



Inspection Report

CRAIG KOKAS

3153 PROSPECT-UPPER SANDUSKY RD
PROSPECT, OH 43342

Customer ID: **2115**

Certificate: **31-A-0031**

Site: 001

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Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 13-OCT-2022

2.40(a)(2)

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

The seven mink and four striped skunks documented on the last inspection report for needing veterinary care were euthanized by the licensee before discussing them with the new Attending Veterinarian (AV) and without seeking any veterinary care for their injuries / illnesses. The licensee stated that he had sought guidance from a non-veterinary source who advised him that it was better to euthanize the animals that were documented by the USDA rather than discussing them with the new AV, and possibly overwhelming him. All dealers and exhibitors must ensure that the Attending Veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use. Choosing to euthanize animals in need of veterinary care that were identified by APHIS Officials rather than communicating those issues to the Attending Veterinarian, prevents the AV from having the opportunity to provide guidance for their care, fully assessing the housing and husbandry at the facility, and therefore prevents them from ensuring the adequacy of both veterinary care and other aspects of animal care. Correct by ensuring that the Attending Veterinarian has authority to ensure the provision of adequate care and further by ensuring that any additional animals identified by APHIS Officials are appropriately examined by a veterinarian to ensure appropriate methods are employed to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat disease. Correct by: October 14, 2022.

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At least 7 animals were identified during the inspection that required veterinary care. These animals were not identified by the licensee prior to inspection.

One brown adult male alpaca was observed by inspectors to have creamy discharge present at the base of the right ear. The licensee restrained the animal for inspectors to get a closer examination. Upon further examination there was dried dark brown exudate at the base of the ear and cream-colored discharge that was coming from a 2 cm circular mass at the base of the ear. When light pressure was applied to this mass a large amount of thick cream-colored discharge was expressed. Discharge coming from the ears of an animal can indicate an abscess or ear infection. Abscesses are known to be particularly painful before they are opened and leaving them without treatment can lead to unnecessary pain and suffering.

One arctic fox was observed by inspectors to have excessively long nails. The nails were long enough that when the animal was standing the nails extended through the wire floor approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch. Excessively long toenails can cause difficulty walking and may become caught in wire-bottom enclosures, causing injury.

Five skunk were observed with excessively long toenails. The nails were long enough that they extended through the wire flooring of the enclosures while walking. Excessively long toenails can cause difficulty walking and can be caught in wire-bottom enclosures and cause injury.

Failure to adequately observe animals daily, and/or failure to communicate issues of abnormal animal health and behavior to the attending veterinarian in a timely manner, is not adequate veterinary care. Without adequate veterinary care, an

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animal's condition may worsen, and if infectious, can spread to other individuals. Correct by ensuring that the animals and conditions listed above are reported to the attending veterinarian so that the animals can be properly examined, diagnosed, and treated. Additionally, ensure that daily observation of animals is adequate to identify all signs of abnormal health and behavior. Ensure that there is accurate and timely communication of problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

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Watering.

Approximately 30% of the animals on the property were found to be thirsty during inspection because their water containers were dry. Several additional animals had water contaminated with feces. The inspection process began at approximately 12 pm eastern time. The licensee stated he had last watered the animals the prior evening around 7 pm. The licensee stated that since the last inspection he has begun watering twice daily, but that he had not yet finished watering that morning. At the start of the inspection, water receptacles in the front of the facility appeared to have water, but the majority receptacles in the back of the property and mink barn were dry. The licensee provided water to these animals throughout the inspection. Approximately 105 mink, 36 ferrets, 8 striped skunks, 14 Arctic fox, 20 red fox, and 1 raccoon all drank immediately when provided with water. Several animals were observed drinking voraciously including at least 3 red fox that drank for over two minutes and two mink which were observed drinking to the point of spitting up water only to begin drinking again immediately. The eagerness and length of time spent consuming water when offered indicates that the animals are extremely thirsty, and that the current schedule for watering is not sufficient to meet the animals' basic needs. The facility must provide water as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animals.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Licensee.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000010	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	SIKA DEER
000005	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000013	<i>Spilogale gracilis</i>	WESTERN SPOTTED SKUNK
000013	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000163	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000053	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000014	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000001	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000006	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000011	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000040	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000036	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000105	<i>Mustela vison</i>	AMERICAN MINK
000042	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000052	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000019	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000585	Total	