



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: 02-JUL-2024

3.150(a)

Facilities, general.

The shelter in the enclosure for the two swans had multiple missing or broken boards. Broken or missing boards can lead to entrapment and/or injury.

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: July 12th, 2024

2.40(a)(1)

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

The facility did not have a program of veterinary care available at the time of inspection. No program of veterinary care available for inspection does not allow inspectors to identify the attending veterinarian, the frequency of the veterinarian visits, and the attending veterinarian's recommendations on animal health issues and prevention. Each exhibitor shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time attending veterinarian, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the exhibitor.

Correction Date: July 9th, 2024

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

One nilgai was acquired by the facility since the last inspection. The facility was not able to provide any acquisition records for the nilgai.

Accurate record keeping is crucial for ensuring a thorough inspection and needed to rapidly identify and trace animals in a potential disease outbreak.

Every exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information concerning animals other than dogs and cats, purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born or hatched of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control, to the extent that any identification or counting of offspring can be carried

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out without unduly disturbing nesting or rearing activities.

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2.134(a)

Contingency planning.

During the inspection, a contingency plan was not made available to inspectors for review. An inadequate contingency plan could affect animal health and well-being. All exhibitors must develop, document, and follow an appropriate plan to provide for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing, and care of their animals in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Correction Date: July 8th, 2024

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

The enclosure with two beavers had an area of the dig barrier in the enclosure where the ground had been dug out under the dig barrier. This left exposed dig barrier that the beavers could potentially become entrapped in and cause injury. The enclosure with the artic fox had one area of the dig barrier of the enclosure where the ground had been dug out through the dig barrier of the enclosure. This left exposed dig barrier that the fox could potentially become entrapped in and cause injury.

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.

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3.129(a)

Feeding.

The dog food that is used to feed the fox and the jackal that was being stored in the hay barn had multiple holes in the bags. The facility representative reported that they were where either ground hogs or squirrels had chewed through the bags.

Wild animals gaining access to the food for exhibited animals allows that food to become contaminated and increases the risk of disease to the animals.

The food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. Animals shall be fed at least once a day except as dictated by hibernation, veterinary treatment, normal fasts, or other professionally accepted practices.

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3.129(b)

Feeding.

The food receptacle for two raccoons had an coating of black dirt on the self-feeder.

Food receptacles must be kept clean to prevent contamination and deterioration of the food fed to the fox. Food that is contaminated or deteriorated in nutritive value may lead to weight loss from the animals not eating the food or health

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issues.

Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. If self-feeders are used, adequate measures shall be taken to prevent molding, contamination, and deterioration or caking of food.

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3.153(a)(1)(iii)

Primary enclosures.

During inspection it was noted that there were five pigeons on the outside of a primary enclosure. The facility representative reported that three of them were intentionally out as pest control but that two of them had recently escaped the enclosure. The facility was not currently attempting to return any of the pigeons to their primary enclosure and reported that they could access food and water in a nearby open topped duck enclosure.

Primary enclosures that do not securely contain birds and lead to bird escapes put birds at a high risk of predation and injury.

Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they contain the birds securely.

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3.154

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

There was no written environmental enrichment plan for the birds.

Insufficient enrichment for birds can cause psychological distress to birds and can lead to aggression or self-injurious behavior.

A written enrichment plan must be established, approved by the attending veterinarian and available to USDA inspectors.

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3.155(b)

Feeding

The feed receptacle for an enclosure containing eight chickens, two ducks and nine pigeons had a tennis ball sized cake of moldy food in the corner of the self feeder.

Feed that is contaminated or deteriorated in nutritive value may lead to weight loss from the birds not eating the food or health issues.

Food receptacles and feeding areas must be kept clean and sanitized in accordance with § 3.158. Used food receptacles must be cleaned and sanitized before they can be used to provide food to birds maintained in a separate enclosure.

Measures must be taken to ensure there is no molding, deterioration, contamination, or caking or undesirable wetting or freezing of food within or on food receptacles.

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

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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
000004	<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
000001	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000013	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000014	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000006	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000004	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000004	<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
000007	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000005	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN
000027	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000019	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEAFAWL / COMMON PEAFAWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000001	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000002	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	MUTE SWAN
000014	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK
000003	<i>Anser anser domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC GOOSE
000002	<i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i>	REEVES'S PHEASANT
000001	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT
000003	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	GOLDEN PHEASANT
000013	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	COMMON SHELDUCK
000001	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	MALLARD
000047	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000030	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000007	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000049	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
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