



Inspection Report

256 Exotics LLC
2421 Winchester Rd NE
Huntsville, AL 35811

Customer ID: **6010970**
Certificate: **64-B-0103**
Site: 001
256 Exotics, LLC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 14-FEB-2023

3.132 Critical

Employees.

On February 13, 2023 facility staff found two adult female kinkajous in poor condition (lying on the floor, not responsive, gasping for breath). The licensee provided first aid and then took to animals to the Attending Veterinarian's (AV) clinic where they were hospitalized. The AV was contacted and reported that the two animals were severely dehydrated, emaciated, hypothermic (low body temperature), hypoglycemic (low blood sugar) and not responsive upon presentation at her clinic, with one animal markedly worse than the other. Despite aggressive medical interventions, one kinkajou deteriorated and was euthanized the night of February 13th, 2023. The second animal remains hospitalized in intensive care. The licensee brought two additional kinkajous (cage mates of the first two) in to the veterinary clinic on February 13th, 2023 at the AV's request and these animals were observed by the AV to be extremely thirsty and were given fluids by mouth before they were sent home.

According to the owner, the facility had been short staffed for approximately 1 week before February 13th. After this incident, the licensee determined that the staff member in charge of caring for the kinkajous had not been adequately feeding or watering them.

Staff members who not adequately trained and/or supervised may neglect or improperly care for animals. Animals who do not have adequate food or water may suffer from thirst, hunger, weight loss, dehydration, or even death.

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Correct by February 15, 2023 by ensuring that an adequate number of properly trained employees are utilized to maintain professionally acceptable levels of animal care and husbandry. Animals must also be fed and watered adequately, and handled carefully, in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act regulations.

This inspection was conducted with the facility manager and exit interview was conducted with the owner.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000018	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000024	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000001	<i>Callithrix geoffroyi</i>	WHITE-FRONTED MARMOSET
000009	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000001	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000006	<i>Phodopus roborovskii</i>	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
000071	Total	