



## Inspection Report

256 Exotics LLC  
2421 Winchester Rd NE  
Huntsville, AL 35811

Customer ID: **6010970**  
Certificate: **64-B-0103**  
Site: 001  
256 Exotics, LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 01-SEP-2023

### 2.1(b)(1) Repeat

#### Requirements and application

Licenses are issued for approved locations. The facility has completed the move to the new address. The licensee had been cited on multiple inspection reports that she must notify USDA Animal Care in writing of the new location address. There is no record that the address change was communicated to USDA. A facility must notify Animal Care of new animal housing addresses in order to allow Animal Care know where regulated animals are being housed and to keep the licensee's information up to date. Correct by notifying USDA Animal Care of the new location address. This can be done by emailing to [animalcare@usda.gov](mailto:animalcare@usda.gov).

### 2.40(b)(2) Direct Repeat

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

One female guinea pig (light brown with white streak down the nose) was housed separately in a plastic container enclosure from the other guinea pigs. She was separated by the facility representative 2-3 days ago as the other guinea pigs had attacked her and she sustained several wounds. She has a visible large 2in x 1in red raw ulcerated skin wound over her lower back. The facility representative has been treating it with Animax Ointment. In addition, it appears from some slight drainage wetting the haircoat that she may also have some wounds hidden under the haircoat on the left side of her face under her eye/ear. The facility representative currently taking care of the animals for the licensee has not taken the guinea pig to a veterinarian. The licensee was reached by phone and stated that another guinea pig was seen for a foot injury a couple of weeks ago and that was when the Animax ointment was prescribed. This particular guinea pig was just recently injured, no foot wounds were noted and she has not been seen by a vet. When an abnormal observation is noted about an animal's health or well-being, the attending veterinarian should be contacted and the animal examined to allow for proper diagnosis and treatment of all injuries and illnesses. The wounded guinea pig needs to be seen by a veterinarian within the next 24 hours (9/2/23). This was communicated to the licensee by phone plus email and the facility representative in person during the inspection.

### 2.126(a)(2)

#### Access and inspection of records and property; submission of itineraries.

The facility representative for the inspection today did not have access to the facility's Animal Welfare Act (AWA) required records. The records therefore could not be examined. Access to records is necessary for APHIS officials to ensure that

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the facility is in compliance with the AWA. The facility shall allow APHIS officials to examine records required to be kept by the Act and the regulations. Correct by 9/5/23.

### 3.6(b)(4)

#### Primary enclosures.

Two cats are currently being housed in one enclosure. The enclosure does not contain an elevated resting surface. Cats require an elevated surface as it allows them to make normal postural and social adjustments. Each primary enclosure housing cats must contain one or more elevated, impervious to moisture, and easily cleanable/sanitizable or replaceable resting surfaces that in the aggregate are large enough to hold all the cats in the primary enclosure at the same time comfortably. Correct by 9/8/23.

### 3.26(b)

#### Facilities, indoor.

The temperature in the animal building housing guinea pigs was measured at approximately 4:45 pm. The temperature at one of the two guinea pig enclosures was 92.7 degrees F and 93.4 degrees F (Kestrel) at the other (closer to large outside door). Guinea pigs are sensitive to temperature extremes and can overheat quickly. The ambient temperature for guinea pigs shall not be allowed to rise above 85 degrees F. Correct by 9/2/23.

### 3.126(a)

#### Direct

#### Facilities, indoor.

The temperature at the kinkajou enclosure measured at approximately 5 pm was 93.8 degrees F (Kestrel). The smaller of the two kinkajous was visibly affected by the heat. The kinkajou was hanging out on perches with limbs spread out and abdomen exposed to the air when first seen. The kinkajou then crawled up onto a hammock again with limbs spread and abdomen exposed to the air. The kinkajou's mouth was open and she was panting. Her respiratory rate was shallow and rapid consistent with panting. The second kinkajou appeared restless but did not exhibit any other symptoms consistent with heat stress. Too high ambient temperatures can cause animals to experience heat stress and temperatures that are too high for the animals to cope with can lead to heat stroke and even death. A fan was added just outside the enclosure during the inspection but by itself did not decrease the temperature during the inspection. The ambient temperature shall not be allowed to rise above temperatures compatible with the health and comfort of the kinkajous. Correct by 9/2/23.

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

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000029	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000014	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000005	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000002	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000003	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000057	<b>Total</b>	