

## United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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### **Inspection Report**

**Detroit Animal Welfare Group** 

78440 McKay Rd Bruce Twp. MI 48065 Customer ID: 502451

Certificate: 34-C-0424

Site: 001

Detroit Animal Welfare Group

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 26-JUN-2025

3.125(a) Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

An enclosure housing two foxes (Fig and Raisin) was not maintained to protect the animals from injury and to contain them. On the floor of the enclosure, there were two areas of exposed dig barrier, with significantly deep holes below the dig barrier. The dig barrier consisted of wire mesh panel with holes between the wire about 2 inches by 2 inches in area. The first area of exposed dig barrier was near the center of the enclosure and was approximately 5 feet by 5 feet in area. The hole below this dig barrier appeared to be at least 12 inches deep. At the edges of this area of exposed dig barrier, there were at least three tunnels about 6 inches in diameter leading to the hole below the dig barrier. Finally, there was a shelter about 3 feet wide and 5 feet long setting on top of the exposed dig barrier. The second area of exposed dig barrier was at the north side of the enclosure and was approximately 3 feet by 3 feet in area. The hole below this second area of exposed dig barrier was at least 3 inches deep. There was plywood covering about 95% of the exposed dig barrier; however, there was still one area of exposed dig barrier about 4 inches long by 4 inches wide.

The exposed dig barrier and existing tunnels could result in entrapment or injury to the foxes in the enclosure.

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.

#### 3.153(c)

#### Primary enclosures.

The pools or aquatic areas in four of the enclosures for three adult ducks and one adult goose were either absent or not big enough and deep enough for the ducks and goose to perform normal postural or social adjustments such as bathing, swimming, and foraging type behavior. Two ducks housed individually did not have an aquatic pool. One duck and one goose, each housed individually, each had a bowl about 12 inches in diameter and about 2 inches deep to serve as an aquatic pool.

The aquatic areas in the enclosures housing aquatic birds are either absent or not sufficiently deep, or large enough to allow the birds to make normal postural and social adjustments. This deficiency can lead to malnutrition, poor condition, debility, stress, and/or abnormal behavioral patterns.

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Primary enclosures housing wading and aquatic birds must contain a pool or other aquatic area and a dry area that allows easy ingress or egress of the pool or other aquatic area. Pools and other aquatic areas must be of sufficient surface area and depth to allow each bird to make normal postural and social adjustments, such as immersion, bathing, swimming, and foraging, with adequate freedom of movement and freedom to escape from aggression demonstrated by other birds in the enclosure. Dry areas must be of sufficient size to allow each bird to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement and freedom to escape from aggression demonstrated by other birds in the enclosure.

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