



## Inspection Report

Wilson Horse and Mule Sale Inc  
1050 W Cemetery Road  
Cookeville, TN 38506

Customer ID: **38048**

Certificate: **63-B-0180**

Site: 001

WILSON HORSE & MULE SALE  
INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 07-MAR-2024

### 3.150(a)

#### Facilities, general.

The enclosures in the auction barn used to house the ratites were not designed and constructed to be structurally sound for the species of bird housed in them. The enclosures did not securely contain the birds.

\*One ostrich was observed putting its head and neck through the wooden slats at the back of its enclosure. The enclosure on the other side of these slats housed bovine species.

\*The metal slats at the front of the ratite enclosures were spaced far enough apart that the birds could extend their head and beak through the slats. The aisle right outside these enclosures was being used to move alpaca and llamas on Friday such that the ratites and camelids could have access to each other.

\*A rhea was housed in an enclosure adjacent to one housing a camel. The gap below the wall was over six inches in height. A rhea was sitting next to this gap with a portion of its chest feathers extending into the enclosure housing the camel.

Housing facilities for birds that are not structurally sound do not protect the birds from injury. Housing facilities that do not restrict other animals from entering/having access to the birds may negatively affect the welfare of the birds and/or lead to injury of the animals.

Housing facilities for birds must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species of bird housed in them. They must be kept in good repair, protect the birds from injury, and restrict other animals from entering. Correct by May 1, 2024.

### 2.131(b)(1)

#### Repeat

#### Handling of animals.

Handling of animals was not done as expeditiously and carefully as possible.

\*One young water buffalo in training to allow riders on its back was tied to the wall of a stall while wearing a saddle on its back in such a manner that it could not get up from its mostly lying down position. No person was anywhere in the area monitoring the animal. When first inspected it was mostly lying down with its neck hyperextended and it could not get up on its own. The white portion of the water buffalo's left eye was visible. Once the auction staff was notified and released the saddle and untied the rope the water buffalo was able to get up on its own and move around. Tethering of the water buffalo leads to unnecessary discomfort and behavioral stress and has the potential to cause trauma and/or physical harm.

\*To get from one auction barn to another or to the outside parking area people can use an aisleway/walkway through a

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barn area used to house and sell poultry type birds. On Thursday as the inspectors were walking down this walkway, two male peacocks were identified in their enclosures with their tail feathers extending into the walkway where people walking by could run into them. At least one of the tailfeathers appeared broken/damaged. On Friday, another male peacock was seen with its tailfeathers projecting into the walkway at ground level and partially covered by shavings. One person almost stepped on the tailfeathers. These birds were not able to move out of the way of people in the walkway due to the construction and placement of the enclosures and there was no sufficient barrier or distance between the birds and the people. The birds may be injured if stepped on or knocked into by the public.

Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

**3.127(c)**

**Repeat**

### **Facilities, outdoor.**

Despite several major improvements including the addition of car port like roof structures over some of the outdoor enclosures and a new gutter system on the barn, several wet enclosures were still noted on the auction grounds on Friday.

\*Four of the enclosures under the carport structure and closest to the barn have drainage issues along with a few other enclosures along one of the aisles. The ground in these enclosures was wet and muddy throughout the entire enclosure with no dry area for the animals to use to get out of the wet mud. One enclosure contained standing water at one end along with the mud throughout the enclosure. Species seen housed in these wet muddy enclosures included bison, water buffalo, zebu and cattle. The animals housed in these enclosures were standing in hoof deep mud. Their legs and portions of their bodies were covered with mud. A sucking sound could be heard when the animals pulled their feet out of the mud. The facility added some straw to one of the bison enclosures after it was inspected to create a dry area.

\*Four enclosures housing pigs were wet and muddy. Two of the enclosures had standing water in the enclosures. Drainage issues can lead to multiple problems including contamination of feed/hay fed on the ground, contaminated haircoats/skin of the animals, discomfort to the animals, thermoregulatory issues, odors, fly/pest issues and unstable slippery footing for the animals. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water.

This inspection was conducted on March 7 and 8th with a facility consultant. The exit interview was conducted on March 8th with the facility consultant and the licensee.

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### Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	SIKA DEER
000010	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000001	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000002	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000008	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000027	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000001	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000003	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY
000003	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000052	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000009	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT
000026	<i>Pyrrhura molinae</i>	GREEN-CHEEKED PARAKEET / GREEN-CHEEKED CONURE
000003	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000004	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000044	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000007	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000049	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000022	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000268	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000200	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000009	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000004	<i>Dasyprocta fuliginosa</i>	GREY AGOUTI
000002	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000020	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000003	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000010	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000001	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000010	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000003	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000148	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000006	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000004	<i>Rhea americana</i>	GREATER RHEA / AMERICAN RHEA
000002	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000008	<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>	DIAMOND DOVE
000004	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000002	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000001	<i>Neophema splendida</i>	SCARLET-CHESTED PARROT
000018	<i>Graphiurus lorraineus</i>	AFRICAN DORMOUSE
000048	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000008	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000004	<i>Neophema bourkii</i>	BOURKE'S PARROT
000001	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN
000065	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000048	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000001	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW



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000022	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>		BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET	
000001	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000002	<i>Serinus canaria domestica</i>		DOMESTIC CANARY / COMMON CANARY	
000021	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>		ZEBRA FINCH / TIMOR ZEBRA FINCH	
000002	<i>Lonchura striata domestica</i>		SOCIETY FINCH / BENGALIAN FINCH	
000011	<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>		GOULDIAN FINCH	
000008	<i>Agapornis spp hybrid</i>		LOVEBIRD HYBRID	
000014	<i>Equus quagga</i>		BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA	
000004	<i>Oryx leucoryx</i>		ARABIAN ORYX	
000002	<i>Capra caucasica</i>		ALBINE IBEX / WEST CAUCASIAN TUR	
000001	<i>Ovis aries gmelini</i>		ARMENIAN MOUFLON	
000004	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>		COMMON ELAND	
000002	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>		BLACKBUCK	
000001	<i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>		FISHING CAT	
000002	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>		COMMON WATERBUCK	
000001	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>		ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET	
000006	<i>Forpus passerinus</i>		GREEN-RUMPED PARROTLET	
000001	<i>Polytelis swainsonii</i>		SUPERB PARROT	
000002	<i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>		SUN PARAKEET	
000003	<i>Caracal caracal</i>		CARACAL	
000007	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE	
000001	<i>Felis lybica</i>		AFRICAN WILDCAT	
000001	<i>Psittacara erythrogenys</i>		RED-MASKED PARAKEET	
000001	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>		MACAW HYBRID	
000007	<i>Cricetulus barabensis</i>		STRIPED HAMSTER	
000001	<i>Amazona oratrix</i>		YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON / DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON	
000001	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>		PATAS MONKEY	
000001	<i>Saguinus midas</i>		RED-HANDED TAMARIN	
000002	<i>Sapajus appella</i>		BROWN CAPUCHIN / TUFTED CAPUCHIN	
000002	<i>Cebus capucinus</i>		WHITE-HEADED / WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN	
000001	<i>Cebus olivaceus</i>		WEEPER CAPUCHIN	
000010	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>		SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER	
000015	<i>Phodopus sungorus</i>		DJUNGARIAN / RUSSIAN WINTER WHITE DWARF HAMSTER	
001336	<b>Total</b>			



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