



Inspection Report

Lupa Game Farm Inc
545 West Street
Ludlow, MA 01056

Customer ID: **6358**
Certificate: **14-C-0051**
Site: 001
Lupa Game Farm Inc

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 25-APR-2023

2.40(b)(2)

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

At the time of inspection, the open bottle of xylazine stored with the darting equipment had expired in November 2017. On discussion with the facility representative, he stated that expired xylazine had been used to attempt to chemically restrain an escaped eland several times since its escape at the beginning of April. Use of expired medication may compromise the success of efforts to recapture an escaped animal. Appropriate methods must be used to prevent or control issues of animal health and well being; expired medications are not an appropriate method to sedate or anesthetize an animal for recapture as they may not be safe or effective.

To be corrected from April 28th forward.

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

The licensee reports that a large storm impacted the facility on April 1st, 2023 and damaged the eland enclosure. A female eland escaped its primary enclosure, but the animal was still contained on the zoo premises until the following day, when the main gate was left open by arriving staff before animals were confirmed to be secure and the eland escaped through the open gate. The zoo was not open to the public at that time. The facility has made several attempts to recapture the animal, but have been unable to do so. Improper handling procedures (such as leaving gates open after

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severe weather damaged the facility to an unknown extent) led to the escape of the eland, who has been sighted intermittently in the surrounding area over the last several weeks. Escaped animals can be subject to severe distress, physical harm, and unnecessary discomfort. Handling of all animals must be done as carefully as possible and in a manner that cannot lead to an animal escape, which can cause trauma, behavioral stress, and/or unnecessary discomfort.

The animal remains at large at the time of inspection and the facility is continuing efforts to recapture her safely. In response to this incident, facility representatives state that the gates will remain closed when the zoo is not open to the public. To be corrected from April 28th forward.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000001	Total	