



Animal and Plant  
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Dear Dr. [REDACTED]:

Your November 23, 2021 appeal of citations on the USDA inspection report dated October 25, 2021 was thoroughly reviewed by an Animal Care appeal panel consisting of two Supervisory Animal Care Specialist, an Assistant Director, and me. The appeal is addressed below.

**The citation for Section 2.4 will be removed from the inspection report.**

Documentation provided shows that the information requested was provided prior to the exit interview. It is important that all records and or other forms of documents requested by the inspectors be provided in a timely manner.

**The citation for Section 2.75(a)(1) will remain on the inspection report as written.**

The appeal team did not find sufficient justification to reverse the inspection findings due to the belief that this may be an intentional act or the result of an employee error.

**The citation for Section 2.131(b)(1) will remain on the inspection report as written.**

The appeal team did not find sufficient justification to reverse the inspection findings due to the belief that this may be an intentional act or the result of an employee error.

**Section 3.9(a) will be removed from the inspection report.**

The panel acknowledges the efforts of the facility to follow the feeding schedule recommended by the Attending Veterinarian and the action taken to provide the additional nutritional data at the request of the inspector. As a reminder, the diet must be appropriate for the animals age and condition. The diet shall also be wholesome, palatable and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain the normal weight and condition of the animals.

You should receive a copy of the amended inspection report within two weeks.

All decisions made by the appeal panel are final and represent Animal Care's final determination for this appeal.

Sincerely,

Robert Gibbens, DVM  
Director, Animal Welfare Operations  
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

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