



Inspection Report

Sandy Oak Ranch, LLC
12705 White Oak Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

Customer ID: **6016778**
Certificate: **32-C-0293**
Site: 001
Sandy Oak Ranch LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 08-APR-2025

2.40(b)(3) Critical

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

A two-year-old male kangaroo named Thumper did not receive daily observation adequate to ensure its health and well-being. The licensee indicated that Thumper was observed to be in good health, died suddenly on 2/11/2025, and was submitted for necropsy on 2/11/2025. The attending veterinarian was not notified of any unhealthy conditions in Thumper, until after his death. The necropsy report indicated that Thumper had a chronic disease condition and was very thin. Specifically, the necropsy report identified that Thumper had extensive localized ulceration and inflammation of the skin on both feet (focally extensive, bilateral, ulcerative pododermatitis). Second, the report showed Thumper had severe inflammation of the forestomach (severe, multifocal, hemorrhagic and neutrophilic gastritis). Third the report showed that Thumper was negative for *Toxoplasma gondii*. Finally, the report showed that Thumper has severe loss of fat and muscle tissue (emaciation with serous atrophy of fat and diffuse muscle atrophy) indicative of chronic disease or inadequate nutrition. Daily observations performed by personnel at the licensed facility, failed to identify the inflammation in the feet or the thin body condition of Thumper.

Inadequate daily observations can lead to the prolonged suffering of animals when injuries or changes in their health or behavior are not noticed in a timely manner.

Animals must be observed daily to assess their health and well-being. In addition, there must be a mechanism of direct and accurate information, conveyed to the attending veterinarian, on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being.

To be corrected from this day (4/11/2025) forward.

2.75(b)(1) Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

At the time of the inspection, records of acquisition, records of animals on hand (inventory), and records of disposition were inadequate, as follows:

- 1) The acquisition record for a Bison shipped to the facility on 1/18/2025 did not include the USDA license number of the facility from which the Bison was acquired.
- 2) The acquisition record for 3 silver pheasants obtained on 4/5/2025 did not include the street address of the individual from whom the pheasants were obtained. In addition, the record did not include the USDA license number,

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registration number, or Driver's license and vehicle license number of the of the individual from whom the pheasants were obtained.

3) The acquisition record for 2 swans obtained on 3/20/2025 did not include the name of the individual from whom the swans were obtained. In addition, the record did not include the USDA license number, registration number, or Driver's license and vehicle license number of the of the individual from whom the swans were obtained.

4) The record of disposition for a kangaroo that died on or shortly before 2/11/2025 did not include the date of disposition.

5) The record of animals on hand (inventory) was incorrect. The following animals were not listed on the inventory:

- 1 North American black duck,
- 2 guinea fowl,
- 3 silver pheasants.

Further, the inventory was incorrect regarding the number of the following animals:

- 15 Mandrin ducks (there were 10),
- 1 reeves pheasant (there were 2),
- 11 white tail deer (there were 5),
- 7 Fallow deer (there were 8),
- 2 zebu (there were 3),
- 2 bison (there were 3).

Accurate records of animals on hand, including acquisitions and dispositions (purchases/births and sales/deaths) are necessary to assess the health and wellbeing of the animals on site and allow tracking of animals being used for regulatory purposes.

Records or forms must be maintained which fully and correctly disclose information concerning animals purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in or under the control of the licensee, or which are transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by the licensee. The records shall include any offspring born or hatched of any animal while in possession or under the control of the licensee. Such records or forms shall include the following: 1) The name and address of the person from whom the animals were purchased or otherwise acquired; 2) The USDA license or registration number of the person if he or she is licensed or registered under the Act; 3) The vehicle license number and State, and the driver's license number (or photographic identification card for nondrivers issued by a State) and State of the person, if he or she is not licensed or registered under the Act; 4) The name and address of the person to whom an animal was sold or given; 5) The date of purchase, acquisition, sale, or disposal of the animal(s); 6) The species of the animal(s); and (7) The number of animals in the shipment.

3.153(c)

Repeat

Primary enclosures.

At the time of the inspection, pools or aquatic areas for the dabbling type ducks at the facility were either absent or inadequate for the needs of the ducks. One enclosure with 10 Mandrin ducks, 2 pintail ducks, 4 wood ducks, and 1 American black duck had three pools about 5 inches deep, 4 feet long, and 2 feet wide. Further, there were no available pools for the 7 free ranging Muscovy ducks at the facility. The aquatic areas in the enclosures housing aquatic birds are either absent or not sufficiently deep to allow the ducks to make normal postural and social adjustments. Inadequate provision of aquatic areas for aquatic birds can lead to malnutrition, poor condition, debility, stress, and/or abnormal behavioral patterns.

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Primary enclosures housing wading and aquatic birds must contain a pool or other aquatic area and a dry area that allows easy ingress or egress of the pool or other aquatic area. Pools and other aquatic areas must be of sufficient surface area and depth to allow each bird to make normal postural and social adjustments, such as immersion, bathing, swimming, and foraging, with adequate freedom of movement and freedom to escape from aggression demonstrated by other birds in the enclosure.

3.155(b)

Feeding

At the time of the inspection, there was molded and caked feed inside the self-feeder storage hopper that provided feed for 5 peacocks and 3 silver pheasants. A caked chunk of feed about 3 inches long and 1 inch in diameter was adhered to one corner of the self-feeder storage hopper. In addition, a chunk of molded and caked feed about 2 inches long and 2 inch in diameter was sitting on top of the feed inside the self-feeder storage hopper. Molding and caking of feed can decrease the palatability and nutritive value of the feed. Birds provided such deteriorated feed may lose weight or suffer other health issues.

Measures must be taken to ensure there is no molding, deterioration, contamination, caking, wetting, freezing of food within or on food receptacles.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	RING-NECKED PHEASANT / COMMON PHEASANT
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000001	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000008	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000002	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	AMERICAN BEAVER
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000003	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000008	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000005	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000006	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000003	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000002	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000002	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	BLACK-BACKED JACKAL
000002	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000001	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000003	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000006	<i>Rhea pennata</i>	LESSER RHEA / DARWIN'S RHEA
000005	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000026	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000016	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000002	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000004	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK
000002	<i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i>	REEVES'S PHEASANT
000001	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT
000005	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	GOLDEN PHEASANT
000016	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000004	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000002	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
000002	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN
000003	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE
000010	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	MANDARIN DUCK
000002	<i>Anas acuta</i>	NORTHERN PINTAIL
000001	<i>Anas rubripes</i>	AMERICAN BLACK DUCK
000002	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	MUTE SWAN
000003	<i>Lophura nycthemera</i>	SILVER PHEASANT
000007	<i>Cairina moschata</i>	MUSCOVY DUCK
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