

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

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	FEI NUMBER 1000121624

NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM REPORT ISSUED  
Joseph J. Merola, Secretary / Owner

FIRM NAME Bravo Packing, Inc.	STREET ADDRESS 59 N Golfwood Ave
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**DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM WE OBSERVED:**

**OBSERVATION 1**

You did not take adequate measures to significantly minimize or prevent the growth of undesirable microorganisms in your animal food.

Specifically,

- A. On 7/24/2019, after cleaning had been completed, the elbow portion of the feeder pipe from the mixer to the (b) (4) had a buildup of dried, dark, crusty meat-like material. We observed the transferring and packaging of the raw beef product using this piece of equipment. The meat like material was not removed during the cleaning process, making the cleaning ineffective.
- B. On 7/22/2019, the exiting end of the (b) (4) that feeds the raw ingredient beef into the mixer was observed with heavy buildup of dried, dark, crusty meat-like material. A film residue was also observed on the sides of the exit chute. The (b) (4) was used in the morning to produce raw Performance Dog Food. According to management, the equipment had been cleaned after production, which was completed prior to the start of the inspection.
- C. On 7/24/2019, we observed a greasy buildup of animal fat where the grinder feeds into the (b) (4). This was observed after the machine had been cleaned, prior to the disinfection. The (b) (4) was used in the morning to produce the raw beef product.
- D. On 7/24/2019, the buckets that are used to hold cut meat exhibited a black residue on the inside surface. The bucket also appeared to have pooled sanitizer on the bottom of the bucket, which management stated

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had been cleaned.

**OBSERVATION 2**

You did not hold animal food for distribution under conditions that protect against contamination and minimize deterioration.

Specifically, on 7/22/2019 and 7/24/2019, condensate drip and ice buildup was observed on several boxes of finished raw dog food products in one of the firm's freezers. Numerous boxes were not sealed closed. We observed that one box contained damaged packaging exposing the finished product to the condensate drip.

**OBSERVATION 3**

You did not take effective measures to protect against contamination of animal food by pests.

Specifically, on 7/24/2019, we observed pallets of (b) (4) and Bravo cardboard boxes stored in a three-sided covered garage. The boxes, used to pack finished product, were observed with avian droppings found on the top, sides, and along the bottom of numerous pallets. Apparent mammalian excreta was observed adjacent to the palletized boxes located along the back wall of the garage.

**OBSERVATION 4**

You did not ensure that all individuals who manufacture, process, pack, or hold animal food are qualified to perform their assigned duties.

Specifically,

- A. On 7/24/2019, while observing employee cleaning practices, it appeared that the employee had not been trained on how to properly remove remnants and residue of meat products remaining on the machine after processing. The employee was not instructed or trained to use a degreaser for the removal of residue on the sides of the (b) (4), and on 7/22/2019, the employee stated that he used (b) (4) on the processing equipment.

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B. On 7/22/2019 and 7/24/2019, the firm did not maintain training records and was not able to provide documentation that the employees working in direct contact with the raw food product had been trained in food safety or food hygiene.

**\*DATES OF INSPECTION**

7/22/2019(Mon), 7/24/2019(Wed), 8/06/2019(Tue)

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