



Inspection Report

Giraffe Inn and Safari LLC
36 CR 4014
New Boston, TX 75570

Customer ID: **6020950**
Certificate: **74-C-1172**
Site: 001
Giraffe Inn and Safari LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 03-JUN-2025

2.40(b)(2) Direct

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

A young adult female white-tailed deer, with eartag #41, was extremely thin. Her spine, ribs, hip bones, and shoulder bones were readily apparent from a distance. She was hanging around the prep kitchen, where veggie scraps were frequently tossed out for her to eat. The safari area had abundant grass and other vegetation. The licensee was aware of her condition but thought she wasn't adjusting to being out on safari. The licensee had not contacted the vet nor initiated any treatment such as deworming. If daily observations of animals are not communicated to the vet in a timely manner and appropriate methods to diagnose and treat disease are delayed, animals can suffer pain, distress, and death. Correct by frequently communicating health conditions to the vet and initiating appropriate treatment promptly. Correct by 6/4/25.

2.131(e) Critical

Handling of animals.

Five Oryx died in February 2025 during an extended cold snap, where daily lows were near or below freezing for approximately 2 weeks and precipitation occurred on 4 days. The Safari area is heavily wooded with deciduous trees and a horse barn was left open towards the front entrance of the safari. The licensee stated that he burned bonfires during the cold snap but the oryx always stayed back and while he saw them towards the front of the safari at night, he never saw them enter the barn. No necropsies were performed but the attending vet assumed they had froze to death. As an African antelope species, Oryx have both a thinner haircoat and are more lean than deer acclimated to colder climates and are more likely to suffer negative consequences when subjected to extremely cold temperatures with or without precipitation. When climatic conditions present a threat to an animal's health, appropriate measures must be taken to alleviate the impact of those conditions. An animal may never be subjected to any combination of temperature, humidity, and time that is detrimental to the animal's health or well-being, taking into consideration such factors as the animal's age, species, breed, health status, and acclimation. Correct from 6/3/25 forward.

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

Inside the front gate of the main pasture, off to the left side there was numerous piles of debris, gates and other materials. The animals housed in the pasture do have access to this area. The hoofstock could climb on the debris and get injured or become entrapped. The debris must be removed from the areas that animals have access to. Premises (buildings and grounds) must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury. To be corrected by: 07-03-2025.

Prepared By: JOHN LIES

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

COURTNEY JERNIGAN, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Anser anser domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC GOOSE
000001	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000024	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000040	<i>Axis axis</i>	AXIS DEER / SPOTTED DEER / CHITAL
000040	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	RED DEER
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000003	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000014	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000045	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000036	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000003	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000001	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000010	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000004	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000001	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>	BACTRIAN CAMEL
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000007	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000009	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000006	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Rhea pennata</i>	LESSER RHEA / DARWIN'S RHEA
000003	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	REEVE'S MUNTJAC
000003	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000002	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	GREATER KUDU
000004	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE / GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE
000004	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000004	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	MUTE SWAN
000011	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Hexaprotodon liberiensis</i>	PYGMY HIPPOPOTAMUS
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