# Inspection Report

Lion Country Safari, Inc. - FL

2003 Lion Country Safari Road
Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Customer ID: **3049**

Certificate: **58-C-0938**

Site: 001

Lion Country Safari, Inc. - FL

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 29-AUG-2024

**2.131(b)(1)**          **Critical**

**Handling of animals.**

On 8/14/2024, an adult male ostrich was run over by an animal keeper's truck. Despite receiving veterinary care, the ostrich died the next day. The facility reports that the keeper had parked the truck outside the marabou stork enclosure to perform husbandry duties. After servicing the animals, the keeper exited the enclosure, returned to the vehicle, and began driving forward. The keeper felt something hit the front bumper of the truck and immediately stopped. Upon exiting the truck, the keeper discovered that the ostrich had been struck along its back by the front bumper and was unable to stand.

An internal investigation determined that the animal keeper did not follow established procedures for driving when animals are present. Inadequate handling or protection from vehicles when driving around animals can lead to severe injury or death. All animals shall be handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible, in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

Corrected prior to inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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**Title:**   VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

**Date:**
30-AUG-2024

**Received by Title:**   Facility Representative

**Date:**
30-AUG-2024

## Species Inspected

| Cust No | Cert No | Site | Site Name | Inspection |
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| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
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| 000000 | NONE | NONE |
| 000000 | Total | |