



Inspection Report

ROBERT SAWMILLER
16761 COUNTY ROAD 25A
WAPAKONETA, OH 45895

Customer ID: **2942**
Certificate: **31-C-0221**
Site: 002
DAVID EICHER

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 02-FEB-2021

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Facilities, outdoor.

The facility is currently using six metal barrels and one plastic tank-type structure as a means of shelter for seven bears. While each of the shelters is bedded with a large amount of hay/straw, three of the metal shelters do not allow the facility access for changing of the bedding while the bears are in the primary enclosure due to how they are affixed to the enclosure. The plastic shelter is completely contained within the primary enclosure. Additionally, the facility has wrapped the six metal shelters with blankets/quilts secured with bailing twine. These blankets are not waterproof and given the local climatic conditions will become wet reducing their insulating ability. The inability of the facility to maintain appropriate bedding and improper insulation of shelters may lead to hypothermia and undue suffering of these animals. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

KURT HAMMEL, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

DANA MILLER

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

Date:

03-FEB-2021

Received by Title: Licensee

Date:

03-FEB-2021



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
2942	31-C-0221	002	DAVID EICHER	02-FEB-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000005	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	BROWN BEAR
000007	Total	