



Inspection Report

Black Creek Wildlife Center
4067 Camden Hwy
Bishopville, SC 29010

Customer ID: **600351**
Certificate: **56-C-0278**
Site: 002
Black Creek Wildlife Center

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 04-MAY-2023

2.75(a)(2) Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The disposition record for one wolf-hybrid dog is still incomplete and missing required information on the official APHIS 7006 form. Failure to maintain completed animal records hinders accurate tracking, identification, and tracing of animals upon their removal from the current facility. Each dealer and exhibitor shall use Record of Acquisition and Dogs and Cats on Hand (APHIS Form 7005) and Record of Disposition of Dogs and Cats (APHIS Form 7006) forms to make, keep, and maintain required information concerning each dog, unless a variance is granted by APHIS.

2.75(b)(1) Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility has yet to fully complete the acquisition record for one bobcat. Acquisition and disposition records, including offspring born at the facility, 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 facility shall make, keep and maintain records that fully and correctly include all the required acquisition and disposition information, including: the name and address of the person from whom the animals were acquired, the USDA license number of the person if licensed or the vehicle license number and state and driver's license number and state if

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not licensed, the name and address of the person to whom an animal was given/sold, the date of acquisition or disposition, the species of animal and the number of animals involved.

2.80(b)

Records, disposition.

The facility has not maintained records for one wolf-hybrid dog that was euthanized within the past year. The licensee stated the records were erroneously thrown away. Failure to maintain the required recordkeeping information for the required amount of time can inhibit accurate identification and tracking of animals. The facility must make, keep, and maintain all records or forms required by this subpart for a period of 1 year after an animal is euthanized or disposed of and for any period in excess of one year as necessary to comply with any applicable Federal, State, or local law.

To be corrected by May 11, 2023.

3.125(a)

Critical

Facilities, general.

Upon arrival to the facility on April 22nd, the licensee found one White-Tail deer deceased in its enclosure. The deer had sustained bite marks and wounds, but the primary enclosure was still intact. The licensee stated they observed dog paw prints outside the enclosure, as well as a pack of stray dogs identified on the surveillance cameras the following night. The licensee suspected the same dogs were responsible for the deer attack. While the dogs did not enter the enclosure, they were still able to harm the deer through the primary enclosure fencing.

Animals housed in outdoor enclosures are more vulnerable to harm from surrounding predatory animals and further injury when enclosures fail to appropriately protect the animals. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

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3.127(d)

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Facilities, outdoor.

Upon arrival to the facility on April 22nd, the licensee found one bobcat injured within its primary enclosure. The licensee attributed the bobcat's injury to a pack of dogs that were observed on the facility's surveillance cameras. They also found evidence of chewed and torn areas on one side of the perimeter fence.

During today's inspection, the bottom edge of the perimeter fence encompassing the bobcat enclosure was lifted off the ground. The gap between the ground and the raised fence line measured 4.25 inches.

Having a perimeter fence in place protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it, permitting contact with the animals in the facility. Additionally, it serves as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility.

The perimeter fence must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence. Animals including, but not limited to, bobcats housed in outdoor facilities require a 6-foot-tall perimeter fence around their enclosure and must be at least 3-feet away from any enclosures or buildings, unless written approval by the Administrator has been obtained.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000004	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000000	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000000	<i>Canis lupus X C. l. familiaris</i>	WOLF/DOG HYBRID
000008	Total	