



Inspection Report

McClain Lodge LLC
874 Holly Bush Rd
Brandon, MS 39047

Customer ID: **503842**
Certificate: **65-C-0563**
Site: 001
MCCLAIN LODGE LLC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 02-NOV-2023

2.131(d)(2)

Handling of animals.

From 10:45AM to 11:00AM USDA personnel observed approximately 100 visitors pet and feed animals in the petting zoo including goats, alpacas, a zebra, and other domestic and exotic hoof stock. The public was able to reach over and through wire fencing to have contact with the animals. For the majority of the time, an employee/attendant was not present in the area. Two employees were later observed but they were working in the prairie dog exhibit, which is located at one end of the large petting zoo. These employees were focused on a project in the prairie dog enclosure and were not observing or supervising customers or animals in the petting zoo.

When members of the public have contact with domestic and wild/exotic animals, supervision is important to ensure safety of animals and the public.

Correct by ensuring that a responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant is present at all times during periods of public contact with animals. CORRECT BY: November 3rd, 2023.

3.125(a) **Critical** **Repeat**

Facilities, general.

According to the Safari Park Manager and disposition records, on the morning of October 18, 2023 two healthy adult rheas were found deceased, and the condition of the carcasses was consistent with death by predation (much of the carcasses were missing/eaten). Holes were found dug under the enclosure fencing (wire deer fencing) that were consistent with coyotes entering the enclosure. The facility worked with wildlife professionals and undertook aggressive predator abatement measures over the next few weeks, during which time coyotes were seen by the Safari Park Manager. The holes under the fencing were also repaired. Since that time, no further animals have been lost to predation. The facility has also implemented a proactive program of predator detection and abatement.

Animals that are not protected from predators may experience stress, pain, injury and death.

Correct by ensuring that enclosures are maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and contain the animals. Corrected at the time of inspection.

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
000000	<i>Rhea americana</i>	GREATER RHEA / AMERICAN RHEA
000001	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000030	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000003	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000011	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000005	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000001	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000002	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000002	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000057	Total	