



## Inspection Report

Atlanta Safari Park  
6210 Highway 326  
Commerce, GA 30530

Customer ID: **6015081**  
Certificate: **67-C-0012**  
Site: 001  
Atlanta Safari Park

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION  
Date: 15-NOV-2024

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The Record of Animals on hand (acquisition and disposition records) seen at time of inspection was not current or complete. Since 9/11/2024, additional animals have been acquired and more have been sold and/or disposed of, per the licensee, without documentation as follows:

- Acquisitions: two blackbucks, one Scottish highland, one bison, four llamas, two water buffalos, and one zebra.
- Dispositions: one bison, two oryx, one llama, three zebras, and three budgies.

Accurate and complete acquisition and disposition records are necessary to allow for medical and legal tracking of the animals. The facility shall ensure that they make, keep, and maintain records that fully and correctly disclose all the required information for all animals purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased or in their possession or which are transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession.

Corrected at the time of inspection.

Correct by: November 30, 2024.

### 2.131(c)(1)

#### Handling of animals.

The facility is not ensuring that animals are handled with minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public. At the time of inspection, inspectors observed an eland placing its head inside a public vehicle as a result of the public feeding the animal from inside the vehicle, against the facility's posted rules. An attendant was either not present or did not intervene. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public to assure the safety of animals and the public. When animals place their heads inside guest's personal vehicles, there is more than minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public. The licensee must ensure that animals are handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public.

Correct by December 1, 2024.

### 2.131(d)(2)

Repeat

#### Handling of animals.

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The facility did not have an attendant present when the public was allowed to have contact with regulated animals as follows:

- Inspectors observed visitors failing to follow park rules such as only feeding animals by holding food buckets outside the window, and either an attendant was not present to enforce the rules, or the attendant did not take responsibility for enforcing the rules.
- At the petting zoo area, inspectors observed patrons feeding and/or touching llamas, pigs, and goats in a barnyard without a readily identifiable employee or attendant present.
- At the giraffe feeding station, adults were observed feeding the giraffes lettuce with no attendant present.
- At the walk-in budgie aviary, three patrons were observed entering and exiting the aviary with no attendant present in the aviary.

Lack of employee oversight of direct interactions between the animals and the visitors may lead to injury to the humans and/or injury or distress to the animals. A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact.

### 3.125(a)

#### Facilities, general.

The giraffe barn is not maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. The indoor barn for the giraffes has a hanging exhaust fan cord located approximately 11 feet from the ground. The taller giraffe is approximately 12 feet tall with its mouth located at about 11 feet. The shorter giraffe is approximately 11 feet tall. The cord is routed through the wall and the outlet isn't visible from inside the barn. The licensee states that the fan is not currently in use but has been powered on and used during warmer weather as recently as this past summer season (since the last inspection). While the outlet itself is protected from the giraffes, the fan's electrical cord is hanging within reach of the giraffes. The cord is unprotected, risking chewing or pulling with the giraffe's long prehensile tongue (average length is 18-20 inches), and is not secured against the wall, risking potential entanglement with their ossicones and/or head. Inspectors observed the taller giraffe nibbling at the wooden boards separating the stalls in the barn. Per the licensee, the giraffes have been chewing on parts of the barn as evidenced by multiple chew marks along the length of the top of the wooden wall separating the stalls, as well as the top of and sides of the sliding wooden gate. These chew marks highlight the oral exploratory nature of these giraffes. Unsecured and unprotected electrical cords within reach of the animal can cause entanglement, injury, or possibly electrocution to the animals. The housing facility must be maintained to protect the animals from injury.

Correct by November 30, 2024

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

This is a continuation of the report for the routine inspection beginning 11/15/2024, and contains the remaining non-compliances found during the inspection. This inspection was conducted with the licensees on 11/15/2024 and a final exit briefing for the items included in this report was conducted on 11/25/2024.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6015081	67-C-0012	001	Atlanta Safari Park	15-NOV-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000009	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000020	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000045	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000007	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000017	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000005	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000004	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000005	<i>Kobus lechwe</i>	RED LECHWE / SOUTHERN LECHWE
000001	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000007	<i>Bos javanicus</i>	BANTENG
000004	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000002	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000005	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000203	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000005	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000021	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL
000006	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000004	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000001	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000003	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000010	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000010	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	RED DEER
000002	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000399	<b>Total</b>	



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