



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: 02-NOV-2023

2.131(b)(1) Direct

Handling of animals.

In the animal intake area, two pairs of Bar-headed Geese were exhibiting signs of stress that resulted in physical harm of the animals. One pair of Bar-headed Geese (lot number 9375) were on a flat-bed cart awaiting placement in a sale area. The intake area has a constant flow of human and animal traffic in a limited space. One of the animals was observed erratically swaying and lunging at the wire sides of the enclosure resulting in injury to its beak. The beak had become entrapped in the wire sides of the enclosure causing wounds that were actively bleeding onto the sides of the enclosure and the animal's plumage. The veterinary team was notified of the condition of the bird by an inspector. The veterinary team moved these birds to a quieter location and covered the enclosure.

Similarly, a second pair of Bar-headed Geese (lot number 9377) were in the same intake area on a flat bed wagon awaiting sale. The geese were exhibiting the same behavior erratically swaying and lunging at the wire sides of the enclosure. The beak of one of the geese had become entrapped in the wire sides of the enclosure causing wounds that were actively bleeding. The veterinary team was notified of the condition of the bird by an inspector. The veterinary team observed the birds but left them in the same location stating that at the point of their observation that the birds had settled. Containing animals in a stressful environment can lead to behavioral abnormalities, bodily injury, and unnecessary discomfort.

Correct by ensuring that all animals are handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. Correct by 3-November-2023 at 10:00 AM.

3.162(a)(3) Direct

Primary enclosures used to transport live birds.

In the animal intake area, two transport enclosures, each housing two Bar-Headed Geese, did not securely contain the birds resulting in entrapment and injury. The first pair of geese (lot number 9375) were in enclosures on a transport cart and were observed erratically moving and lunging their beaks through the wire mesh of the enclosure. While the one goose was lunging its beak through the wire, it became entrapped and was wounded around its beak that was actively bleeding onto the plumage and the sides of the enclosure. The wire sides of the enclosure were wide enough that the animals beak was able to pass through leading to entrapment. The veterinary team was notified by an inspector and the birds were moved to another location for observation. A second pair of geese (lot number 9377), in a similar enclosure, were observed on a flat bed wagon in the intake area. The geese were observed lunging towards the wire enclosure sides in a similar manner and one of the geese also had an actively bleeding wound around its beak. The veterinary team was notified by an inspector at which point the animals were observed but remained in the same location and enclosure.

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Containing birds in enclosures that allow for parts of their body to go outside of their enclosure can result in entrapment and injury of the bird, or harm to other persons or animals nearby. Transport enclosures must ensure that the birds are at all times securely contained within the enclosure and cannot put any part of its body outside the enclosure in a way that could result in injury to itself, to handlers, or to other persons or to animals nearby. Correct by ensuring that transport enclosures securely contain the birds and do not cause injury. Correct by 10:00 am on 3-November-2023.

A focused inspection was conducted starting on 02-November-2023. This inspection report is limited to the Direct non-compliances identified during that inspection. An additional inspection report will be delivered with the other issues identified during this inspection.

The exit briefing was conducted on 02-November-2023 with a Facility Representative.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
2156	31-B-0031	001	MOUNT HOPE AUCTION, INC.	02-NOV-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Anser indicus</i>	BAR-HEADED GOOSE
000004	Total	