



## Inspection Report

John Mark Johnson  
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Blue Springs, MS 38828

Customer ID: **501773**  
Certificate: **65-C-0566**  
Site: 002  
John Johnson 002

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 29-NOV-2023

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Some records of recent animal acquisitions and dispositions were incomplete.

\*\*\*The acquisition records for 6 guinea pigs were not available or did not exist.

\*\*\*The acquisition record for a blue-fronted Amazon parrot donated on 10/8/2023 lacked a driver's license number and vehicle tag number for the donor.

\*\*\*The acquisition record for 4 Yak bought on 8/24/2023 lacked the street address, driver's license number and vehicle tag number for the seller.

\*\*\*The record of disposition for 6 sheep and 1 yak recently sold did not include a date or the address for the buyer.

\*\*\*The dates of the deaths of the two Asian small-clawed otters were not recorded.

\*\*\*The bird inventory (list of birds on hand) does not include the species. The inventory, which is the only record of acquisition records for birds acquired prior to 8/21/23, lists "macaw", "amazon", "dove", and "lorikeet" rather than the species of these birds.

Complete and accurate recordkeeping is important for animal welfare because it increases traceability of animals, allows for the recognition of lost or missing animals, and aids in the investigation of missing or stolen animals.

Correct from this day forth (12/01/2023) by maintaining complete and accurate records of purchase, acquisition, sale or disposal of animals in accordance with section 2.75(b)(1) of the Animal Welfare Act.

### 2.132(d) Critical

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

Records show that on 8/24/2023 the licensee acquired 4 yak from an unlicensed seller ("B.J."). The licensee stated that he knew the seller did not have a USDA license but believed a license was not required for the sale of the Yak because the animals are "food and fiber". The licensee subsequently sold the animals to a USDA-licensed exhibitor where they were exhibited.

Animals sold by individuals who are required to have a USDA license but who do not have a valid USDA license may suffer from poor welfare due to lack of compliance with Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations. Correct from this day forward (12/01/23) by obtaining animals only from persons or facilities that currently hold a valid license under the Animal Welfare Act, when such licensure for the sale of the animal is required.

### 3.81(c)

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### Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The enrichment plan for nonhuman primates does not address special considerations for infants and young juveniles, animals showing signs of psychological distress, or individually housed primates that are unable to see and hear other primates of their own or compatible species. While the facility has a written enrichment plan for nonhuman primates, the plan does not include these special considerations.

Enrichment, including special consideration for the groups listed above, is important for ensuring the health and wellbeing of nonhuman primates. Enrichment is important for relieving stress, ensuring normal development of young animals, and for allowing the expression of species-typical behaviors.

Correct by 12/30/2023 by ensuring that the written enrichment plan for nonhuman primates contains all of the elements required under the Animal Welfare Act regulations and is approved by the Attending Veterinarian.

### 3.154

### Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The facility has a variety of bird species but has not developed and implemented a plan for environmental enhancement for the psychological well-being of its birds. The facility's written "bird enrichment program" is a copy of the relevant Animal Welfare Act (AWA) regulations (section 3.154) with only minor changes to a few sentences. The plan lacks information about the specific provisions, activities, or materials employed to provide enrichment for the many types of birds on site. The plan also fails to address the special needs of young birds, birds showing signs of psychological distress, and social species of birds housed alone.

The facility includes a large aviary housing various macaw species, Amazon parrots, rainbow lorikeets, and doves; in the area where the large parrots live the aviary contains some wooden perches, hard plastic totes used as nest boxes, and a rope toy. The owner stated that he provides enrichment by allowing the birds chew on the perches and hard plastic boxes, feeding a varied diet, and playing music for the birds for a short time each day. Novel enrichment items or activities are not provided on a regular basis.

At the time of the inspection, the facility had two juvenile rhea whose main enrichment was being outdoors during the day on grass. These birds do not receive any special enrichment activities tailored to their age. Two rainbow lorikeet are reportedly sitting on eggs, so there is the possibility of more young birds on the property.

Birds have complex needs which if unmet may cause stress, boredom, and the development of abnormal harmful behaviors. Birds that chew on wood perches, plastic boxes, and metal wire can lead to foreign body ingestion, intestinal disease, and possible toxicities. Young birds, social species of birds housed alone, and birds showing signs of psychological distress are especially susceptible to the negative effects of inadequate or inappropriate enrichment. Enrichment that is appropriate for adult birds may be harmful for young birds if it is not evaluated for safety and suitability for the young birds.

Correct by 12/30/2023 by developing and documenting a plan for environmental enhancement that addresses the required elements as specified in section 3.154 of the AWA, and which is approved by the attending veterinarian.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the owner.

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000021	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000004	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000029	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000010	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000001	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000008	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000001	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	BLACK WILDEBEEST
000005	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000001	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000038	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000005	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000008	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000014	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000006	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000001	<i>Cebus olivaceus</i>	WEEPER CAPUCHIN
000004	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>	PIG-TAILED MACAQUE
000004	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000002	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000005	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000003	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000004	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	RED DEER
000002	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000007	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000001	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000010	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000001	<i>Cebus capucinus</i>	WHITE-HEADED / WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN
000003	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000000	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000006	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000004	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN
000001	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000001	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>	BLACK-HANDED SPIDER MONKEY
000003	<i>Rhea pennata</i>	LESSER RHEA / DARWIN'S RHEA
000004	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>	RAINBOW LORIKEET
000004	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000001	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000002	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	TURQUOISE-FRONTED PARROT / TURQUOISE-FRONTED AMAZON / BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON
000003	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE
000001	<i>Ara militaris</i>	MILITARY MACAW
000003	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000001	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>	MACAW HYBRID



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000001	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>		RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW	
000243	<b>Total</b>			