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# Mink Farm Inspection Check List

**Site Location:** s.3  
**Date:** October 18, 2021  
**Inspection Team:** Julie Hughes



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## Housing



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## Bedding



Bedding is clean and dry.

## Environment

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- ☒ Sheds and buildings are consistent and adequate to allow airflow.

## Feed

- ☒ Waste feed is removed before providing fresh feed.
- ☒ Feed carts used to deliver wet feed are cleaned and sanitized regularly.
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## Record Keeping

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## Fur Farm Inspection Check List

Site Location: s.3

Date: May 20, 2021

Inspection Team: Julie Hughes and Erin Cuthbert

- ☐ Farm meets all applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations
- ☒ Site has sufficient supply of good quality drinking water to meet the needs of the chinchilla and the on-site needs for cleaning and other farm activities.

### Housing

- ☒ Sheds provide protection from extreme weather conditions.
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### Nest Boxes

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Kits start to eat pellets at 10-12 days of age.

### Bedding

- ☒ Bedding is clean and dry.

## Environment

- ☒ Chinchilla are exposed to minimum number of continuous hours of daylight.
- ☒ Sheds and buildings are consistent and adequate to allow airflow.

## Feed - Rabbit pellet

- ☒ Waste feed is removed before providing fresh feed.
- ☒ Feed carts used to deliver wet feed are cleaned and sanitized regularly.

## Record Keeping

Herd Health Management Plan in place, including:

- Vet-Client-Patient relationship
  - ✓ Chinchilla Identification System
  - Vaccination and treatment records
  - Tracking mortalities
- ❖ Current license and inventory maintained for any provincial/federal/municipal requirements.

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May 28, 2021

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Dear<sup>s.3</sup>

Subject: Chinchilla Ranch Inspection – May 20, 2021

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to walk myself and Erin Cuthbert, through your farm on Thursday, May 20, 2021. It is obvious that you care about your animals and are knowledgeable in their care.

Overall the farm and facilities meet the applicable federal, provincial and municipal land use regulations.

As discussed, please submit details of your Herd Health Management Plan by June 30, 2021.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Julie Hughes  
Compliance, Operations and Data Officer

## Hughes, Marie Julie AFF:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** June 30, 2021 4:10 PM  
**To:** Hughes, Marie Julie AFF:EX  
**Subject:** Farm Status and PST exempt?

**[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

Hello. Sorry for the delay in sending this file. My concern is that s.22 will somehow get lumped into the mink farmers predicament as Chinchillas are not Mink and more closely resemble Rabbits as You saw on his farm. s.3 s.22  
s.22 as He has always done. I am not too sure why there is a problem in the government bureaucracy regarding whether his "farm" is located in a farming area as his BC Assessment for this year even lists the land as being classed as "Farm" and farm buildings listed as well. This is according to the Change Notice from BC Assessment.

### BC Farmers' Health Management Plan

\*Name of farm here\*

s.3

Veterinary advisor

\*Name of vet, address and phone number here\*

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### Identification and Tracking

Each chinchilla is given a numbered card when they are born based on the year and sex which identifies the animal from birth to death as was taught by the now defunct Chinchilla Club

### Vaccination and Treatment Protocols

No vaccinations required. Watch for food left more than 2 days and check that the waterers are working properly. Check for tooth problems which can occur in rodents.

### New Stock Protocols

There has been no new stock from off the farm since the Club folded in the late 90's or early 2000's

### Parasite Control

None used

## Euthanasia Protocols

### Electrocution

## BC Farmers' Animal Health Care Procedures

\*Name of farm here\*

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### General practices:

Feed once daily about 2 tbsp of 18 % rabbit pellets or special Chinchilla feed.

Check water bucket levels daily and fill as needed.

Make sure feed is fresh and kept away from other rodents which could transmit disease.

Make sure all animals have access to clean water as needed

Do a visual check on the animals twice daily.

Fix waterers as needed.

Clean cages weekly or as needed if the cage gets too dirty or wet.

Ensure when cleaning cages that the animals have a wood block or special lava rock to chew on in each cage to help keep teeth in check.

Provide Chinchilla dust for bathing 2-4 times per month

### Signs of distress:

Hyperactivity and a "duck-like chirp" when animals are exposed to new situations

Stops eating

### Treatment

Check animal is getting water

Encourage eating- with a couple of oat flakes or blades of grass, small berry

Euthanize as vets are pretty unfamiliar with these rodents if the animal is suffering.

Employee: s.3

s.22

Neighbour could fill in if needed.

Signed: s.3

Date: June 18 2021