



Inspection Report

HAND ME DOWN ZOO
1056 Highway 211 N W
WINDER, GA 30680

Customer ID: **502959**
Certificate: **57-C-0376**
Site: 001
HAND ME DOWN ZOO

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION
Date: 02-FEB-2022

2.131(c)(1)

Handling of animals.

Upon inspection, two main issues were identified regarding handling that included insufficient control of animals during public interactions and lack of adequate public barriers.

During the public interaction with the servals and the small-clawed otter, there was insufficient direct control of the animals:

- During inspection, the female otter appeared hyperactive, incessantly moving/playing in her enclosure while constantly vocalizing. Furthermore, when the licensee entered the enclosure with a mask on, the otter attempted to take the mask and bit the licensee on the left forearm causing her to bleed from two significant puncture wounds. This otter demonstrated her potential to be dangerous. Yet, during public interaction, the otter, unrestrained, is allowed free roam and complete contact with patrons seated on a bench or on the floor in the enclosure. Per the licensee, the otter is allowed to climb up the patrons, reaching past their shoulders to their heads. There is no direct control of this otter during broad contact interactions as she is not physically restrained with a leash or harness and she is not trained for recall.
- The public is allowed to go into the servals' primary enclosure, accompanied by the licensee, while both servals are unrestrained. Neither animal has a harness or leash on, and they are not trained for recall. The patrons seated on a

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bench are allowed to freely touch/interact with the male serval roaming around. Servals have the potential to be dangerous given that they are wild predatory cats with sharp teeth and a significant bite force.

Given the potentially dangerous nature of these animals there is a high risk of injury to the public in the way the interactions are being conducted with insufficient direct control.

Two areas were found to have insufficient public barriers:

- There was no public barrier outside the servals' primary enclosure and the wire that made up the enclosure had gaps large enough to allow a paw or a small hand to go through.
- Large tree trunk logs were placed in front of three enclosures containing rabies vector species. One enclosure held three red foxes, another had four racoons, and finally, the last one contained an arctic fox. The large tree trunk logs were placed approximately 3-4 feet away from the enclosures at a height of approximately 18-20 inches but with significant breaks in between the logs, where a patron could easily walk between them and gain access to the wire of the primary enclosures.

There was insufficient control of the animals during the public interactions and insufficient public barriers in place that did not provide a safe environment for the public or the animals. These interactions and lack of public barriers could result in not only a member of the public becoming injured, but potentially also the animal. Handling of the animals during public exhibition must be done in a manner so there is minimal risk to the animal and the public. Proper handling includes having sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the general viewing public to assure the safety of the animals and the public. Adequate control of the animals during public interactions and appropriate public barriers must be provided.

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3.50(a)

Facilities, general.

Seven rabbits were housed outdoors on the ground in an enclosure consisting of four sides of wire fencing about 3 feet high. There was no cover or top to the enclosure and free-range chickens on the property were seen flying in and out of the rabbits' primary enclosure. Moreover, a clutch of chicken eggs was found in the straw bedding for the rabbits in their shelter. Other animals having access to the enclosure may stress, injure, or transmit diseases to the rabbits. Outdoor housing facilities for rabbits must protect the animals from injury, contain them and restrict the entrance of other animals.

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3.78(e)

Outdoor housing facilities.

The outdoor enclosure housing three ring tailed lemurs does not have a public barrier. The inspector could easily reach into the enclosure standing at the current public viewing area. Without a barrier, there is insufficient restriction of physical contact between the public and the nonhuman primates which could result in stress or injury to the animals and the public. Fixed public exhibits housing nonhuman primates, must have a barrier between the primary enclosure and the public at any time the public is present, in order to restrict physical contact between the public and the nonhuman primates.

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3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

Three enclosures had a live unprotected electrical cord that was accessible to the animals. The live cords were powering the Asian small-clawed otter's pool, the cat's water fountain and the ring-tailed lemurs' heater in their respective enclosures. Electrical cords pose a significant health risk to animals that may chew or pull on them. Unprotected powered electrical cords that are within an animal's enclosure allows access to an electrical hazard that can cause electrocution,

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injury and/or death. Housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect animals from injury including limiting access to electrical cords.

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This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "C" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspections or by APRIL 3, 2022 or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000009	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000001	<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>	SOUTHERN OPOSSUM
000002	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000004	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000005	<i>Felis sp</i>	DOMESTIC X EXOTIC CAT HYBRID
000002	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000006	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000010	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000001	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000004	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000001	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000002	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000019	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000004	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000002	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000001	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000005	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000002	<i>Canis lupus X C. l. familiaris</i>	WOLF/DOG HYBRID
000003	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000005	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000002	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000003	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000002	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
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