



## Inspection Report

Best Exotics LLC  
1777 County Road 3211  
NAPLES, TX 75568

Customer ID: **44121**  
Certificate: **74-B-0756**  
Site: 001  
Best Exotics L L C

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION  
Date: 14-SEP-2023

### 3.137(a)

#### Primary enclosures used to transport live animals.

Several enclosures used to transport animals did not have projecting rims and/or hand holds. Transport enclosures housing a total of 7 Sugar Gliders, 8 Hedgehogs, and 16 Degus did not contain projecting rims or adequate handholds. Two transport enclosures housing 2 Armadillos did not have projecting rims. A lack of projecting rims on primary transport enclosures can allow for inadequate ventilation particularly when the cages are stacked when placed on the cart to move between the auction floor and holding area, and lack of handholds can cause unintentional contact between the handler and the animal during transport. Correct by 9/30/2023 by ensuring that all primary transport enclosures for subpart F animals must contain projecting rims or other devices on the exterior walls to prevent obstruction of the ventilation and provide adequate handholds for lifting animals without tilting or risk of contact with the animal.

### 3.162(a)(5)

#### Primary enclosures used to transport live birds.

Several enclosures used to transport birds did not have handholds. Several Transport enclosures housing a total of 51 Quail did not contain handholds. A lack of handholds can cause unintentional contact between the handler and the bird during transport. Correct by 9/30/2023 by ensuring that all primary transport enclosures provide adequate handholds for lifting birds without tilting or risk of contact with the bird.

### 3.162(b)(2)

#### Primary enclosures used to transport live birds.

Several enclosures used to transport birds did not have projecting rims. Several Transport enclosures housing a total of 51 Quail did not contain projecting rims. A lack of projecting rims on primary transport enclosures can allow for inadequate ventilation particularly when the cages are stacked when placed on the cart to move between the auction floor and holding area. Correct by 9/30/2023 by ensuring that all primary transport enclosures contain projecting rims or other devices on the exterior walls to prevent obstruction of the ventilation.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Licensee. This inspection was conducted in Mount Hope, Ohio.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
44121	74-B-0756	001	Best Exotics L L C	14-SEP-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000007	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000008	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000016	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000051	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	COMMON QUAIL / EUROPEAN QUAIL
000002	<i>Dasyus novemcinctus</i>	NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000084	<b>Total</b>	