

10/26/2023

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Dear Child Care Provider:

This letter is in regards to the compliance visit at your child care home conducted on 10/26/2023. Iowa Code Chapter 237A and 441 Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 120, describes specific requirements that must be met by a child care home that has a child care assistance provider agreement. The following areas were out of compliance at the time of the visit:

441 IAC 120.8(1) Facility Requirements

- 441 IAC 120.8(1)“n” Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home.
1. Each dog or cat in the household shall undergo an annual health examination by a licensed veterinarian. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. This examination shall verify that the animal’s routine immunizations, particularly rabies, are current and that the animal shows no evidence of endoparasites (roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) and ectoparasites (fleas, mites, ticks, lice).
 2. Each pet bird in the household shall be purchased from a dealer licensed by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship and shall be examined by a veterinarian to verify that it is free of infectious diseases. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. Children shall not handle pet birds.
 3. Aquariums shall be well maintained and installed in a manner that prevents children from accessing the water or pulling over a tank.
 4. All animal waste shall be immediately removed from the children’s areas and properly disposed of. Children shall not perform any feeding or care of pets or cleanup of pet waste.
 5. No animals shall be allowed in the food preparation, food storage, or serving areas during food preparation and serving times

Findings:

441 IAC 120.8(1)“n” Providers shall inform parents of the presence of any pet in the home. Each dog or cat in the household shall undergo an annual health examination by a licensed veterinarian. Acceptable veterinary examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5153, Veterinary Health Certificate. This examination shall verify that the animal’s routine immunizations, particularly rabies, are current and that the animal shows no evidence of endoparasites (roundworms, hookworms, whipworms) and ectoparasites (fleas, mites, ticks, lice)



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Suggestions/Recommendations:

1. A DHHS Pet Form needs to be completed by a qualified Veterinarian for each pet in the home on a yearly basis. I left a blank form for you to take to the vet.

Corrective Action Required:

A re-check is not needed at this time. The above correction needs to be completed by 12/26/2023 and will be reviewed on your next annual compliance check.

I encourage you to work with your Child Care Resource and Referral Worker (Katie Kytola 515-246-3551) to address any compliance or training efforts.

Non-compliance with any of the mandated requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation of your Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement. Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at DHS at 515-601-9469/jaringd@dhs.state.ia.us if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Jake Aringdale

Social Worker II

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Social Work Supervisor

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Always Remember:

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at 877-216-8481