestock Inspector: 02 Stephanie Black

Reason: Reinspection

Results: NON-COMPLIANT

Reference:

Licensee Information

License Number: 10700 Expiration Date 09/29/2024 License Posted p

Inspection Categories

Commercial Breeder p Animal Shelter .. Pet Shop .. Commercial Kennel ..

Boarding Kennel .. Pound .. Dealer .. Public Auction ..

Rescue .. In Home Facility .. Dog Daycare .. FOO ..

Number of Animals: Dogs 66 Cats 0 Puppies 44 Kittens 0

Rabbits .. Birds .. Reptiles .. Rodents .. Fish ..

Temperature 94 Humidity 61%

Other: Numbers are approximations due to space available to view dogs.

INSPECTOR: MARK THE APPROPRIATE BUTTON

HOUSING FACILITIES

1. Structure and Repair

Yes No N/A

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2. Shelter

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3. Ventilation, Temperature and Odor

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Notes

Chapter 67.3(1)(c)(1) Housing Facilities

c. Indoor housing facilities for dogs and cats must be capable of controlling the temperature in the housing facility and sufficiently heated and cooled when necessary to protect dogs and cats from temperature or humidity extremes and to provide for their well-being. [Exhaust fan insufficient to remove sweltering heat from whelping facility.]

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HOUSING FACILITIES

Yes No N/A

Notes	Chapter 67.3(1)(c)(2) Housing Facilities	<p>c. When dogs and cats are present, the ambient temperature in the indoor housing facility cannot fall below 50° F for dogs and cats not acclimated to lower temperatures, for breeds that cannot tolerate lower temperatures without stress or discomfort, and for sick, aged, young or inform dogs and cats except as approved by the attending veterinarian. Heat, insulation, clean and dry bedding or other methods of conserving body heat that are adequate to provide comfort shall be provided when the atmospheric temperature is below 50° F. The ambient temperature must not fall below 45° F or rise above 85° F for more than four consecutive hours when dogs or cats are present. [Whelping facility temperature 91F.]</p>			
	Chapter 67.3(1)(d) Housing Facilities	<p>d. Indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall at all times be provided with ventilation by means of doors, windows, vents, air conditioning or direct flow of fresh air that is adequate to provide for the good health and comfort of the animals. Such ventilation shall be environmentally provided so as to maintain adequate temperature and minimize drafts, moisture condensation, odors or stagnant vapors of excreta. Auxiliary ventilation, such as fans, blowers or air conditioning, must be provided when the ambient temperature is above 85°F. Relative humidity must be maintained at a level that ensures the health and well-being of the animals housed in the housing facility. Indoor housing facilities must be capable of the following: (1) Maintaining humidity levels between 30 percent and 70 percent; and (2) Rapidly eliminating odors from within the building. [Temperature not regulated to whelping building.]</p>			
4. Lighting			☒	i	i
5. Ceilings, Walls, Floors			i	☒	i
Notes	Chapter 67.3(1)(f) Housing Facilities	<p>f. Ceilings, walls and floors shall be constructed so as to lend themselves to efficient cleaning and sanitizing. Such surfaces shall be kept in good repair and maintained so that they are substantially impervious to moisture. Floors and walls to a height of four feet shall have finished surfaces. No sharp or jagged edges may be present that may injure an animal. Animal contact surfaces must be free of excessive rust that prevents required cleaning and sanitizing or that affects the structural strength of the surface or that may be detrimental to the health of the animal. [Not maintained in whelping at time of inspection.]</p>			
6. Storage			☒	i	i
7. Group Housing, Runs & Exercise Areas			i	☒	i

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HOUSING FACILITIES

Yes No N/A

Notes	Chapter 67.3(1)(l) Housing Facilities	<p><i>l. Outdoor dog runs and exercise areas shall be of sound construction and kept in good repair so as to safely contain the animal(s) therein without injury. Floors shall be concrete, gravel or materials which can be regularly cleaned and kept free of waste accumulation. Grass runs and exercise areas are permissible provided that adequate ground cover is maintained, holes are kept filled and the ground cover is not allowed to become overgrown. Dog runs and exercise areas utilizing wire floors are permissible provided that the wire floors are not injurious to the animals and are adequately maintained. Wire flooring cannot cause injury to any animal contained in a dog run or exercise area that has wire flooring and must: (1) Have a solid resting surface of adequate size for an animal to lay on its side; (2) Be in good repair, free of excessive rust that prevents required cleaning and sanitizing or that affects the structural strength of the surface or that may be detrimental to the health of the animal; (3) Be free of jagged or sharp edges, and constructed so as to lend itself to efficient cleaning and sanitizing; and (4) Be of a gauge and construction to prevent bending and sagging and to prevent physical harm to an animal or entrapment of the feet of an animal housed within the primary enclosure.</i></p> <p><i>[Excessive weeds to all outdoor dog runs.]</i></p>
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8. Drainage, Waste Disposal and Vermin Control

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Notes	Chapter 67.4(2)(c) Cleaning & Sanitation	<p><i>c. An effective program shall be established and maintained for the control of vermin infestation.</i></p> <p><i>[Non existent at all places where open food is present.]</i></p>
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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES

Yes No N/A

9. Structure and Repair

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10. Space and Group Housing

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Notes	Chapter 67.3(2)(f) Primary Enclosures	<p><i>f. The department may limit the number of animals housed in a primary enclosure based on, but not limited to, the amount of available and usable floor space, personnel available to care for the animals and the compatibility of the animals within the enclosure.</i></p> <p><i>[The number of animals is approximately one hundred ten (adults and pups).]</i></p>
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11. Ventilation & Temperature

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Notes	Chapter 67.3(2)(k) Primary Enclosures	<p><i>k. Means shall be provided to maintain the temperature and ventilation that are comfortable for the species within the primary enclosure. Lighting shall be adequate to allow observation of the animals, but the animals shall be protected from excessive illumination.</i></p> <p><i>[Fans not moving at time of arrival in whelping building.]</i></p>
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12. Secured Latches

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Notes	Chapter 67.7(1)(h) Boarding Kennel & Commercial Kennel	<p><i>h. Primary enclosures shall utilize latches that cannot be inadvertently opened or shall be equipped with some form of locking device so as to prevent the accidental release of the animal contained in the primary enclosure.</i></p> <p><i>[Unsecured Golden Retriever at time of inspection.]</i></p>
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CLEANING AND SANITATION

Yes No N/A

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CLEANING AND SANITATION			Yes	No	N/A
13. Washrooms, Basins, Sinks			i	i	x
14. Cleaning and Sanitization			i	x	i
Notes	Chapter 67.4(2)(a) Cleaning & Sanitation	a. Housing facilities and primary enclosures shall be cleaned a minimum of once in each 24-hour period and more frequently as may be necessary to reduce disease hazards and odors. Dirt, hair, excreta (including but not limited to urine and feces), food waste, and other debris shall be removed from a primary enclosure daily or at a frequency to prevent their accumulation and the contamination of the animals contained within the primary enclosure. [Whelping facilities in an unsanitary state.]			
CARE & HUSBANDRY			Yes	No	N/A
15. Adequate Feed and Water			x	i	i
16. Exercise			i	i	x
17. Personnel			i	x	i
Notes	Chapter 67.3(1)(o) Housing Facilities	o. The department may limit the number of animals allowed in any housing facility based on, but not limited to, the number of available primary enclosures, the animal care space available within a facility, or lack of available personnel to care for the animals. [Lack of available personnel.]			
	Chapter 67.4(4)(a) Personnel	a. The owner or personnel shall be present at least once in each 24-hour period to supervise and ascertain that the care of animals and maintenance of facilities conform to all of the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 162. [Questionable supervision.]			
	Chapter 67.4(4)(b) Personnel	b. A sufficient number of qualified personnel shall be utilized to provide the required care of animals and maintenance of facilities during normal business hours. [The number of qualified personnel is not sufficient for approximately 110 canines.]			
VETERINARY CARE			Yes	No	N/A
18. Isolation Facilities			x	i	i
19. Disease Prevention and Control (including vaccinations)			i	x	i
Notes	Chapter 67.4(3)(a) Program of Disease Control and Prevention	a. Programs of disease prevention and control shall be established in writing and maintained. [Not maintained.]			
20. Symptoms, Illnesses and Treatment			i	x	i
Notes	Chapter 67.4(3)(k) Veterinary Care	k. If during an inspection of a facility the department finds an animal which appears to have a physical condition or disease that, in the opinion of the inspector, requires a veterinarian's attention, the department may order that the licensee subject the animal to a veterinarian's examination at the licensee's expense. The department may require the licensee to submit written proof of the veterinarian's examination and results of the examination within a time frame set by the department. [Approximately 16 female mothers in heat distress.]			
21. Veterinary Agreement and Inspection			x	i	i
TRANSPORTATION			Yes	No	N/A
22. Primary Enclosures			i	i	x

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TRANSPORTATION		Yes	No	N/A
23. Vehicles		i	i	☒
24. Care in Transit		i	i	☒
RECORDS		Yes	No	N/A
25. Purchase, Sale, Transfer, Adoption		i	☒	i
Notes	<p>Chapter 67.6(1) Records <i>Records shall be made and retained for a period of 12 months for any change of ownership of a dog, cat or nonhuman primate, including but not limited to any sale, exchange, transfer, trade, or adoption from any commercial establishment. Records shall be similarly kept on other small vertebrate animals sold or transferred, except that individual identifications shall not be required. Records shall include the following:</i></p> <p><i>a. Date of change of ownership; b. Identification of animal; c. Names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses, if available, of seller and purchaser or transferor and recipient; d. State of Iowa animal welfare license number of the seller or transferor; e. Source of the animal; f. Date animal entered the care of and left the care of the commercial establishment; g. Method and date of euthanasia, if applicable; h. Transfer of animal within or between commercial establishments; i. List of prophylactic immunization(s) given, including date(s) administered (if applicable); j. List of internal parasite medication(s) given and date(s) administered (if applicable); and k. Description of other medical care provided to the animal, including type of medical care received and date(s) of medical care.</i></p> <p><i>[Records not produced for recent sales or exchanges to the public.]</i></p>			
26. Animal Shelter and Pound Records		i	i	☒
BOARDING KENNEL AND COMMERCIAL KENNEL		Yes	No	N/A
27. Boarding Kennel and Commercial Kennel		i	i	☒
DEALER		Yes	No	N/A
28. Dealer		i	i	☒
DOG DAY CARE		Yes	No	N/A
29. Dog Day Care		i	i	☒
RESCUE		Yes	No	N/A
30. Rescue		i	i	☒
IN HOME FACILITY		Yes	No	N/A
31. In Home Facility		i	i	☒
FOSTER OVERSIGHT ORGANIZATION		Yes	No	N/A
32. Foster Oversight Organization		i	i	☒

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Footnote 1

Notes:

All animals removed by Iowa City Animal Care & Control

Footnote 2

Notes:

Exhaust fan not in operation at time of unannounced arrival whereas as morning temperature was 84F. During inspection of whelping indoor temperature and humidity with exhaust fan working was 91F & 64%.

Footnote 3

Notes:

Whelping floors and walls to primary enclosures for mother's and pups not routinely cleaned or kept sanitary. Nearly all mother's found with matted coats and dirty fur.

Footnote 4

Notes:

Outdoor dog runs and exercise areas are not kept in good repair so as to safely contain the animal(s) therein without injury (one Golden Retriever was loose at time of inspection). Grass runs and exercise areas are substantially covered with weeds and holes are not kept filled. Owners report that weeds are occasionally mowed, that fence rows were once addressed with weed eaters, and that holes are filled upon occasion (but not routinely, daily, or weekly).

Corner of SW yard enclosure damaged and bent with farm machinery.

Footnote 5

Notes:

Each outdoor canine enclosure is equipped with self feeders and kept full. Fly control (strips, bags) is not present and is in no way controlled (heavy presence of flies indoor and out, dead and not).

Whelping building as over-abundance of flies both living and deceased. Deceased at window sills, floor corners, ceiling, both in facility and primary enclosures.

Footnote 6

Notes:

Available personnel is insufficient for approximately one hundred thirty-one canines.

Footnote 7

Notes:

Indoor temperature of whelping building reaches or exceeds 90 degrees (media provided).

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Numerous mothers, adolescents, pups in state of distress. Animals dirty and matted.
One pregnant female excessively lethargic

Footnote 8

Notes:

All animals must be safely confined and not allowed out or to roam.

Footnote 9

Notes:

Whelping facilities found at time of unannounced re-inspection to be unclean and lacking routine maintenance of cleaning and disinfection to floors and walls (for all inhabitants).

Footnote 10

Notes:

By their own admission Loren, Lloyd, and Uncle David Lee have been providing all 131 animals with less than minimal supervision or care.

Footnote 11

Notes:

Worming protocols to whelping enclosures were blank or not completed.

Footnote 12

Notes:

Whelping building contains approximately sixteen mothers and pups all in a distressful, hot environment.

Vast majority of canines are dirty and matted.

Footnote 13

Notes:

By owners admission approximately twenty-five (more or less) canines have been re-homed or exchanged. There is no record of such for review.