

# United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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## **Inspection Report**

Close Up Creatures, LLC Customer ID: 3115

2755 Inez Rd SW Certificate: **58-C-0455** Naples, FL 34117

Site: 001

Close up Creatures Inc

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 12-JUN-2024

#### 2.1(a)(1) Critical

#### Requirements and application.

The facility exhibited regulated animals without a valid USDA license. The facility's license expired on April,28,2024 and was advised that they could no longer conduct regulated activity after that date until they successfully passed their relicense inspection. On June 4, 2024, the facility hosted an event and exhibited several of their regulated animals to the guests. This is not in compliance with federal regulation 2.1(a)(1).

Exhibiting regulated animals without a valid USDA license fails to recognize regulatory oversight and potentially exposes the animals to undue stress or harm.

No person shall act as a dealer, exhibitor, or operator of an auction sale, without a valid license. To be corrected from this day, June 12, 2024, forward.

## 2.40(a)(2) Critical

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

The facility failed to recognize veterinary authority. An adult male dromedary camel, Ringo, presented with a swollen lateral claw of his front right leg, of an undetermined length of time. The attending veterinarian (AV) examined the animal on April 14, 2024. Veterinary records show that the AV recommended rest, by not exhibiting the animal, and seeking an exploratory surgery at a local university for a suspected foreign body. She also stated that if the exploratory was not going to be performed, euthanasia was recommended to prevent further pain and suffering. The applicant elected to ignore this recommendation and exhibited the animal on April 18, 2024. Furthermore, instead of scheduling the exploratory surgery as directed, he brought in a second veterinarian who administered antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. At the time of inspection, the animal exhibited reluctance to stand, and ascending edema was noted, above the still swollen foot, beyond the knee.

Failure to ensure the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority over the veterinary care of the animals can lead to unnecessary stress, discomfort, and suffering of the animals.

Each dealer and exhibitor shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provisions of

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adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use. To be corrected from this day, June 12, 2024, forward.

This is a 2nd Re-License Inspection for a Class "C" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 1 more inspection or by June 16, 2024, 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.

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

Additional Inspectors:

Michael Brooks, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

Ronald Richardson, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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# **Species Inspected**

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Count 000001 000001 000001 000001 000001 000001	Scientific Name Ara ararauna Equus quagga Giraffa camelopardalis Crocuta crocuta Ceratotherium simum Lemur catta Camelus dromedarius Cuniculus paca	Common Name BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA GIRAFFE SPOTTED HYENA WHITE RHINOCEROS RING-TAILED LEMUR DROMEDARY CAMEL LOWLAND PACA
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