



Inspection Report

Thorni Ridge Exotics LLC
32541 Boonville Rd
Smithton, MO 65350

Customer ID: **500844**

Certificate: **43-C-0400**

Site: 001

THORNI RIDGE EXOTICS LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 05-JUL-2023

3.75(a)

Housing facilities, general.

During the inspection, an adult ring-tailed lemur was observed walking outside of its outdoor enclosure. According to the licensee, the animal was able to get out of its primary enclosure when one of the facility's animal caretakers opened the door to gain access for feeding. The animal was safely captured and returned to its enclosure within approximately one hour of its escape. There were no injuries to the animal or animal caretakers. Failure to maintain housing facilities, so that they contain the animals securely, increases the risk of injury to the animals as well as to the public. The licensee must ensure that the housing facilities for nonhuman primates are designed and constructed so that they can contain the animals securely at all times. In addition, the licensee must also ensure that the housing facilities are structurally sound, kept in good repair, they must protect the animals from injury, and restrict other animals from entering at all times as required in this section. To be corrected by: July 6, 2023

3.127(b)

Facilities, outdoor.

Four camels were being housed in a temporary outdoor enclosure that did not have sufficient shelter. The camels' enclosure was positioned adjacent to trees that were providing some shade, however, the only shelter available to these animals was not large enough to allow all four animals to occupy the inside of the structure at one time. The lack of sufficient shelter decreases the protection of the animals from inclement weather and increases the risk of their discomfort. The licensee must ensure that adequate natural or artificial shelter is provided for all of the animals in outdoor enclosures as required in this section at all times. To be corrected by: July 12, 2023.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

There were three reindeer housed in an outdoor enclosure with corral style panels which were approximately 5 ½ feet tall. The enclosure was located outside of the facility's perimeter fence in a wooded area with no secondary containment system for these animals. A perimeter fence is necessary to act as a secondary containment system and to prevent unauthorized people or unwanted animals from having access to the reindeer. The licensee must ensure that all outdoor housing facilities are enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height and kept in good repair to protect the animals in the facility; or that the wild/exotic hoofstock (e.g., reindeer) housed outdoors must meet Animal Care's standing

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approval for the use of effective and customary containment and alternative security measures for the species. To be corrected by: July 24, 2023

3.131(d)

Repeat

Sanitation.

Inside a room with food storage and where food preparation occurs, there was an excessive number of flies present which were too numerous to count. The flies were observed on the counter, walls, and food storage bins. This room is adjacent to an animal housing area. The licensee was using various forms of fly control, including fly strips and traps; however, these methods were not effective for the control of the excessive number of flies at the entire facility. Insects can carry diseases and can increase the risk of health hazards to the animals. The licensee must establish and maintain a safe and effective program for the control of insects and other pests in order to reduce disease hazards at all times.

3.137(a)(1)

Critical

Primary enclosures used to transport live animals.

On June 28, 2023, a facility representative was transporting seven animals in a pickup truck after leaving an event where, the licensee stated, all but one of the animals had been exhibited earlier that day. During that transport back to the licensee's facility, an approximately 11-month-old kangaroo escaped its carrier (described as a cloth sack/pouch by the licensee) and jumped out of an open window from the back seat of the truck during a brief stop. The kangaroo was later captured and found with some injuries, including to its left eye and scratches on its left side/leg. The licensee contacted his veterinarian regarding the animal's condition and followed directions for treatment. The licensee stated that another kangaroo, which had been exhibited during the event, had also been in the same transport vehicle and in a similar cloth pouch as the one that escaped the transport vehicle. The kangaroos had been in their pouches and hung from the head rests in the truck's back seat, although only one of the kangaroos had escaped its pouch and the truck. The use of the cloth sack/pouch did not sufficiently contain a kangaroo during transport, and it resulted in injury to the animal. The licensee must ensure that primary enclosures used to transport animals meet the requirements of this section (3.137) which includes, but is not limited to, that the structural strength of the enclosure is sufficient to contain the animals and can withstand the normal rigors of transportation at all times. To be corrected: July 6, 2023.

This inspection and an initial exit interview were conducted with the licensee on July 5, 2023. A final exit interview was completed with the licensee on July 6, 2023.

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Species Inspected

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| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
|--------|--------------------------------|---|
| 000004 | <i>Bos primigenius indicus</i> | ZEBU |
| 000007 | <i>Camelus dromedarius</i> | DROMEDARY CAMEL |
| 000004 | <i>Lama pacos</i> | ALPACA |
| 000003 | <i>Hystrix cristata</i> | AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE |
| 000017 | <i>Osphranter rufus</i> | RED KANGAROO |
| 000011 | <i>Lemur catta</i> | RING-TAILED LEMUR |
| 000003 | <i>Bubalus bubalis</i> | ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO |
| 000004 | <i>Equus quagga</i> | BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA |
| 000002 | <i>Nasua narica</i> | WHITE-NOSED COATI |
| 000002 | <i>Cervus canadensis</i> | ELK / WAPITI |
| 000004 | <i>Dama dama</i> | FALLOW DEER |
| 000006 | <i>Dolichotis patagonum</i> | PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA |
| 000010 | <i>Bison bison</i> | AMERICAN BISON |
| 000004 | <i>Bos taurus</i> | CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI |
| 000001 | <i>Axis axis</i> | AXIS DEER / SPOTTED DEER / CHITAL |
| 000001 | <i>Oryx dammah</i> | SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX |
| 000003 | <i>Rangifer tarandus</i> | REINDEER |
| 000007 | <i>Sus scrofa domestica</i> | DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG |
| 000032 | <i>Capra hircus</i> | DOMESTIC GOAT |
| 000024 | <i>Ovis aries aries</i> | SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS |
| 000149 | Total | |