



## Inspection Report

Deer Forest Exotic Animal Sanctuary  
6800 Indian Lane  
Coloma, MI 49038

Customer ID: **331334**

Certificate: --

Site: 001

DEER FOREST EXOTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 04-AUG-2014

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### 2.1(a)(1) REPEAT

#### REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION.

The applicant has Bobcats, cavies, goats, Watusi, Whitetailed deer and a rabbit on exhibit to the public at their amusement facility.

Any person operating or intending to operate as a exhibitor, except persons who are exempted from the licensing requirements under paragraph (a)(3) of this section, must have a valid license.

A USDA, APHIS, AC license must be obtained to exhibit animals to the public.

### 2.131(a) REPEAT

#### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Since June, 2013 the applicant has been in charge of animal care at the facility and there have been numerous deaths of animals in their care. The list includes one ringtail lemur, 1 bobcat kitten, 2 adult watusi, 2 cavy, 1 fox, one peacock, one Chinese pheasant and two fallow deer. The applicant has recently acquired 2 Whitetailed deer fawns. The applicant has no experience bottle raising these animals. The applicants husband stated that the technician that was hired this spring supposedly had wild and exotic animal experience but they found out she had only worked at a dog kennel which is also the only experience that the applicants husband has with animals and the applicant also has not stated that she has any experience with wild or exotic animals.

All licensees who maintain wild or exotic animals must demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of the species they maintain.

The applicant must gain the appropriate knowledge and experience of any species of animal prior to acquiring the animal or hire someone with the proper knowledge and experience with the species involved.

### 2.131(d)(2) REPEAT

#### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

The public is allowed to hand feed animals on exhibit including: six goats and a watusi, . The public may contact

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the animals during feeding. Employees or attendants are not present during these times of public contact. One of the rabbits present at a previous inspection was seen by the attending veterinarian for a back issue that was causing lameness. The care takers are not aware of how the injury happened because there are no attendants present at times of public contact. Unattended public contact may result in physical injury to the animals by trauma or them eating unapproved items. The animals experience mental harm when they are subject to ignorant and inappropriate human contact. A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during public contact.

### 3.125(a) REPEAT

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The Watusi escaped its enclosure overnight and is now in the horse enclosure. The horse enclosure is in very poor condition and is also not sufficient to contain a Watusi.

The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

All animals must be contained in an enclosure that is appropriate for the species to prevent escape or injury of the animals. Repair or replace the Watusi enclosure fencing.

### 3.127(d) REPEAT

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The two cavy are in an enclosure that does not have a perimeter fence.

On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities (i.e., facilities not entirely indoors) must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. Fences less than 6 feet high for other animals must be approved in writing by the Administrator. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence. Such fences less than 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

A perimeter fence must be erected around any enclosure housing a wild or exotic animal to act as secondary containment and to prevent death of the animal by a predator.

Inspection and exit conducted with an employee.

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NO REGULATED ACTIVITIES MAY BE CONDUCTED UNTIL A VALID USDA LICENSE IS OBTAINED.

Sent by certified mail due to ACIS issues.

### Additional Inspectors

Hammel Kurt, Veterinary Medical Officer

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## Species Inspected

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331334	na	001	DEER FOREST EXOTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY	04-AUG-14

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000006	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
<b>000014</b>	<b>Total</b>	