



## Inspection Report

Wilson Horse & Mule Sale Inc  
1050 W Cemetery Rd  
Cookeville, TN 38506

Customer ID: **38048**

Certificate: **63-B-0180**

Site: 001

WILSON HORSE & MULE SALE INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 11-SEP-2015

### 2.40(b)(2)

#### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

On the morning of 9/11/15 the inspector identified three animals that were in need of veterinary care that had not been thusly identified by facility staff.

- 1) A capybara (#1132) had red material resembling thickened blood on its nose.
- 2) A red banteng female (#6164) was noted squinting its left eye with a large amount of active tearing and tear staining down the entire length of the right side of her face underneath the eye. She appeared agitated and tried to turn her neck to rub the eye on her side.
- 3) A member of the public addressed me thinking I worked for the auction as she saw a newborn alpaca cria that was having difficulty breathing and appeared very weak and the female alpaca (#2542) did not seem to be taking care of it.

Review of consignment records did not document any health issues regarding these animals. The inspector notified one of the principals of the auction who stated he would contact his veterinarian (on site). One of the vet techs later notified me that the animals were being "monitored".

Followup of the three animals on 9/12/15 was conducted. The capybara had been sold. The banteng's eye appeared much improved. She was no longer squinting and drainage was minimal. The alpaca cria had died.

The facility is responsible for identifying veterinary issues and ensuring adequate veterinary care to include diagnosis and treatment for those animals needing emergency care while at the auction. Correct from this day forward.

### 2.131(d)(2) REPEAT

#### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

\*On 9/11/15 the USDA inspector was asked a couple of times by members of the public about animals as the person assumed the inspector was an employee of the auction. One person who was extremely upset about the

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newborn alpaca crea was desperately trying to find a staff member to notify. The inspector also could not identify who the auction staff were as none were readily identifiable. No one was wearing identifying clothing or identification tags.

\*On 9/11/15 the inspector noticed a man entering a stall with a large camel to interact with the camel. When asked if he owned the camel, the man replied no and left the area. On 9/12/15 several members of the public were noted crowding around a pen housing two baby zebra. The zebras became agitated and started bucking/trying to get away from the people trying to touch them. No facility personnel were noted in the area monitoring the activity.

The licensee must provide readily identifiable, responsible and knowledgeable attendants during all periods of public contact to ensure the safety of both the public and the animals. The public must be able to identify whom to contact with concerns/questions. Failure to provide this oversight during public contact may lead to injury to the animals or the public.

### 2.132(d) REPEAT

#### PROCUREMENT OF DOGS, CATS, AND OTHER ANIMALS; DEALERS.

During the auction, an unlicensed individual attempted to consign multiple hedgehogs that they had bred. The individual stated they had sent in a USDA Animal Welfare Act license application and were in the process of obtaining their license but had not yet completed the process. They were informed that a valid license had to be issued before they could conduct regulated activity. A few hours later another unlicensed person brought in the same hedgehogs in the same exact enclosures. When questioned, she stated that she had not bred the hedgehogs-she stated she had gotten them from someone else. When informed that the brokering of exotic animals requires a USDA license, she told the USDA inspector that that was not the case because she specifically asked one of the auction principals if it was legal for her to sell the hedgehogs and he told her that it was. Once learning this information, she said she would give the hedgehogs back to the person who gave them to her. No dealer shall knowingly obtain any animal from any person who is required to be licensed but who does not hold a current, valid and unsuspended license.

### 3.125(d)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Two dead animals were noted in an enclosure pen in the auction building section housing sheep and goats on the morning of 9/11/15: one 2 horn Jacobs (#76) and one tan & black billy (#120). A strong unpleasant odor was noted while standing in front of the pen. In the adjacent pen were live sheep and goats. Consignment forms were reviewed for the animals and no notations of any health issues were noted. Multiple staff members were asked about what had happened to the animals and why they were in the pen-most had no idea. One staff person stated that they

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stressed and died during the auction process the previous day. Another staff person stated that they were still in the pen as they still needed to have their ear tags removed prior to disposal. Disposal of dead animals needs to be done in a timely manner to prevent distress to any nearby live animals and to prevent odors/attraction of pests. Corrected the afternoon of 9/11/15.

### 3.127(a) REPEAT

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

Numerous outdoor pens/enclosures in back of the covered barn pens/stalls are open to the elements with no sides or overhead protection from inclement weather. On 9/11/15 the day started out bright and sunny and warmed up fairly quickly. Animals housed in the outdoor enclosures include watusi, bison, cattle and water buffalo. The animals had no shade provided to protect them from the direct rays of the sun.

### 3.127(b)

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

Numerous outdoor pens/enclosures in back off the covered barn pens/stalls are open to the elements with no sides or overhead protection from inclement weather. The weather on 9/11/15 started out dry, bright and sunny. A thunderstorm with lots of rain appeared in the late afternoon/early evening. The animals outside (including water buffalo, watusi, bison, cattle) had no protection or shelter to allow them to remain dry during the rain. The dirt in their enclosures quickly became wet sloppy mud and standing water. One young water buffalo was noted bawling during the storm. The rain stopped overnight. The following morning on 9/12/15 the standing water and mud in the enclosures was over ankle deep on the bison. The animals' feet made sucking sounds when they lifted them to move about in their enclosure. This may lead to slipping of the animals, hoof problems and injury. Fresh hay was thrown on top of the wet mud which may lead to contamination of the hay being eaten by the animals. Live animals shall be provided protection to allow them to remain dry during rain. Correct from this day forward.

### 3.128 REPEAT

#### SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

Several pens in the arena barn and in the newer smaller barn next door were noted containing so many sheep and goats that the animals could not turn around freely or lie down without being trampled by the other animals on 9/11/15. The animals were of multiple sizes and some of the smaller animals were noted standing underneath the larger/taller ones as they had nowhere else to go. One pen measuring 5ft by 8ft contained 19 sheep and goats. A second pen measuring 6ft by 9 ft contained 27 sheep and goats. Two animals in one of the pens were noted trying to fight--the surrounding animals tried to push their way away from the fighting ones but had no place to go. Overcrowding can lead to stress, discomfort, injury and overheating. Enclosures/pens used to house animals shall

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be large enough to ensure that each animal contained therein has sufficient space to turn about freely and to make normal postural adjustments (stand, sit and lie down).

### 3.131(c) REPEAT

#### SANITATION.

\*The outside locked area holding the cages for the exotic and pet species to include ferrets, prairie dogs, capybara, cavy and wallabies needs cleaning. Spilled feed and discarded portions of bananas/banana skins were lying on the shelves next to the cages attracting a large number of flies. Flies can lead to spread of disease and may bother the animals. Empty soda/drink bottles were piled up behind a couple of the prairie dog enclosures.

\*Twine and string pieces were noted on the ground and tied to enclosure stall boards in several of the stalls housing the exotic hoofstock. A couple of fallow deer were noted chewing and eating the twine. Twine ingestion can lead to intestinal tract issues.

The facility premises and grounds shall be kept clean in order to protect the animals and facilitate prescribed husbandry practices. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary.

Inspection conducted over two days 9/11/15-9/12/15. Exit conducted with undersigned facility representative.

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
38048	63-B-0180	001	WILSON HORSE & MULE SALE INC	11-SEP-15
<b>Count</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>		
000003	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	ADDAX		
000003	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP		
000004	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK		
000076	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	HEDGEHOG		
000009	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON		
000001	<i>Bos javanicus</i>	BANTENG		
000026	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU		
000112	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI		
000006	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO		
000004	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET		
000005	<i>Camelus bactrianus domestic</i>	DOMESTIC BACTRIAN CAMEL		
000003	<i>Camelus dromedarius domestic</i>	DOMESTIC DROMEDARY CAMEL		
000122	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT		
000079	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG		
000006	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA		
000009	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG		
000019	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER		
000024	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA		
000007	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA		
000005	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA		
000007	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>	CAPE PORCUPINE		
000030	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA		
000046	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA		
000002	<i>Lupus hallstromi</i>	NEW GUINEA SINGING DOG		
000004	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE *MALE		
000011	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER (COMMON PET/RESEARCH TYPE)		
000001	<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	GREY SHORT-TAILED OPOSSUM		
000008	<i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>	HAZEL DORMOUSE		
000001	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI		
000003	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY		
000001	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO		
000178	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS		
000016	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER		
000004	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU		
000001	<i>Saguinus midas</i>	RED-HANDED TAMARIN		
000001	<i>Spermophilus spilosoma</i>	SPOTTED GROUND SQUIRREL		
000034	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG		
000001	<i>Tamias sibiricus</i>	SIBERIAN CHIPMUNK		
000003	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX		
<b>000875</b>	<b>Total</b>			