



Inspection Report

Theodore Willis
100 Goshen Way
Honea Path, SC 29654

Customer ID: **6009893**
Certificate: **56-C-0277**
Site: 001
Theodore Willis

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 01-NOV-2023

2.50(e)(2)

Time and method of identification.

The facility did not properly identify the birds on hand. Signs were used at each exhibit to identify the species of bird present, but failed to include the remaining required information needed to identify the birds in its respective primary enclosure. No other form of identification was used to identify the birds at the facility. Proper identification for all animals is essential for appropriate tracking of animals and to maintain compliance with the AWA. When one or more birds are confined in a primary enclosure, the bird shall be identified by all of the required information set forth in this subpart, or an alternative form of identification compliant with the AWA.
Correct by November 17, 2023.

2.126(a)(2)

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

At the time of inspection, none of the required records were available for review and examination by the APHIS official. Upon arrival, the licensee was contacted by phone, stating a facility representative would be available to conduct the inspection in their absence. The license also informed the inspector they would provide the inspector with required records needed for the inspection. Despite numerous follow-up calls to the licensee regarding records review, the inspector did not hear back from the licensee.

Review of paperwork at a facility ensures they are operating as intended to ensure the welfare of the animals used and housed by the facility. The facility shall ensure that records required by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and the regulations are available for APHIS officials to review on all inspections.
Correct by November 10, 2023.

3.127(b)

Facilities, outdoor.

Three sheep and one water buffalo calf did not have access to shelter in their exhibits. The facility has relocated the animals to new pens to accommodate the animals on display during their fall festival. The three sheep are now unable to access the shelter structure in the adjacent pasture due to a closed gate. The pen housing the water buffalo calf only provided a small overhang structure attached to a post, but did not provide sufficient shelter and protection from the elements.

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Inadequate protection from inclement weather can lead to overheating, discomfort, or increased exposure in extreme temperatures and elements. All animals must be provided with shelter to prevent discomfort, protection from direct sunlight, and exposure to extreme climates.

Correct by November 10, 2023.

3.131(a)

Sanitation.

One enclosure housing two Patagonian Cavies had increased amounts of excreta on the floor of sheltered housing structure. The facility representative stated this enclosure is known for needing cleaning more often than the other exhibits, but the facility has not been able to clean the enclosure since last week.

The accumulation of excreta can pose health risks to the animals by contaminating the enclosure themselves and attracting unwanted wildlife and vermin that may carry diseases.

The facility should have a practice in place to ensure husbandry standards are met in accordance with the animal welfare regulations. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards reduce odors.

Correct by November 10, 2023.

3.150(e)

Facilities, general.

Opened bags of bird feed in the food room were stored directly on the floor of the storage unit. Storing food supplies away from the walls and off the ground helps mitigate opportunities for vermin infiltration, while supporting efficient cleaning and monitoring practices for all food supplies stored before they are dispensed out to the avian species on-hand.

Supplies of food, including food supplements, bedding, and substrate must be stored in a manner that protects against deterioration, spoilage, contamination, and vermin infestation. The supplies must be stored off the floor and away from the walls, to allow cleaning underneath and around the supplies. All food must be stored in a manner that prevents deterioration of its nutritive value.

Correct by November 8, 2023.

3.152(b)

Facilities, outdoor

The outdoor enclosures housing five Cockatiels, five Parakeets, one Lady Amherst Pheasant, and three Silver Pheasants did not provide sufficient shelter from the wind. The enclosure housing the Imperial Pheasant did not provide any opportunities to inhibit wind entering the exhibit, while the other enclosures housing birds provided limited barriers to offset wind gusts that would enter the enclosure.

Inappropriate shelter exposes birds to extreme weather conditions which could cause discomfort, illness, or distress to the animals. The facility must provide an adequate shelter to protect the birds from any adverse weather conditions that is large enough to comfortably contain all the birds at one time and prevent their discomfort from direct sunlight, precipitation, or wind.

Correct by November 10, 2023.

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Watering

One primary enclosures housing five Cockatiels and five Parakeets did not have clean drinking water. The water was green in color, with particles and debris visualized throughout the water bowl. Per the facility representative, the water had not been changed for a few days.

The consumption of unclean drinking water can cause severe illness and decline in an animal's health. Accessibility to potable water is necessary for the well-being and comfort of the animal. All water receptacles must be kept clean and sanitized in accordance with 3.158 as often as necessary to keep them clean and free of contamination.

Correct by November 7, 2023.

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

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6009893	56-C-0277	001	Theodore Willis	01-NOV-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000001	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000001	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000001	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000002	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT
000001	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000003	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000003	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	SILVER PHEASANT
000005	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000005	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000035	Total	