

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

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#### **Inspection Report**

Barn Hill Preserve Inc 11342 Hwy 955 E Ethel. LA 70730 Customer ID: 329414

Certificate: 72-C-0238

Site: 001

Barn Hill Preserve Inc.

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 11-SEP-2023

2.40(a)(2) Direct Repeat

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

The facility has failed to follow the direction of the Attending Veterinarian (AV) regarding the care of animals.

A 2-year-old male giraffe is emaciated. The giraffe has prominent hip and shoulder bones, clearly visible neck bones, and a protruding spine. The AV sent the facility Director written instructions on August 24, 2023 which are not being followed. 1) The AV instructed the facility to offer browse throughout the day, especially "early in the morning and late in the afternoon". At the time of the inspection (9AM-10AM) the facility had not provided the giraffe any browse. 2) The AV requested a daily report on the giraffe to include detailed information on food consumption, activity, fecal output, rumination, and behavior. The AV was contacted and stated that she is receiving about half of the information she requested in daily updates.

A 2-year-old brown female alpaca ("Babette") has an eye issue. There is brown discharge and crusts around the left eye. On August 31, 2023 the AV wrote in this animal's record that it should be treated with an anti-inflammatory eye medication twice a day and artificial tears three times per day. The facility Director stated that the anti-inflammatory eye medication was not yet available because it had been ordered but had not yet arrived at the facility.

It is important to follow the AV's instructions regarding the care and treatment of animals. Failure to follow the AV's instructions may result in animals suffering from poor or inadequate care and worsening of animals' health conditions. Eye conditions can cause pain, stress, and may result in blindness or infection that spreads to other parts of the body.

Correct by following the AV's instructions and by ensuring appropriate methods are used to prevent, control, and treat diseases and injuries at all times.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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## **Species Inspected**

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CountScientific NameCommon Name000002Equus quaggaBURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA000001Lama pacosALPACA000001Giraffa camelopardalisGIRAFFE

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