



Inspection Report

Claxtons Auction Co LLC
18627 Low Country Hwy
Ruffin, SC 29475

Customer ID: **327915**

Certificate:

Site: 001

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Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 15-JUL-2024

2.76(a)(4)

Records: Operators of auction sales and brokers.

The facility did not have complete acquisition records for numerous animals consigned to the auction during the March 2023 and May 2024 auctions. The records for one Red kangaroo, three Patagonian Cavies, one African Crested porcupine, one serval, three Mountain coatimundis, and one lemur were incomplete, missing the vehicle license number and state for unlicensed consignors of these animals.

Fully completed acquisition and disposition records for all animals consigned at an auction are necessary to accurately track and identify animals being used in regulated activities, as well as aid in the detection of movement of animals upon relocation to a new site.

The auction must document the USDA license number, if the individual is licensed, or vehicle license number and state and the driver's license number and state, if he or she is not licensed, for consigners and buyers at the sale.

Correct by August 5, 2024.

2.126(a)(2)

Access and inspection of records and property; submission of itineraries.

At the time of the inspection, the facility representative was unable to locate the required program of veterinary care and contingency plan for review. Review of essential records at a facility ensures they are operating as intended to safeguard the welfare of the animals housed and auctioned by the facility. The facility shall ensure that records required by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and animal welfare regulations are available for APHIS officials to review on all inspections. Correct by August 2, 2024.

2.132(d)

Procurement of dogs, cats, and other animals; dealers.

Upon review of the March 2023 and May 2024 exotic auction records, the following animals were accepted and sold by the auction from individuals without a valid USDA license: one kangaroo (tag E23); three Patagonian Cavies (tag E33, E35, E36), one porcupine (tag E34); one serval (tag E81), three coatimundis (tag E82, E83, E84), and one lemur (tag E85). When asked which species of lemur was consigned, the licensee stated they were unsure, only documenting the type of animal received.

Individuals maintaining a valid USDA license when acquiring and/or dispositioning wild and exotic animals ensures appropriate welfare oversight is maintained and continually reviewed for the animals housed, cared for, and transported

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by the respective facilities. No dealer or exhibitor shall knowingly obtain any dog, cat, or other animal from any person who is required to be licensed but who does not hold a current, valid, and unsuspended license.

Correct by July 26, 2024.

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

At least two areas adjacent to the stalls used to house animals during recent auctions remain overly cluttered, in addition to one additional area alongside the front perimeter fence line. Excess amounts of accumulated boxes, enclosures in disrepair, buckets, baskets, and other miscellaneous items remain stored in these areas. The extent of the storage involved stacks of the aforementioned items, preventing the facility from effecting cleaning and maintaining husbandry practices on the grounds. No one at the facility could visually assess or verify the condition of these areas where the items were held.

Excess accumulation and collection of unused items can attract pests harboring diseases that can be spread to regulated animals, as well as make it difficult to maintain husbandry standards and assess the integrity of the surrounding infrastructure and grounds in these areas.

The premise grounds shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to prevent animals from injury and facilitate good husbandry practices that place accumulations of trash in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

Correct by August 14, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee and facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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