



Inspection Report

Petting Zoo Ocala LLC
11150 W Hwy 40
Ocala, FL 34482

Customer ID: 6012764

Certificate: 58-C-1267

Site: 001

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Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 11-DEC-2025

2.40(b)(3) Critical

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

In November 2025, the facility noticed that one adult female skunk stopped eating for multiple days and was "slowing down." The facility said they believed that these changes were due to the old age of the skunk and no action was taken. The skunk was later found dead on November 21, 2025. According to the facility, these changes in the skunk's behavior and health were not communicated to the attending veterinarian. The facility stated that there were no previous instructions from the attending veterinarian regarding situations like this nor is there any information in the program of veterinary care.

Failure to communicate changes in an animal's behavior or health to the attending veterinarian can result in the prolonged suffering of the animal and even death. The facility must ensure that all animals are observed daily to assess their health and well-being and then ensure a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian so that timely and accurate information on problems of health, behavior, and well-being are conveyed.

To be corrected from this day, December 17, 2025, forward.

2.131(d)(2)

Handling of animals.

At the time of inspection, there were no attendants monitoring the enclosures that allow members of the public to interact with the animals. On two separate occasions, members of the public were seen feeding animals with no attendant present.

Without an attendant present to monitor interactions, both animals and members of the public are at greater risk of injury. The facility must have a responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant present at all times during periods of public contact.

To be corrected by December 24, 2025.

3.78(d)

Repeat

Outdoor housing facilities.

The current perimeter fence has multiple large sections that measure less than 6 feet in height, including an area by the kangaroo enclosure that measures approximately 68.5 inches. There is also a large gap under the perimeter fence that borders the goat, cow, and emu enclosure.

An insufficient perimeter fence can allow unwanted animals or people to enter the facility and potentially harm the animals

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within. The perimeter fence must be constructed so that it protects nonhuman primates by restricting unauthorized humans, and animals the size of dogs, skunks, and raccoons from going through it or under it and having contact with the nonhuman primates. It must be of sufficient height (at least six feet high) to keep unwanted species out. It must be of sufficient distance (at least three feet) from the outside wall or fence of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and outside the perimeter fence.

3.125(a) Repeat

Facilities, general.

In a barn enclosure housing 2 pigs, the metal panel of the door has rusted and broken, leaving a gap with sharp and jagged edges. During the inspection, one pig was seen putting its snout through this gap in the door. In the enclosure housing 8 goats, 1 cow, and 2 emus, there is a section of metal wire covering the gate that is curling and breaking at the edges. These curled and broken edges are creating sharp points that the animals can access. Enclosures that are not kept in good repair can result in injury to the animals from sharp points. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

3.127(d) Repeat

Facilities, outdoor.

The current perimeter fence has multiple large sections that measure less than 6 feet in height, including an area by the kangaroo enclosure that measures approximately 68.5 inches. There is also a large gap under the perimeter fence that borders the goat, cow, and emu enclosure.

An insufficient perimeter fence cannot effectively act as secondary containment for the animals inside and can allow unwanted animals or people to enter the facility and potentially harm the animals within. The perimeter fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient height (at least six feet high) to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. It must be of sufficient distance (at least three feet) from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence.

3.153(a)(1)(i)

Primary enclosures.

In the enclosure housing one blue-and-gold macaw, there is a feeding platform that is severely rusted. One bar of the structure has multiple areas that are completely rusted through, creating jagged edges that the bird can access. In the enclosure housing 8 goats, 1 cow, and 2 emus, there is a section of metal wire covering the gate that is curling and breaking at the edges. These curled and broken edges are creating sharp points that the animals can access. Enclosures that are not kept in good repair can result in injury from sharp points or edges. Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they have no sharp point or edges that could injure the birds. To be corrected by December 24, 2025.

3.157(a)(2)

Water quality.

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In the enclosure housing 2 geese, 2 peafowl, and 3 pigeons, there is a cement inground pool that contains murky green-brown water. The pond does not currently have an active pump or any way to circulate the water.

Stagnant water can attract pests, permeate noxious odors, and lead to disease or illness in the animals. Pools or other aquatic areas without drainage systems must be aerated and have an incoming flow of fresh water or be managed in a manner that maintains appropriate water quality in accordance with current professionally accepted standards appropriate for the species.

To be corrected by December 31, 2025.

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
000001	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000003	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000007	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000027	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000009	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000015	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000001	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000002	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000001	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Nasuella olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000001	<i>Cebus capucinus</i>	WHITE-HEADED / WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN
000002	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY
000003	<i>Bos indicus</i>	ZEBU
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX
000004	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000001	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN
000002	<i>Anser anser domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC GOOSE
000001	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000002	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	BLACK VULTURE / MEXICAN VULTURE
000003	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000017	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000001	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW
000003	<i>Cacatua goffiniana</i>	TANIMBAR CORELLA / GOFFIN'S COCKATOO
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000002	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000001	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
000002	<i>Bos taurus africanus</i>	ANKOLE-WATUSI CATTLE
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