

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

Romelia Farms Customer ID: 6012244

165 Gator Drive Certificate:

Merritt Island, FL 32953 Site: 001

Romelia Farms

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 17-AUG-2024

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Requirements and application.

At the time of this inspection, August 17, 2024 10:45am eastern, it was noted that a sloth was being exhibited to the public. USDA Officials made contact with the ticket attendant for the facility to speak with the owners. USDA Official made contact with the facility owner and they declined an inspection on advice of their attorney.

On July 12, 2024, the facility posted on their own social media page a photo of 4 minor children that were part of the camp program with a Muntjac deer, "Caesar."

These species are regulated animals and are not exempt, or excluded, from the Animal Welfare Act definition of exhibition. Therefore, a USDA Class "C" exhibitor license is required. An application must be submitted to the USDA -Animal Care office. A current copy of the Animal Welfare Regulations, an application packet, the website of the USDA online application, and an APHIS licensing point of contact have been provided.

You must stop exhibiting regulated animals without a license.

You cannot sell, offer to sell, transport, or offer to transport regulated animals without a valid USDA license. These activities are regulated activity and engaging in them is a violation of the Animal Welfare Act.

This inspection report, application packet, APHIS licensing point of contact, and animal welfare regulations were delivered to the ticket attendant. The facility owner did not answer the previously used phone number for exit interview at 12:06pm, 12:08pm, and 12:30pm. Messages were left on voicemail at 12:06pm and 12:30pm.

Prepared By: DAVID MERSEREAU Date: USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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Species Inspected

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Count Scientific Name Common Name

Choloepus didactylus LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH

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