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HEARTLAND PETS **Pet Profile** Date: 8/ [redacted] 2015

Heartland Pets Inc.
573 Millcreek Mall
Erie, Pennsylvania 16565
814-866-6407

Pet:

Ref #: [redacted] Birth Date: 6/2/2015
Microchip: [redacted] Gender: Male
Breed: Great Pyrenees Spay/Neuter: No
Coloring: white with badger markings Regular Price: 1599.00
Markings:
Kennel #:

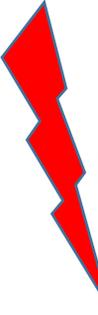
Additional:

Breeder: Jere Taylor
15842 State Hwy.F
Canton, MO 63435

Distributor: Conrad's Cuddly Canines
6104 Pike 9
Frankford, Missouri 63441

Registry: America's Pet Registry (APRI)
10514 S and G Circle
Harvey, Arkansas 72841

Sire: APRI
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TAYLORS WARD



Title: [redacted] May-05-2014
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Inspection Report Explanation: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/IR_Explanation.pdf

Animal Inventory for Inspection Date: Apr 23, 2014

Inspection Animal Count	Animal Common Name	Animal Group Name
93	DOG ADULT	DOGS
17	DOG PUPPY	DOGS

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Customer No: 321837
Certificate No: 43-A-5537
JERE TAYLOR Apr 23, 2014

This "USDA Licensed breeder" has over 100 dogs on his property. He has violations for things including excessive buildup of filth, and puppies with legs trapped between the wires of their wire-bottomed enclosures.

The minimum USDA regulations that are enforced by the APHIS are extremely out of date. If you or I kept a dog in the conditions that are legally allowed in puppy mills, we would be investigated for animal cruelty. Tougher regulations are needed at the puppy mill level. But most importantly, people need to be informed that puppy mills & animal cruelty are REAL. There are 10,000 mills (licensed and NOT licensed) supplying 35,000 pet stores across the country, and COUNTLESS websites.

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Certificate: **43-A-5537**
Site: 001
JERE TAYLOR

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: Jun-05-2013

3.1 (c) (3)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(c) Surfaces-(3) Cleaning. Hard surfaces with which the dogs or cats come in contact must be spot-cleaned daily and sanitized in accordance with Sec. 3.11(b) of this subpart to prevent accumulation of excreta and reduce disease hazards. Floors made of dirt, absorbent bedding, sand, gravel, grass, or other similar material must be raked or spot-cleaned with sufficient frequency to ensure all animals the freedom to avoid contact with excreta. Contaminated material must be replaced whenever this raking and spot-cleaning is not sufficient to prevent or eliminate odors, insects, pests, or vermin infestation. All other surfaces of housing facilities must be cleaned and sanitized when necessary to satisfy generally accepted husbandry standards and practices. Sanitization may be done using any of the methods provided in Sec. 3.11(b)(3) for primary enclosures.

In approximately 6 enclosures affecting approximately 20 dogs, there's a build up of dirt and grime on the entry doors. The entry doors were 30%-60% covered in a brownish-black dirt, grease and grime.

The accumulation of dirt and grime can cause diseases and attract pests. Cleanliness is important to the health and well-being of the animals. The licensee must ensure that enclosures are spot cleaned daily and sanitized at least every 2 weeks or more often if necessary to prevent an accumulation of dirt and grime and other disease hazards. To be corrected by: June 20, 2013.

3.6 (a) (2) (iii)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

(a) General requirements. (2) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:
(iii) Contain the dogs and cats securely.

An outdoor enclosure housing three Shelties had a gap between the fencing and the dog house. This gap is large enough to allow dogs to stick their heads and bodies through the opening. Dogs that are able to stick their head/body through an enclosure may escape, become entrapped, or injured. The licensee must ensure the enclosures contain the dogs securely at all times.

To be corrected by: June 18, 2013.

3.6 (a) (2) (x)

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

(a) General requirements. (2) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:

(x) 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.

The sheltered whelping building has approximately 1" x 2" coated wire flooring on the outside portion of the enclosures. One enclosure housing five puppies had a puppy entering the outside portion of the enclosure on flooring with openings big enough the puppy's feet and legs were passing through the floor. These openings could allow for the puppies to get stuck or easily injured. The facility representative quickly got the puppy out that had its legs stuck through the flooring and put in new flooring. The licensee must ensure that all puppies are housed so that their feet and legs cannot pass through the floor at all times.

To be corrected by: June 10, 2013.

The 2.40 (b)(2) Veterinary care for male Chihuahua ("Yippie" #038-575-893) on the 4/11/12 report has been addressed.

The inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.