

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

ACOMPTON INS-0000877744

Inspection Report

Ed Nolan Customer ID: 17514

BOX 84 Certificate: **33-C-0296** ELDRED, IL 62027

Site: 001

ED NOLAN

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 22-JUN-2023

3.127(d) Critical

Facilities, outdoor.

Two perimeter fences of at least 8 feet were not sufficient to prevent a pack of three pit bull dogs from entering the facility the morning of May 17, 2023. According to the licensee, the pack of dogs climbed the fences and took one wallaby out of the enclosure after killing it. The wallaby was in a covered shed open on one side surrounded by double 8 ft fencing that was intact and secure, however the dogs were reportedly able to climb into the enclosure with the wallabys and take one of the five. The keeper was cleaning the enclosures and tried to scream and hit on the fence to get the dogs to leave, per the licensee. The keeper was at great risk to themselves while trying to scare off the dogs. The county sheriff department was called during the incident however the dogs left the enclosure by the time they arrived. The Sheriff department was able to follow the dogs to their home and made contact with the owner of the dogs, according to the licensee. The licensee conveyed that within hours of the predation the sheriff deputy contacted the licensee to advise the three pit bulls were permanently removed from the residence and would not be a threat to his livestock anymore.

The facility has been vigilant in mitigation efforts by constructing double fencing higher (8ft) than AWA regulations require at 6ft and providing on-site keeper during the day and the owner at the house next to the enclosures every day and evening. All fencing surrounding the pastures have been reinforced where needed including rocks/bricks surrounding the bottom of fences to prevent animals from digging under and possibly making contact with the animals. The licensee is working on electric fencing as additional protection.

The licensee must provide a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals out and prevent animals from gaining entry into the enclosures making contact with regulated animals.

There have been no further incidents of predation from May 17, 2023 through to the writing of this inspection report.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with licensee.

Prepared By: ANNMARIE COMPTON Date:

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care 07-JUL-2023

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

Received by Title: Licensee Date:

07-JUL-2023



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Species Inspected

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Count Scientific Name Common Name

000001 Notamacropus rufogriseus BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY

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