



## Inspection Report

VERNON MILLER  
6255 NORTH 1000 WEST  
SHIPSHEWANA, IN 46565

Customer ID: **323233**  
Certificate: **32-C-0224**  
Site: 001  
VERNON D MILLER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 12-APR-2024

### 2.40(b)(3) Repeat

#### Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

There was one white tailed deer that had a pink area of missing hair on the left side of its neck approximately an inch wide and 5 inches long. The facility representative reported that they had not noticed the missing hair but there had been some fencing work done in the preceding days and the deer may have stuck its head through the fence. Failure to adequately observe animals can lead to illness and injuries not being noticed or treated. Lack of treatment may result in a minor problem becoming more severe. Daily observations of all animals must be done to assess their health and wellbeing.

### 3.13(a)(2)

#### Veterinary care for dogs.

There has been no complete veterinary exams for the adults dogs in the kennel since February 2023. There were no exams scheduled at the time of inspection. Veterinary exams are required to protect the health and wellbeing of the dogs. A complete physical exam from head to tail of each dog by the attending veterinarian is required not less then once every 12 months.  
Correction Date: May 24th, 2024

### 3.13(a)(3)

#### Veterinary care for dogs.

There are no records of adult dogs receiving rabies, parvovirus or distemper vaccines since February of 2023. The facility representative reported that he did not think vaccines were due till May but could not remember when they were last given. The program of veterinary care requires annual vaccination for parvovirus and distemper and latest rabies vaccines that were given were 1 year vaccines. Vaccination is important in protection from contagious diseases. All dogs must be vaccinated in accordance with the schedule approved by the attending veterinarian.  
Correction Date: May 24th, 2024

### 3.80(b)(1) Repeat

#### Primary enclosures.

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The enclosure for the spider monkey was 71 inches tall. Spider monkeys are a brachiating species and require enough space to exhibit species typical behavior in order to ensure their physical and behavioral wellbeing. The spider monkey should be provided with 25.1 square feet of floor space that is 84 inches in height in order to meet the minimum required space per the regulations.

**3.125(a)**

**Repeat**

### **Facilities, general.**

- The wire fence on the west side of the shelter in the fallow deer pasture was folded over and parts of it were broken leading to there being sharp protruding points. Sharp points can lead to injury of animals and the folded over fence increases the risk that animals could escape the enclosure.
- There were two approximately two foot square sections of wire panel fencing laying in the mud in the pen with the pig. Loose fencing on the ground of an enclosure presents of risk of injury and entrapment.
- The pen with two foxes, and the facility representative reported that he expect kits soon as well, contained an approximately two and a half foot triangular area that had up to a one foot deep erosion of dirt under the wire bottom of the cage. The water dish for the enclosure is near the edge of this area. This area has a large risk of limb entrapment for the adult foxes and more so once there are young foxes in the enclosure.

Housing facilities must be constructed and maintained in good repair to protect animals from injury and to contain animals.

**3.131(a)**

### **Sanitation.**

- There was a large fecal pile directly outside the shelter of the 14 goats and 1 alpaca. The bedding in the shelter was wet throughout and soiled with feces.
- The shelter of the two raccoons had a large buildup of feces in the corner. The licensee reported that he planned to clean it prior to opening to the public at the beginning of May.
- The enclosure containing one fox had fecal buildup on the ground and a disintegrating piece of carpet partly in the ground.

Insufficient cleaning can lead to disease hazards, insects, pest and odors.  
Excreta shall be removed from the primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.  
Correction date: April 19th, 2024

**3.154**

**Repeat**

### **Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

There was an incomplete written environmental enrichment plan for the birds. The plan provided was a copy of the USDA regulations and did not address the individual plans needed for the species of birds present at the facility. Insufficient enrichment for birds can cause psychological distress to birds and can lead to aggression or self-injurious behavior. A complete written enrichment plan must be established, approved by the attending veterinarian and be made available to USDA inspectors.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Brachyteles arachnoides</i>	WOOLLY SPIDER MONKEY
000015	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000005	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000003	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000021	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000004	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000001	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000003	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000019	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000018	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000003	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000001	<i>Orthopsittaca manilatus</i>	RED-BELLIED MACAW
000004	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000005	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEA FOWL / COMMON PEA FOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000040	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000002	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000014	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE
000002	<i>Lonchura striata domestica</i>	SOCIETY FINCH / BENGALIAN FINCH
000003	<i>Agapornis spp hybrid</i>	LOVEBIRD HYBRID
000001	<i>Ara macao</i>	SCARLET MACAW
000001	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	TURQUOISE-FRONTED PARROT / TURQUOISE-FRONTED AMAZON / BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON
000002	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE / GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE
000001	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000183	<b>Total</b>	



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