



PET SHOP CHECK LIST

Case Number: 196076

Date of Inspection: February 6, 2024

Time of Inspection: 13:30

Name & Surname of Inspector/s: Elani Graham

Name of Petshop: Tropicum Pet Shop

Address: Shopping center, 12th Avenue
Boston

Name of Owner: Ernie Smith

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Does this shop sell animals? Yes

GENERAL

What happens to sick animals? Self medicate, New owners must treat, Returned to supplier

What happens to animals after hours: Kept in shop

Quarantine Cages provided for sick or new animals: Yes

What Rodent control does the shop use? No rat problem

Suppliers of animals:

	Animal type	Supplier name	Contact
1	Birds	-	-
2	Fish	-	-
3	Rodents	-	-

Do they breed? Single sex groups

If breeding, what happens to the offspring? Parent Reared

If removed for hand rearing, from what age: Not applicable

RODENTS

Are there Rodents? Yes

Numbers of live rodents

	Total number
Guinea Pigs	2

Group Structures	Breeds kept together
Compatibility of Groups	Good (Play & Positive Interaction)
Space	Acceptable (stretch out, stand normally & turn)
Cage Maintenance	Fair (some repairs needed)
Hygiene of cages	Good
Are cages raised off the ground to prevent handling/accidental kicking/reduce stress:	Yes
Ventilation	Good (No Ammonia Smell)
Draughts	Yes ***
Temperature	Comfortable (20°C- 24°C)
Do they allow breeding?	No
Describe draughts	Natural air
How do staff handle animals?	Fair
Do they allow public to handle the animals?	Not seen

	Adults	Supervised	Children	Supervised
Handling	Did not observe			

Hiding areas Good (Box/Plastic Container)

Bedding description

	YES or NO	Type of bedding	Does it need to be changed?	Comments?
Is the bedding clean and absorbent?	Yes	Newspaper	No	

Cleaning routine

	Per day	Per week
How often is cleaning done	Every day	

Water provision

	YES or NO	Hygiene of water provision	Comments
Water	Yes	Clean	

Is the diet Good & Nutritious

Diet Good Pellets, Vit C for Guinea Pigs (220mg/lit water daily)

Frequency of feeding? Every day, twice a day

Do they remove old food? Yes

Are the animals fully weaned Yes (feeding themselves well)

Health concerns No concerns noted

How are rodents transported from the shop Not seen

Where are unweaned rodents kept? Did not see

Are unweaned rodents sold live? No (Good)

How are rodents killed (as reptile food)? Not applicable

Please describe any concerns relating to the rodents

None seen

PUPPIES, KITTENS & RABBITS

Are there puppies, kittens &/or rabbits? Not sold

FISH

Are there Fish? Yes

Numbers of live fish

	Breed	Numbers
1	Gold fish	
2	Tetras	
3	Mollies	
4	Guppies	
5	Koi	
6	Pleco	
7	Siamese fighters	

Hygiene of tanks Fair

Is water clean	Clear (see fish clearly)
Is equipment (nets/heaters) in good repair	Good
Do the tanks have efficient aeration	Good (Bubbles)
Do the tanks have filtration	Good
Is water in tanks tested appropriately for temperature/pH/ammonia/nitrites/oxygen	Yes
Are the tanks enriched	Hiding areas
Are the tanks overstocked	Good
Are lights turned off at night for fish to rest	Yes
Do tanks have covers	No
Water at proper level (should be small gap between top of water and cover)	Yes
Condition of animals	Good
Describe Concerns	No concerns observed
Temperature Suitable - Goldfish 10°C – 22°C	Yes
Temperature Suitable - Tropical fish 23°C- 27°C	Yes
How often are the fish fed:	Daily
Is enough species specific food given	Yes
In the event of a power failure is the pet shop owner / attendant informed:	Yes
How do staff handle animals	Good
Any dead fish observed: Describe Reason	None
Compatibility of Groups	Good
How are fish destroyed when necessary	Acceptable - submersion in clove oil (and other suitable chemicals)
Do Aquatic Amphibians have a shelf or floating island to enable them to get out of the water	Not applicable
How do the buyers transport the fish from the shop	In strong plastic bags pumped with pure oxygen
Is the chlorine removed from tap water before adding to tanks(Aerated for 24 hours or a de-chlorinating product used)?	Yes
Please describe any concerns relating to the fish	

All tanks had hiding spaces and was acceptable

BIRDS

Are there Birds? Yes

Numbers of live birds

	Breed	Numbers	Condition of birds
1	Cockatiels		
2	Budgies		
3	Finches		
4	Love birds		
5	Ring Necks		

Diet - with reference to the table above

	Feed type and brand	Frequency	Is the diet?	Do they remove old food	Comments
1	Species specific feed	Daily	Good & Nutritious	Yes	

Group Structures	Same breeds together
Compatibility of Groups	Good (Play & Positive Interaction)
Space	Good (Play & move normally)
Cage Maintenance	Fair (some repairs needed) ***
Hygiene of cages	Good
Ventilation	Good (Fresh & Clean)
Are birds exposed to draughts?	Yes ***
Are birds left in full sun?	No
Temperature	Comfortable
Shelter provided in outside pens	Not applicable
Adequate Perch Space - Note: Birds need more horizontal space than vertical. Approx 10cm horizontal space per bird such as parakeets	Good (all can rest on perches at same time)
Is the thickness of the perch adequate?	Yes
Are perches placed above each other (causing faeces to drop onto birds below?)	Yes ***
Do they allow breeding?	No

Suppliers of birds Does not know

How do staff handle animals? Good

Do they allow public to handle the animals? No

	Adults	Supervised	Children	Supervised
Handling	Not seen			

Cleaning routine

	Per day	Per week
How often is cleaning done	Daily	

Water provision

	YES or NO	Bowl type	Hygiene of water provision	Comments
Water	Yes	Non-Tip Bowl	Clean	

Are the animals fully weaned Yes (feeding themselves well)

Health concerns No concerns observed

How are birds transported from the shop In a box/cage

Please describe any concerns relating to Birds
Non observed

REPTILES

Are there reptiles? Not sold

SPIDERS, SCORPIONS & INSECTS

Are there spiders, scorpions &/or insects? Not sold

General comments

See Report on case

Was a warning issued? No

Is a follow up necessary No