



Inspection Report

Hope Ranch GVS Inc.
1381 George Hurst Road
Guyton, GA 31312

Customer ID: **6014995**
Certificate: **67-C-0013**
Site: 001
Hope Ranch GVS Inc.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 03-DEC-2024

2.40(b)(2)

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

One eland and one water buffalo have overgrown long hooves on both of their hind feet that need to be trimmed. One toe of each hoof is curling inwards and growing over the other toe. With continued hoof growth, it can cause the animals discomfort and potential lameness. Both of these animals need to have their hooves trimmed to ensure their mobility is not compromised and for their overall health and well-being.

Correct by: 02/10/2025

2.40(b)(3)

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At the time of the inspection, a ferret was observed sleeping by itself in a litter box, away from four other ferrets that were co-sleeping in a pile within an elevated nesting box, that was only accessible by ramps. When the ferret awoke and began to move around, his back was hunched high in a U shape, and his gait was abnormal with a stiffness noted in his right rear leg. The staff had not noticed his behavior and therefore, has not communicated his condition to the attending veterinarian. His behavior of separating from the group, staying on the ground, not climbing or using platforms, and sleeping in the litter box could indicate underlying pain or a health-related issue. His condition should be conveyed to the veterinarian so she can determine the next steps for diagnosis and a treatment plan.

Correct by 12/18/2024

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

Some areas in need of repair were identified in several enclosures:

- There is a small section of wire mesh within the sloth's indoor portion of her primary enclosure that is broken with sharp wires protruding outward towards her feeding platform. This is an area the sloth routinely grabs at to maneuver herself into her box for sleeping and could cause injury. These wires need to be addressed for the safety of the sloth.
- There is a section of wire mesh in the water buffalo enclosure that is broken and protruding into the yard next to the access gate. This section of wire mesh needs to be addressed to remove the sharp points for the safety of the water buffalo in the enclosure.
- There is a section of metal approximately 3 feet high that by design divides the cavy enclosure into two sections. Several cavs were observed jumping over the divider and each time they would jump, you would hear their back legs hit the

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divider as they came down on the other side. The nature of this divider is not effective in keeping animals separated and can cause potential harm to their back legs when jumping over. This divider needs to be addressed for the safety of the animals.

- One area of the goats' outdoor primary enclosure's fence, located under the sheltered portion, was not high enough to keep the goats contained in their primary outdoor enclosure. The goats were able to jump out of their enclosure into an alleyway between various hoofstock enclosures on both sides. The primary enclosure fence needs to be high enough to keep the goats securely in their enclosure for their safety.
- There were multiple concrete cinder block bricks near a brush pile in the middle of the water buffalo outdoor primary enclosure that could entrap a hoof or leg. These bricks need to be removed or prevent access to them for the safety of the water buffalo as well as to keep the area in good repair.

Failure to maintain enclosures in good repair, not of an adequate height, or that contain possibly injurious items may negatively impact the health and comfort of the animals or allow for escape. All enclosures must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury or escape.

Correct by: 02/10/2025

3.126(a)

Facilities, indoor.

The indoor shelter area for a female sloth was too cold with a temperature reading of 52.6 degrees Fahrenheit and 46% humidity levels. An ideal temperature range for this species was identified in the room of 75-85 degrees Fahrenheit and humidity ranges of 60-80 percent. When temperatures drop below 70 degrees Fahrenheit, sloths can get too cold, and their digestion begins to slow down which can lead to food backing up and sitting in the gut causing illness and/or discomfort. The facility must find mechanisms to ensure the temperature ranges and humidity are appropriate for the sloth for her overall health and wellbeing. Heating was corrected at the time of inspection but a long-term plan to ensure the continued appropriate temperature as well as humidity ranges for this species' are being maintained is required.

Correct by: 12/25/2024

3.127(b)

Facilities, outdoor.

The following outdoor enclosures did not provide adequate shelter as listed below:

- There is no shade or shelter in the Bison or the Water Buffalo primary outdoor enclosures. Both enclosures are very large pasture areas with tree lines, with no overhanging branches or foliage into the enclosures, located behind the enclosure fence lines. These animals need to be provided with a shelter space that affords protection from inclement weather, so they have the option to get out of the elements to prevent discomfort. This is especially important for animals that are young or aging for their comfort and wellbeing.
- In the exotic hoofstock alleyway, the primary outdoor enclosures contained an overhead roofed shelter along the walkway with only two opposing walls present for the elands, wildebeests, zebras, goats, and one camel. Not having a third wall on these shelters allowed wind gusts with a resulting wind tunneling effect to pass through the shelters as observed during this inspection when the average temperature was 49 degrees Fahrenheit with winds at 13mph. Providing a third side can help prevent wind gusts or winter extreme weather from passing through the sheltered areas allowing the animals protection from inclement weather.

Inadequate shelter from the sun, rain, cold, and other winter conditions could result in illness, as well as animal discomfort. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be

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provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.
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3.152(b)

Facilities, outdoor

There is not adequate shelter provided for the following birds in their primary outdoor enclosures as follows:

- Multiple species of parrots along "parrot alley" have a roof available, but most enclosures have either no shelter boxes or if one was provided, it is not enough for all the birds in the enclosure.
- Two ostriches along the exotic hoofstock alley had an overhead roofed shelter along the walkway but only two opposing walls present with no available third wall.

The average temperature during the inspection was 49 degrees Fahrenheit with winds at 13mph. Although the birds can get under cover from rain, the design of the alley allows cross breezes that act like a wind tunnel so the birds cannot get out of the cold wind. These birds need a more complete shelter, such as shelter boxes for the parrot species or a third wall for the ostriches, that allows them to get out of the cold wind for their health and well-being.

Correct by: 01/15/2025

3.153(a)(1)(i)

Primary enclosures.

There are multiple areas of sharp points in various bird enclosures around the facility that need to be addressed as follows:

- There is a small hole in the metal siding of pen 7 containing blue and gold macaws that has sharp edges and points pointing inward to the birds' enclosure.
- The lovebird enclosure has perching that is broken in half with sharp rough edges and some nails protruding from nest boxes.

Sharp points may cause injury and may lead to pain or discomfort to the animals. Primary enclosures must be designed and constructed of suitable materials so that they are structurally sound. The primary enclosures must be kept in good repair and have no sharp points or edges that could injure the birds.

Correct by: 01/15/2025

3.154(b)

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The physical enclosures for multiple species of parrots and a pied crow have little to no evidence of enrichment or food foraging opportunities being provided. The facility has recently developed an environmental enhancement plan for the birds, but the plan as outlined is not yet being implemented. These bird species are highly intelligent, and lack of enrichment can lead to abnormal behavior patterns, such as aggression, screaming, and feather plucking. The developed enrichment plan should be implemented as soon as possible for the birds overall psychological well-being.

Correct by: 01/28/2025

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

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000013	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000002	<i>Caracal caracal</i>	CARACAL
000001	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000004	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000005	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000004	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000005	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000017	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000003	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	PATAS MONKEY
000008	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000005	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000001	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000002	<i>Ateles chamek</i>	BLACK SPIDER MONKEY
000001	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000006	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000001	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000008	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000003	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000003	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Cuniculus taczanowskii</i>	MOUNTAIN PACA
000007	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000001	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000002	<i>Amazona spp hybrid</i>	AMAZON PARROT HYBRID
000007	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000003	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000003	<i>Eulemur fulvus</i>	BROWN LEMUR
000002	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000002	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	VERVET
000002	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	BLACK WILDEBEEST
000008	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000001	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW
000002	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000003	<i>Cacomantis aeruginosus</i>	MOLUCCAN CUCKOO
000001	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO / GREATER SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO
000001	<i>Amazona auropalliata</i>	YELLOW-NAPED PARROT / YELLOW-NAPED AMAZON
000001	<i>Pionopsitta pileata</i>	PILEATED PARROT
000005	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET
000002	<i>Pyrrhura molinae</i>	GREEN-CHEEKED PARAKEET / GREEN-CHEEKED CONURE
000014	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000002	<i>Polytelis anthopeplus</i>	REGENT PARROT
000001	<i>Purpureicephalus spurius</i>	RED-CAPPED PARROT
000006	<i>Tauraco erythrolophus</i>	RED-CRESTED TURACO
000004	<i>Tauraco persa</i>	GUINEA TURACO



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6014995	67-C-0013	001	Hope Ranch GVS Inc.	03-DEC-2024
000002	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>		VIOLET TURACO	
000001	<i>Tauraco leucolophus</i>		WHITE-CRESTED TURACO	
000004	<i>Crossoptilon auritum</i>		BLUE EARED-PHEASANT	
000001	<i>Crossoptilon mantchuricum</i>		BROWN EARED-PHEASANT	
000002	<i>Lophura ignita</i>		BORNEAN CRESTED FIREBACK	
000001	<i>Polyplectron chalcureum</i>		BRONZE-TAILED PEACOCK-PHEASANT	
000008	<i>Lophura edwardsi</i>		EDWARDS'S PHEASANT / VIETNAM PHEASANT	
000005	<i>Syrnaticus ellioti</i>		ELLIOT'S PHEASANT	
000004	<i>Polyplectron germaini</i>		GERMAIN'S PEACOCK-PHEASANT	
000001	<i>Syrnaticus soemmerringii</i>		COPPER PHEASANT	
000023	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>		GOLDEN PHEASANT	
000003	<i>Argusianus argus</i>		GREAT ARGUS	
000004	<i>Polyplectron bicalcaratum</i>		GRAY PEACOCK-PHEASANT	
000001	<i>Lophoceros nasutus</i>		AFRICAN GRAY HORNBILL	
000004	<i>Lophura leucomelanos</i>		KALIJ PHEASANT	
000010	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>		LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT	
000002	<i>Lophura rufa</i>		MALAYAN CRESTED FIREBACK	
000001	<i>Polyplectron malacense</i>		MALAYAN PEACOCK-PHEASANT	
000006	<i>Syrnaticus mikado</i>		MIKADO PHEASANT	
000108	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>		INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK	
000012	<i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i>		REEVES'S PHEASANT	
000055	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		RING-NECKED PHEASANT / COMMON PHEASANT	
000006	<i>Lophura swinhoii</i>		SWINHOO'S PHEASANT	
000004	<i>Tragopan temminckii</i>		TEMMINCK'S TRAGOPAN	
000006	<i>Tragopan satyra</i>		SATYR TRAGOPAN	
000015	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>		SILVER PHEASANT	
000006	<i>Lophura diardi</i>		SIAMESE FIREBACK	
000006	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>		RAMERON PIGEON / OLIVE PIGEON	
000002	<i>Columba pulchricollis</i>		ASHY WOOD-PIGEON	
000003	<i>Patagioenas picazuro</i>		PICAZURO PIGEON	
000004	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>		NICOBAR PIGEON	
000002	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>		PIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON	
000017	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>		CRESTED PIGEON	
000003	<i>Alectoris barbara</i>		BARBARY PARTRIDGE	
000015	<i>Geopelia cuneata</i>		DIAMOND DOVE	
000001	<i>Goura victoria</i>		VICTORIA CROWNED-PIGEON	
000027	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>		DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000008	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>		CHUKAR	
000003	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>		EASTERN CRESTED GUINEAFOWL	
000007	<i>Pauxi pauxi</i>		HELMETED CURASSOW / NORTHERN HELMETED CURASSOW	
000004	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>		ASIAN EMERALD DOVE / GREY-CAPPED EMERALD DOVE	
000001	<i>Gallicolumba luzonica</i>		LUZON BLEEDING-HEART	
000001	<i>Treron waalia</i>		BRUCE'S GREEN-PIGEON	
000002	<i>Patagioenas leucocephala</i>		WHITE-CROWNED PIGEON	
000001	<i>Goura cristata</i>		WESTERN CROWNED-PIGEON / BLUE CROWNED-PIGEON	
000024	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE	
000001	<i>Rollulus rouloul</i>		CRESTED PARTRIDGE	
000002	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>		KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN	
000012	<i>Gallus sonneratii</i>		GRAY JUNGLEFOWL	



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000002	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>		VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL	
000002	<i>Tockus erythrorhynchus</i>		NORTHERN RED-BILLED HORNBILL	
000007	<i>Rhea americana</i>		GREATER RHEA / AMERICAN RHEA	
000002	<i>Struthio camelus</i>		COMMON OSTRICH	
000001	<i>Casuarus unappendiculatus</i>		NORTHERN CASSOWARY / SINGLE-WATTLED CASSOWARY	
000004	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>		EMU	
000001	<i>Cereopsis novaehollandiae</i>		CAPE BARREN GOOSE	
000006	<i>Aix sponsa</i>		WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK	
000005	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		MUTE SWAN	
000006	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>		BLACK SWAN	
000012	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>		COMMON SHELDUCK	
000015	<i>Aix galericulata</i>		MANDARIN DUCK	
000002	<i>Cyanochen cyanoptera</i>		BLUE-WINGED GOOSE	
000004	<i>Anser anser domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC GOOSE	
000004	<i>Branta sandvicensis</i>		HAWAIIAN GOOSE / NE-NE	
000004	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>		MALLARD	
000002	<i>Chloephaga picta</i>		UPLAND GOOSE	
000010	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>		WHITE-FACED WHISTLING-DUCK	
000004	<i>Tadorna cana</i>		SOUTH AFRICAN SHELDUCK	
000028	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000002	<i>Netta rufina</i>		RED-CRESTED POCHARD	
000002	<i>Anas laysanensis</i>		LAYSAN DUCK	
000002	<i>Anas capensis</i>		CAPE TEAL	
000005	<i>Anas poecilorhyncha</i>		INDIAN SPOT-BILLED DUCK	
000004	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>		MAGPIE GOOSE	
000004	<i>Dendrocygna eytoni</i>		PLUMED WHISTLING-DUCK	
000003	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>		BARNACLE GOOSE	
000001	<i>Callonetta leucophrys</i>		RINGED TEAL	
000001	<i>Anser indicus</i>		BAR-HEADED GOOSE	
000002	<i>Coscoroba coscoroba</i>		COSCOROBA SWAN	
000002	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		EGYPTIAN GOOSE	
000002	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>		EURASIAN MOORHEN / COMMON MOORHEN	
000006	<i>Ortalis vetula</i>		PLAIN CHACHALACA	
000004	<i>Lagonosticta larvata</i>		BLACK-FACED FIREFINCH	
000004	<i>Estrilda melpoda</i>		ORANGE-CHEEKED WAXBILL	
000004	<i>Spinus tristis</i>		AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	
000001	<i>Acridotheres tristis</i>		COMMON MYNA / COMMON MYNAH	
000058	<i>Numida meleagris</i>		DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN	
000004	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>		GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE / GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE	
000004	<i>Aramides ypecaha</i>		GIANT WOOD-RAIL	
000003	<i>Crax rubra</i>		GREAT CURASSOW	
000002	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>		LAUGHING KOOKABURRA	
000002	<i>Paroaria coronata</i>		RED-CRESTED CARDINAL	
000001	<i>Lamprotornis caudatus</i>		LONG-TAILED GLOSSY STARLING	
000002	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>		EUROPEAN STARLING / COMMON STARLING	
000002	<i>Vanellus miles</i>		MASKED LAPWING	
000001	<i>Corvus albus</i>		PIED CROW	
000001	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>		RAINBOW LORIKEET	
000001	<i>Cariama cristata</i>		RED-LEGGED SERIEMA	



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000002	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>		SUNBITTERN	
000002	<i>Brotogeris versicolurus</i>		WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET / CANARY-WINGED PARAKEET	
000011	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC TURKEY	
000001	<i>Garrulax leucolophus</i>		WHITE-CRESTED LAUGHINGTHRUSH	
000006	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>		AFRICAN SACRED IBIS	
000067	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)	
000001	<i>Serinus canaria</i>		ISLAND CANARY	
000002	<i>Crithagra flaviventris</i>		YELLOW CANARY	
000001	<i>Tauraco fischeri</i>		FISCHER'S TURACO	
000001	<i>Tauraco livingstonii</i>		LIVINGSTONE'S TURACO	
000017	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>		COMMON QUAIL / EUROPEAN QUAIL	
000002	<i>Cyanolyca pumilo</i>		BLACK-THROATED JAY	
000001	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>		DEMOISELLE CRANE	
000001	<i>Cyanolyca mirabilis</i>		WHITE-THROATED JAY	
000024	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>		FISCHER'S LOVEBIRD	
000006	<i>Agapornis nigrigenis</i>		BLACK-CHEEKED LOVEBIRD	
000007	<i>Agapornis lilianae</i>		LILIAN'S LOVEBIRD / NYASA LOVEBIRD	
000005	<i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>		ROSY-FACED LOVEBIRD	
000002	<i>Varecia variegata</i>		BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR	
000005	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>		DOMESTIC FERRET	
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