



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: 22-JUL-2024

2.40(b)(2) Critical Repeat

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

A female pheasant was identified as not receiving adequate veterinary care during the 21-March-2024 exotic animal sale. Photos and videos submitted to APHIS officials clearly demonstrate that veterinary care was required for the animal listed.

A female pheasant (tag # 6919) that was housed with another individual had a bleeding wound on the top of the head. In the video the wound appeared to be approximately 1-2 cm in size. The feathers surrounding the reddish-pink circular wound appeared wet and matted down from drainage and/or blood that extended from the wound down to the neck. Under the moistened feathers the skin appeared mildly red in color. The animal was severely lethargic. The animal was laying down with its head held up from its body, but leaning forward and down in a quiet, depressed manner. The animal's eye that could be seen was tightly shut. The animal had little to no reaction to the enclosure being manipulated, the loud environment, or an individual putting their finger inside the enclosure.

APHIS officials sent questions regarding veterinary care for animals at the facility through email. The Attending Veterinarian stated that the response was sent on the behalf of the veterinarians who work during these sales.

The Attending Veterinarian and associate veterinarians working at the facility could not recall seeing these animals or any specific treatments given to them. None of the veterinarians were able to confirm that any of the animals were evaluated or that any veterinary care was provided. In addition, there are no medical treatment records available for review and no other documentation to show whether a veterinary evaluation was requested or conducted.

The Facility Representative/Attending Veterinarian has stated previously that he does not consider consigned animals at the auction as patients of the auction's veterinarians. Additionally, the Attending Veterinarian stated that all treatment sheets or notes (if any were conducted / provided) would follow the animal to the new owner for follow-up treatment by the animal's veterinarian.

The facility could not demonstrate that the following animal at the March 2024 sale received adequate veterinary care in compliance with the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

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This animal is showing signs of pain and/or distress. Failure to provide adequate veterinary care to all animals at the facility can lead to prolonged suffering, stress in the animals, and possible disease spread.

The facility cannot demonstrate if these animals received adequate veterinary care. Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries. Correct by ensuring that all animals receive adequate veterinary care.

2.131(b)(1)

Repeat

Handling of animals.

Handling of a goat in the auction ring was not done as expeditiously and carefully as possible. Videos submitted to APHIS officials clearly demonstrates that the animal was not handled properly.

While introducing the goat to the sales ring the goat was actively avoiding the introduction and was attempting to re-enter the holding area. One auction employee grasped the animal by each side of the head lifting the front hoofs of the animal off the ground, using his knee to slide the animal into the ring. Another auction employee was then observed during the sale tightly grabbing a handful of the animals' skin on its lower back and lifting it off the ground for multiple strides, in an attempt to redirect the animal.

Mishandling of animals causes behavioral stress, discomfort and can result in injury to both the animals and humans working with them. All animals shall be handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort. Correct by ensuring all animals are handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible at all times.

3.162(a)(3)

Primary enclosures used to transport live birds.

At the March 21-23, 2024 Sale, a transport enclosure housing Quail did not securely contain the birds. A video submitted to APHIS officials clearly demonstrates that one Quail Lot #6954 was able to push their head through the wire mesh on the side of the enclosure. The wire sides of the enclosure were wide enough that the animals head was able to pass through and out of the transport enclosure. 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. Primary enclosures used to transport birds must be constructed so that the bird is 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 at all times and do not cause injury. Correct by 6-AUG-2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Facility Representative.

Additional Inspectors:

Jonathan Tomkovitch, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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