



## Inspection Report

Mount Hope Auction Inc  
PO Box 82  
Mt Hope, OH 44660

Customer ID: **2156**

Certificate: **31-B-0031**

Site: 001

MOUNT HOPE AUCTION, INC.

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 20-MAR-2024

### 2.131(b)(1)

Repeat

#### Handling of animals.

Handling of a Red Kangaroo in the auction ring was not done as expeditiously and carefully as possible.

An auction employee was observed during the sale grabbing an adult kangaroo (tag# 2206) by the tail and spinning the animal around to direct it to the exit of the sales ring. The animal was struggling to escape the grip of the man and was observed repeatedly jumping and pawing at the loose substrate in the sales ring.

Mishandling of animals causes behavioral stress, discomfort and can result in injury to both the animals and humans working with them. All animals shall be handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort.

### 2.131(c)(1)

Repeat

#### Handling of animals.

During the auction, members of the public were observed touching and petting several potentially dangerous animals in the hoofstock barns. In the barn behind the main auction ring, a family, including several children, were observed reaching through the fence and petting an anxious zebra and a mature dromedary camel. In the barn adjacent to this area, a member of the public was observed touching a large, male bison. After the contact, the bison violently struck the gate with his head, but both the animal and member of the public were not injured. Additionally, in the barn behind Ring 2, a family was observed harassing a large ostrich. The ostrich was able to slide its head and neck through the fence which allowed members of the public to touch and harass the bird.

At these points, no facility employees were present to deter the public from handling the animals. The inspectors notified several staff members of the animal contact at various times, however, barriers or a consistent attendant were not present in these areas during the duration of the auction.

Failure to ensure appropriate distance and/or barriers, can allow for unintended interactions and lead to harm to the animals or the public. The facility is responsible for safe exhibition of the animals while on auction grounds, including sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and general viewing public so as to assure the safety of both animals and the public.

### 2.131(d)(2)

Repeat

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### Handling of animals.

During the auction, members of the public were observed touching or petting several of the animals without a readily identifiable employee being present. In the hoofstock barn, to the right of the main auction ring, the inspection team observed a member of the public enter an enclosure (pen #21) with three young calves (#2618, 2636, and 2637). The individual cornered and made contact with one of the calves before leaving the enclosure. The inspection team asked the man if he was the owner of the animals, and he stated that he did not consign them to the auction. Another member of the public entered a stall containing 5 llamas. He held one by the halter and was attempting to examine another. When asked by inspection team members if he owned the llamas, he stated he did not. Throughout the auction, the inspection team observed members of the public touching several other animals including goats, a llama, zebu, zebra dromedary camel, and bison. In these areas, the facility did not have readily identifiable employees on hand during the public interactions with the animals. The facility has signage trying to deter people from touching the animals, however, members of the public continued to contact the animals.

A lack of readily identifiable attendants to deter the public from contacting the animals can allow for unintended interactions which could lead to harm to the animals or members of the public. A responsible, knowledgeable and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact whether intended or not.

**2.132(d)**                      **Critical**                      **Repeat**

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

The auction knowingly accepted four muntjac for sale from an unlicensed individual that was required to be licensed. The consignment form did not contain a USDA license number. A valid license or one-time exemption is required to sell these species and the consignor does not hold an active license and did not have a one-time exemption. No dealer shall knowingly obtain any animal from any person who is required to be licensed but who does not hold a current, valid, and unsuspended license. Verification of a current and valid license is important for ensuring compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and ensuring animal welfare. Correct by ensuring that all consignors of covered species hold a current valid unsuspended license before accepting consignment of those animals.

**3.125(a)**

### Facilities, general.

Throughout the hoofstock barns, there are areas that are inappropriate for the animal being housed or in a state of disrepair. One enclosure behind the main auction ring, housing an anxious zebra (#2260), had a hole in the fencing which allowed for the zebra to pass its head through the fence and into the adjacent enclosure. At one point, the zebra caught its halter on the fencing but was able to remove its head without injury. The inspection team notified a facility representative who covered the opening. In the same area, an enclosure housing nilgai, had a broken board with a splintered end between the fencing boards. Additionally, in the barn to the right of the main auction ring, there were holes in the walls of an enclosure (pen#21) housing three young calves.

Failure to maintain enclosure fencing and walls can allow for gaps, unstable structures, or sharp points which can result in entrapment or injury of the animals.

Facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and contain them.

Correct by: 25-April-2024.

**3.133**

### Separation.

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While the inspection team was viewing the animals from the hoofstock catwalk, incompatibility amongst multiple animals was observed. Three dromedary camels, housed in adjacent enclosures, were able to interact in a negative manner. When the young dromedary camel in the middle enclosure moved towards the pen housing a mature camel, the mature camel would bite at its head and neck. If the middle camel were to move toward the other enclosure, a juvenile camel would slide its neck through the fence and chew on its halter. The center camel was unable to move to either side of the enclosure without facing harassment from the other animals. At the same time, a zebra, in an adjacent pen, was observed pacing back and forth at a higher rate when the adult camel would attempt to interact through the fencing. Incompatible animals that are housed adjacent to each other can cause a stressful environment which may lead to discomfort or injury of the animals. Animals shall not be housed near animals that interfere with their health or cause them discomfort. After notifying a facility representative, the animals were moved to different enclosures. Correct by 01-April-2024.

**3.137(a)**

**Repeat**

**Primary enclosures used to transport live animals.**

Multiple transport enclosures housing three cavy, one capybara, and twelve goats did not have projecting rims. Additionally, the capybara and goat transport enclosures did not have handholds to prevent tilting and contact with the animals. A lack of projecting rims and handholds on primary transport enclosures prevent proper ventilation if the cages are stacked and can cause unintentional contact between the handler and the animal during transport. All primary transport enclosures for subpart F animals must contain openings that are easily accessible at all times for emergency removal of live animals, contain projecting rims or other devices on the exterior walls to prevent obstruction of the ventilation, and provide adequate handholds for lifting animals without tilting or risk of contact with the animal.

**3.137(c)**

**Repeat**

**Primary enclosures used to transport live animals.**

A goat transport enclosure housing twelve young goats, did not have enough space for the animals to turn about freely. The enclosure did not have a tag number however the individual goats were tagged including (tag numbers 971, 975, 972, 970, 973, 977). While the goats were standing, they touched all sides of the enclosure and were not able to make normal postural adjustments. Enclosures that are too small for the number of goats contained within them, can inhibit the natural movements of the animal and cause unnecessary stress and discomfort. Animal transport enclosures shall be large enough to ensure that each animal has sufficient space to turn about freely and to make normal postural adjustments. This noncompliance was corrected at the time of inspection.

**3.137(e)**

**Repeat**

**Primary enclosures used to transport live animals.**

Multiple animals including 12 goats, three cavy, and one capybara were in transport enclosures that did not have the words "Live Animal" or "Wild Animal" clearly marked with arrows or other markings indicating the correct upright position of the enclosure. A lack of clear markings can inhibit correct handling and cage orientation by first responders in the event of an emergency. The licensee must ensure that the words "Wild Animal" or "Live Animal" are marked on the top and on one or more sides with letters at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) high, and have arrows or other markings to indicate the correct upright position of the primary enclosure.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with Facility Representatives.

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### Species Inspected

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| Count  | Scientific Name                          | Common Name  |
|--------|--|--|
| 000077 | <i>Lama pacos</i>                        | ALPACA   |
| 000004 | <i>Bison bison</i>                       | AMERICAN BISON   |
| 000010 | <i>Camelus dromedarius</i>               | DROMEDARY CAMEL  |
| 000003 | <i>Cervus canadensis</i>                 | ELK / WAPITI   |
| 000009 | <i>Antilope cervicapra</i>               | BLACKBUCK  |
| 000057 | <i>Capra hircus</i>                      | DOMESTIC GOAT  |
| 000003 | <i>Taurotragus oryx</i>                  | COMMON ELAND   |
| 000023 | <i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>               | CHINCHILLA   |
| 000052 | <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>          | EMU  |
| 000036 | <i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>              | DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG                                      |
| 000026 | <i>Dama dama</i>                         | FALLOW DEER  |
| 000011 | <i>Echinops telfairi</i>                 | LESSER MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOG TENREC  |
| 000068 | <i>Atelerix albiventris</i>              | FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG   |
| 000001 | <i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>          | BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY                                       |
| 000002 | <i>Vulpes chama</i>                      | CAPE FOX   |
| 000014 | <i>Osphranter rufus</i>                  | RED KANGAROO   |
| 000005 | <i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>           | NILGAI   |
| 000002 | <i>Vulpes lagopus</i>                    | ARCTIC FOX   |
| 000013 | <i>Struthio camelus</i>                  | COMMON OSTRICH   |
| 000038 | <i>Rhea americana</i>                    | GREATER RHEA / AMERICAN RHEA   |
| 001063 | <i>Ovis aries aries</i>                  | SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS  |
| 000005 | <i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>             | EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT   |
| 000007 | <i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>         | CAPYBARA   |
| 000012 | <i>Bos grunniens</i>                     | YAK  |
| 000010 | <i>Bubalus bubalis</i>                   | ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO  |
| 000017 | <i>Octodon degus</i>                     | DEGU   |
| 000002 | <i>Aonyx cinereus</i>                    | ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER  |
| 000002 | <i>Galictis vittata</i>                  | GREATER GRISON   |
| 000002 | <i>Potos flavus</i>                      | KINKAJOU   |
| 000008 | <i>Ammotragus lervia</i>                 | BARBARY SHEEP  |
| 000002 | <i>Nasua olivacea</i>                    | MOUNTAIN COATI   |
| 000001 | <i>Vulpes zerda</i>                      | FENNEC FOX   |
| 000001 | <i>Capra nubiana</i>                     | NUBIAN IBEX  |
| 000005 | <i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>                 | REEVE'S MUNTJAC  |
| 000001 | <i>Equus quagga</i> X <i>E. caballus</i> | ZEBRA-HORSE HYBRID / ZORSE / ZONY / HEBRA                                    |
| 000004 | <i>Canis latrans</i>                     | COYOTE   |
| 000002 | <i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>              | PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA   |
| 000003 | <i>Lama guanicoe</i>                     | GUANACO  |
| 000001 | <i>Didelphis virginiana</i>              | VIRGINIA OPOSSUM   |
| 000020 | <i>Lama glama</i>                        | LLAMA  |
| 000040 | <i>Bos taurus</i>                        | CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI   |
| 000002 | <i>Mustela putorius furo</i>             | DOMESTIC FERRET  |
| 000005 | <i>Equus quagga</i>                      | BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA                              |
| 000002 | <i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>               | BRAZILIAN AGOUTI   |
| 000002 | <i>Amazona oratrix</i>                   | YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON /<br>DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON |
| 000002 | <i>Choloepus didactylus</i>              | LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH  |
| 000001 | <i>Coendou prehensilis</i>               | PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE  |
| 000001 | <i>Aratinga jandaya</i>                  | JANDAYA PARAKEET   |



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| 000005  | <i>Hystrix cristata</i>           |      | AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE                              |             |
| 000013  | <i>Bathilda ruficauda</i>         |      | STAR FINCH   |             |
| 000001  | <i>Platycercus elegans</i>        |      | CRIMSON ROSELLA  |             |
| 000001  | <i>Mephitis mephitis</i>          |      | STRIPED SKUNK  |             |
| 000005  | <i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>       |      | SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER                                |             |
| 000002  | <i>Ara macao</i>                  |      | SCARLET MACAW  |             |
| 000002  | <i>Psittacus erithacus</i>        |      | CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT                |             |
| 000001  | <i>Ara ararauna</i>               |      | BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW            |             |
| 000021  | <i>Pyrrhura molinae</i>           |      | GREEN-CHEEKED PARAKEET / GREEN-CHEEKED CONURE          |             |
| 000001  | <i>Amazona rhodocorytha</i>       |      | RED-BROWED PARROT                                      |             |
| 000015  | <i>Chloebeia gouldiae</i>         |      | GOULDIAN FINCH   |             |
| 000001  | <i>Cacatua alba</i>               |      | WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO                     |             |
| 000007  | <i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>        |      | MONK PARAKEET / QUAKER PARROT                          |             |
| 000002  | <i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>      |      | GALAH / ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO / ROSEATE COCKATOO      |             |
| 000017  | <i>Agapornis roseicollis</i>      |      | ROSY-FACED LOVEBIRD                                    |             |
| 000023  | <i>Geopelia cuneata</i>           |      | DIAMOND DOVE   |             |
| 000081  | <i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>    |      | BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET |             |
| 000035  | <i>Serinus canaria domestica</i>  |      | DOMESTIC CANARY / COMMON CANARY                        |             |
| 000002  | <i>Pionites melanocephalus</i>    |      | BLACK-HEADED PARROT                                    |             |
| 000007  | <i>Psittacula krameri</i>         |      | ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET                                   |             |
| 000004  | <i>Padda oryzivora</i>            |      | JAVA SPARROW   |             |
| 000001  | <i>Neophema splendida</i>         |      | SCARLET-CHESTED PARROT                                 |             |
| 000004  | <i>Nannopsittaca dachilleae</i>   |      | AMAZONIAN PARROTLET / MANU PARROTLET                   |             |
| 000050  | <i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>      |      | COCKATIEL  |             |
| 000007  | <i>Lonchura striata domestica</i> |      | SOCIETY FINCH / BENGALIAN FINCH                        |             |
| 000005  | <i>Platycercus eximius</i>        |      | EASTERN ROSELLA  |             |
| 000043  | <i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>        |      | ZEBRA FINCH / TIMOR ZEBRA FINCH                        |             |
| 000009  | <i>Erythrura trichroa</i>         |      | BLUE-FACED PARROTFINCH                                 |             |
| 000024  | <i>Neophema bourkii</i>           |      | BOURKE'S PARROT  |             |
| 000002  | <i>Euplectes franciscanus</i>     |      | NORTHERN RED BISHOP                                    |             |
| 000001  | <i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>      |      | SUN PARAKEET   |             |
| 000002  | <i>Gallicolumba luzonica</i>      |      | LUZON BLEEDING-HEART                                   |             |
| 000004  | <i>Chalcophaps indica</i>         |      | ASIAN EMERALD DOVE / GREY-CAPPED EMERALD DOVE          |             |
| 000002  | <i>Eupsittula aurea</i>           |      | PEACH-FRONTED PARAKEET                                 |             |
| 000003  | <i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>          |      | CRESTED PIGEON   |             |
| 000004  | <i>Geopelia striata</i>           |      | ZEBRA DOVE   |             |
| 000001  | <i>Oena capensis</i>              |      | NAMAQUA DOVE   |             |
| 000003  | <i>Oryx dammah</i>                |      | SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX                                   |             |

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