



## Inspection Report

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Southern Biotechnology Associates Inc  
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Customer ID: **835**

Certificate: **64-B-0063**

Site: 001

SOUTHERN BIOTECHNOLOGY  
ASSOCIATES INC

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 24-MAY-2023

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### 2.40(b)(2)

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

Multiple goats need veterinary attention. Review of their records shows that they are not currently on any medication or treatment plan.

\*Several goats were noted favoring one leg/foot by holding the foot up while standing and attempting to put less weight on it when walking. Two goats in the upper barn front enclosure (341 and 447) each did not want to put weight on more than one foot. Goat 341 (dark brown) was seen resting on and trying to walk on the front leg carpal joints and has a wet soiled haircoat on its hind quarters. Two goats (538 and B100) were reluctant to get up and follow the other goats out into the outer portion of the upper barn back enclosure when we entered the enclosure. They both exhibited difficulty rising and were very lame when first rising on all four feet. One tried to walk on just its two front limbs. The medical records for these goats show that they have all had hoof trims done earlier in May 2023 but no other treatment was administered. The records show that this same issue occurred with the goats in May 2022 and they were seen by the vet and treated with Draxxin at that time. The written program of veterinary care does not contain veterinary instructions for lameness/foot issues.

\* Goat 455 (white and brown face, white with tan body) was noted to be thin with spine and hip bones very prominent and was reluctant to put weight on its left rear leg (upper barn front enclosure).

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\*One brown with white goat (381) in the upper barn back enclosure has a swelling about 2 inches rounded on the left side of its face at the back of the jaw area. The facility representative stated that this swelling wasn't present yesterday.

The facility has observed the foot issues and completed foot trimming but has not followed up with the veterinarian for evaluation, diagnosis and treatment recommendations when the goats continued to show foot issues. Chronic or recurrent foot issues can be painful for the animals. A call with the veterinarian was held and he was aware of the trimming having been done but had not been consulted further this year.

The facility shall have the veterinarian evaluate the goats listed to ensure appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat the goats' issues.

### 3.127(c)

#### Facilities, outdoor.

The upper barn far right enclosure housing goats has a drainage issue. The goats currently have an outdoor area and access to a pen in the barn. The outside portion of the enclosure has a sloped ground sloping toward the barn. There is standing water in this outdoor portion of the enclosure along the length of the barn portion of the enclosure (low area between the barn and the slope). The water is longstanding as it has an overgrowth of algae and green plant material growing on/in it. The rest of the outdoor enclosure is covered with hay but when walked on the ground is extremely wet and soft underneath the hay. Several of the goats in this enclosure were exhibiting foot related issues including reluctance to walk, abnormal gaits and holding up a foot when standing. The facility tried to correct the drainage issue via a drain system but it does not appear to be working in this particular enclosure. Constant wet ground and standing water can lead to odor issues, pest issues and health issues for the animals. The facility shall provide a suitable method for rapidly eliminating excess water in the enclosure.

### 3.130

#### Watering.

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The water receptacles for the breeder goat enclosure, the pig enclosure and the donkey enclosure need cleaning. The water is dark and murky in color and opaque. The bottom cannot be observed and there is visible dirt and other material on the sides of the receptacles. Dirty water receptacles can lead to issues with the water becoming contaminated or having a taste that keeps the animals from drinking. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary.

### 3.131(a)

#### Sanitation.

The pig enclosure has an excessive buildup of excreta in the inside barn portion of their enclosure. The pigs must walk through the excreta to get to the outside portion of their enclosure. The excess accumulation may lead to contamination of the animals, spread of disease, odors and attract pests. Excreta must be removed from the enclosure as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

### 3.131(c)

#### Sanitation.

Multiple area of the premises and grounds need cleaning and repair.

\*The front part of the upper barn has shelves and storage for tools and chemicals. Immediately adjacent are pallets of unopened feed bags. This area is extremely dirty, dusty and disorganized. Tools and trash are on the ground. Old spilled feed, dust, and dirt cover the ground and the shelves. Chemicals including antifreeze are stored next to the pig feed bags. Rat feces is visible on the ground and on the shelves. This dirt, dust, debris and rat feces is present under and around the pallets with the stored feed.

\*Multiple trash cans have no lids. Some are overflowing with trash.

\*There is a broken bag of goat feed with spilled feed on the floor in the quarantine barn.

\*There is a stack over a foot high of large insulation boards on top of old feed storage containers immediately adjacent

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and above the unopened feed bags. Sounds of rats scurrying around in this area were heard.

\*The weeds and grass in the outside portion of the pig enclosure are 2-3 feet in height. The pigs have to go through the weeds to get to their water receptacle and their wallow.

\*There is some broken wire protruding into the goat enclosure in the upper barn (inside portion). The goats may injure themselves on the wire.

Accumulations of dirt, debris and weeds can attract pests including rats. Premises (buildings and grounds) must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices.

Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

### 3.131(d)

#### Sanitation.

Two live rats were seen in the upper barn. One was running in the area where feed was stored and the other was seen drinking water from one of the goat water receptacles. Also, other rats were heard in the area where old insulation boards were stored above the feed supplies. Rats can spread disease and contaminate feed supplies. The facility uses a commercial pest control company and a rodent trap was observed but the current plan does not appear successful in controlling the rats. A safe and effective program for the control of mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "B" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspection(s) and by July 23, 2023 (60 days counted from 1st RL Inspection) or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

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Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
835	64-B-0063	001	SOUTHERN BIOTECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATES INC	24-MAY-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000049	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000144	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Equus asinus asinus</i>	DONKEY / BURRO / ASS
000003	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000200	<b>Total</b>	