



## Inspection Report

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VERNON YATES  
9500 82ND AVENUE N  
SEMINOLE, FL 33777

Customer ID: **323874**  
Certificate: **58-C-1090**  
Site: 001  
VERNON YATES

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 03-MAR-2022

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### 2.4 Critical

#### Non-interference with APHIS officials.

While on inspection, the licensee made comments and arguments consistent with intimidation and interference with APHIS officials:

At the geriatric bear enclosure, after discussing the plans for euthanasia, the licensee made comments about his own health and said he should be euthanized. The supervisor tried to be relatable by saying her parents also have health conditions, to which the licensee stated, "your parents should be euthanized too."

While discussing environmental enhancement plans for a solo housed baboon, the inspectors commented that special solo living considerations need to be made between the licensee and the attending veterinarian. The licensee stated to the supervisor that he interacted so much with his baboon, that if he let it out of its cage, it would come after her if he asked it to.

The licensee stated he had controlled substances on the property and that the inspectors were not allowed to see them. The inspectors stated we needed to see them to ensure their security and safety when using them on animals at the facility. The licensee stated there was no way we would be allowed in to see them. After arguing, he then said that he

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had no controlled substances on the property, and the inspectors asked if he could at least take a picture of the empty safe and show us, to which he said no. Then he stated he didn't even know the combination to the safe, as he lost the numbers some time ago. After more arguing, the licensee said the controlled substances were for the other animals on his property that were not allowed to be inspected by the USDA. The supervisor said that if the controlled substances were meant for animals that are not subject to AWA's regulations, then why didn't the licensee say so in the first place. The licensee was continuously combative and argumentative throughout the remainder of the inspection.

Intimidating and interfering with APHIS officials while on the course of their duty disallows them to properly carry out the Animal Welfare Act. Licensees shall not intimidate nor interfere with APHIS officials while on the course of their duty. Correct immediately.

### 2.125

#### **Information as to business; furnishing of same by dealers, exhibitors, operators of auction sales, intermediate handlers, and carriers.**

On Thursday, March 3, 2022 Inspectors noticed from the road a non-human primate (baboon, "Tim") with a sign in the front of the property stating the public is welcome to look. When asked about "Tim" being added to the inventory the licensee said "no, absolutely not." When asked about the enrichment plan and exceptions due to Tim being housed alone the licensee stated he did not have the paperwork because Tim was not under his USDA license and will not allow him on the inspection inventory.

The non-human primate is visible from the road and the public is welcomed to look. This constitutes clearly exhibition, but the licensee did not allow Inspectors to place the baboon on the inspection inventory. Accurate inventory on inspections is needed as a part of APHIS officials' duties. Furthermore, paperwork was not readily available to APHIS officials for

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review. Paperwork for the baboon such as the enrichment plan, program of veterinary care, acquisitions form allows APHIS officials to review and access the welfare of the animals under licensees' care. Each dealer, exhibitor, [...] shall furnish to any APHIS official any information concerning the business of the dealer, exhibitor, operator of an auction sale, intermediate handler or carrier which the APHIS official may request in connection with the enforcement of the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the standards in this subchapter. The information requested shall be furnished within a reasonable time and as may be specified in the request for information.

Correct by May 1, 2022.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
323874	58-C-1090	001	VERNON YATES	03-MAR-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Papio anubis</i>	OLIVE BABOON
000002	<b>Total</b>	