



Inspection Report

Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary
119 Doe Dr
Hubert, NC 28539

Customer ID: **32825**

Certificate:

Site: 002

Possumwood Acres Wildlife
Sanctuary

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 03-APR-2024

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Requirements and application.

Possumwood Acres Wildlife Sanctuary is conducting regulated activity with no valid USDA license.

- Signs are posted at this unlicensed facility indicating that public tours for large groups and small private groups are available. A log of tours conducted to date in 2024 was available during this inspection.
- The facility representative stated that school groups and small private tours occur and patrons are permitted to view and touch several species of animals at the facility.
- Photographic evidence of covered species being used as education animals with public contact at the facility location and at offsite public locations is posted on the facility's social media page.

The facility representative has been made aware of the federal Animal Welfare Act regulations regarding exhibition of USDA-covered animals without a license during at least two discussions with this inspector at the annual Wildlife Rehabilitators of NC annual meetings in January 2023 and January 2024. The facility representative has submitted a prelicense application but is actively conducting regulated activity without holding a valid license.

Exhibiting animals and allowing public contact with animals without the required federal license and oversight can put the animals at risk of mishandling or disease and the public at risk of injury. The regulations state that no person shall operate as an exhibitor without a valid license.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

NO regulated activity may be conducted until a valid USDA license is obtained.

Additional inspection personnel: 4 North Carolina Wildlife Commission representatives present for the inspection and exit interview.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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