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CHILD CARE ANNUAL EVALUATION

Business Name: Maria Blackmore

Provider Name: Maria Blackmore

Provider No.: 37111

Address: PO BOX 860, Merrill, IA, 51038

E-Mail:

County: Plymouth

Phone Number: 7125404607

- [ ] Pre-Inspection Date:
- [ ] Approval Date:
- [X] Annual Visit Date: 9/30/2025

Program Type:

- [ ] Registered Child Development Home A (guidelines for ratios on all categories)
- [X] Registered Child Development Home B
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C
- [ ] Registered Child Development Home C1
- [ ] Non Registered Child Care Homes accepting CCA

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0<24 mos)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [X] All Ages

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1. Basic Overview

Childcare Compliance Worker Jaehrling did a compliance visit on 9/30/25 in Maria Blackmore's Category "B" Child Development Home. As a Category "B" Maria is allotted 8 full time children and 4 school aged children for 2 hrs or less by herself, anything over 2 hrs would require one of her 2 assistants to be present. Maria has 4 cats and 2 dogs. Maria has a variety of activities and toys that allow for large, small and fine motor skills.

2. Identify Observed Strengths Of The Program

Maria is part of the Food Program which ensures she will provide nutritious and well balanced meals and snacks. Maria has a fenced in back yard for children to play in. Maria is well organized and takes pride in her program as evidenced by her compliance in all areas except the animals, whose annual exam had recently expired.

3. Identify The Aspects That Fall Below The Standard

All dogs and cats have annual examinations. Records of the exams are on file and must verify that routine immunizations are current and animal is free of endo and ecto parasites.
Form 470-5153, Pet Health Examination Veterinary Health Certificate, is on file.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NONE

5. Special Notes/recommendations

NONE

HHS Child Development
Home Compliance Worker: Sheila Aunspach Date: 1/13/2026

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Development Home Registration. Please take whatever steps are necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all above-mentioned violations.

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