



Inspection Report

Chris DeGasperi and Mikayla Pursely
2771 CR 168
Dundee, OH 44624

Customer ID: **6015626**

Certificate:

Site: 001

Chris DeGasperi and Mikayla
Pursley

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 03-JUL-2023

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Requirements and application.

Mr. DeGasperi and Ms. Pursely were both observed jointly exhibiting animals without a valid USDA license at a public event in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Additionally, both have conducted regulated dealer activity without a license by consigning covered species to the Mount Hope exotics auction. The exhibition being performed at this event included selling food to the public to feed the animals and allowing public interaction with exhibit animals. The two unlicensed individuals were both running and working the animal exhibition area. The animals currently being exhibited are one African Crested Porcupine, one Mountain Coati, two Dromedary Camels, one Brama, one Sheep, six Pigs, and 26 goats.

Auction records indicate that Mr. DeGasperi sold one African Crested Porcupine at the Mount Hope exotics sale under the fraudulent USDA license number 54-C-0044 on 16-August-2022. Auction records also indicate that Ms. Pursely sold two African crested porcupines under the fraudulent license number 44-C-0044 on 03-November-2022. Both sales records listed the same address for the consignment. Neither of these license numbers is a valid license.

Mr. DeGasperi and Ms. Pursely stated to an non-uniformed inspector during the exhibition event on 01-July-2023 that they were licensed. The inspector then attempted to locate license number of the individuals and determined they were not licensed. Upon the return of the inspector in uniform, the individuals stated that they will be applying for a USDA license once their moving process is completed but they are not currently licensed. Operating without a valid license impedes the ability of APHIS officials to ensure adequate welfare for the animals in the facility. No person shall operate as a dealer, exhibitor, or operator of an auction sale, without a valid license.

No regulated activity, to include the exhibition or sale of regulated animals, can be conducted until a USDA license has been obtained.

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Non-interference with APHIS officials.

On 03-November-2022 Ms. Persely sold two African Crested Porcupines and one Flemish Giant Rabbit at the Mount Hope exotics sale under the fraudulent license number 44-C-0044. On 16-September-2022 Mr. DeGasperi sold one African Crested Porcupine at the Mount Hope exotics sale under the fraudulent USDA license number 54-C-0044. The license numbers that both individuals used on sales records are not associated with either unlicensed individual or active USDA

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license numbers. The addresses used on both sale records indicate that both individuals are working out of the same location. An active license is required to sell animals at an auction.

Falsification of certificate numbers to conduct regulated activity without a USDA license interferes with APHIS officials' ability to ensure the Animal Welfare Act regulations are being followed and that adequate animal welfare is maintained.

Correct by ensuring that all information provided to APHIS officials through APHIS forms and other means are valid.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Facility Representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6015626		001	Chris DeGasperi and Mikayla Pursley	03-JUL-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000002	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000001	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000006	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000026	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000038	Total	