



Inspection Report

Sandy Oak Ranch, LLC
12705 White Oak Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Customer ID: **6016778**
Certificate: **32-C-0293**
Site: 001
Sandy Oak Ranch LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 08-JAN-2025

3.150(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

In the last month the facility has lost two golden pheasants to what the facility believes are owl attacks. The most recent attack happened the night before the inspection and the predated body of the pheasant was caught between the perch and the outer netting on the enclosure. The head and a large section of the chest cavity were missing. Both of the predated pheasants were held in the enclosure listed as number 12 on the facility's inventory. Predation has caused the death of two birds at the facility and could cause future deaths or injuries.

All housing facilities for birds must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species of bird housed in them. They must be kept in good repair, protect the birds from injury, and restrict other animals from entering that may negatively affect the welfare of the birds within.

Correction date: January 14th, 2025

2.75(b)(1) Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility did not have a complete record demonstrating the type and number of animals and birds on hand. There were more ducks, peacocks, reeves pheasants, fallow deer and Guinea fowl present than were listed on the provided inventory. There were 28 domestic goats listed on the inventory and only 16 were present at the time of inspection. Neither golden pheasant death had been recorded and only one of which had occurred the night before inspection. There were two fallow deer fawns listed with no date of birth.

An accurate animal inventory is required so that USDA inspectors can ensure all animals are accounted for and receiving adequate veterinary care.

Records of animal acquisition and disposition, including births/hatchings and deaths, must be kept by the facility to ensure animals can be traced in case of an animal disease outbreak and to ensure there are not high mortality rates in the animals. An accurate inventory and records of animal acquisition and disposition, including source of the animal, births/hatchings and deaths, must be maintained by the facility. All records should be maintained for 1 year following the disposition of the animal.

3.153(c) Repeat

Primary enclosures.

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There were no available pools or aquatic areas in two duck enclosures or for the free ranging ducks. There was one enclosure that had a stock water trough in it that was empty and turned over to avoid freezing. Two of the enclosures had more than ten ducks in them.

The aquatic areas in the enclosures housing aquatic birds are either absent, not filled, and/or not large enough to allow the birds to make normal postural and social adjustments. This deficiency can lead to malnutrition, poor condition, debility, stress, and/or abnormal behavioral patterns.

Primary enclosures housing wading and aquatic birds must contain a pool or other aquatic area and a dry area that allows easy ingress or egress of the pool or other aquatic area. Pools and other aquatic areas must be of sufficient surface area and depth to allow each bird to make normal postural and social adjustments, such as immersion, bathing, swimming, and foraging, with adequate freedom of movement and freedom to escape from aggression demonstrated by other birds in the enclosure.

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

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 000002 | <i>Phasianus colchicus</i> | RING-NECKED PHEASANT / COMMON PHEASANT |
| 000002 | <i>Sus scrofa domestica</i> | DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG |
| 000002 | <i>Osphranter rufus</i> | RED KANGAROO |
| 000008 | <i>Dolichotis patagonum</i> | PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA |
| 000005 | <i>Lama pacos</i> | ALPACA |
| 000002 | <i>Castor canadensis</i> | AMERICAN BEAVER |
| 000002 | <i>Procyon lotor</i> | RACCOON |
| 000003 | <i>Bos primigenius indicus</i> | ZEBU |
| 000010 | <i>Dama dama</i> | FALLOW DEER |
| 000011 | <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i> | WHITE-TAILED DEER |
| 000006 | <i>Bos grunniens</i> | YAK |
| 000003 | <i>Cervus canadensis</i> | ELK / WAPITI |
| 000002 | <i>Bos taurus</i> | CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI |
| 000002 | <i>Canis mesomelas</i> | BLACK-BACKED JACKAL |
| 000002 | <i>Struthio camelus</i> | COMMON OSTRICH |
| 000001 | <i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i> | NILGAI |
| 000002 | <i>Bison bison</i> | AMERICAN BISON |
| 000007 | <i>Rhea pennata</i> | LESSER RHEA / DARWIN'S RHEA |
| 000005 | <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> | EMU |
| 000016 | <i>Capra hircus</i> | DOMESTIC GOAT |
| 000002 | <i>Vulpes vulpes</i> | RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX) |
| 000017 | <i>Pavo cristatus</i> | INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK |
| 000002 | <i>Vulpes lagopus</i> | ARCTIC FOX |
| 000019 | <i>Aix sponsa</i> | WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK |
| 000002 | <i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i> | REEVES'S PHEASANT |
| 000001 | <i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i> | LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT |
| 000005 | <i>Chrysolophus pictus</i> | GOLDEN PHEASANT |
| 000001 | <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i> | MALLARD |
| 000011 | <i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i> | DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS |
| 000018 | <i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i> | DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER) |
| 000004 | <i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i> | DOMESTIC TURKEY |
| 000002 | <i>Columba livia domestica</i> | DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS |
| 000001 | <i>Psittacus erithacus</i> | CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT |
| 000002 | <i>Numida meleagris</i> | DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN |
| 000003 | <i>Streptopelia capicola</i> | BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE |
| 000183 | Total | |



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