



Inspection Report

NHECM

2464 SOWELL MILL PIKE
COLUMBIA, TN 38401

Customer ID: **43005**

Certificate: **63-C-0207**

Site: 001

NATURAL HISTORY EDUCATION
CO OF MIDSOUTH

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 02-OCT-2024

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The facility has not yet made and maintained a written record of the acquisition information (as much as is known as birds were obtained prior to birds being regulated) for the eagle owl and the buteo buteo owned by the facility. Acquisition records for animals owned or otherwise acquired by the facility should include the name and address of the person from whom the animals were acquired, the acquisition date, the species of animal and the number of animals. These records are important for legal and medical tracing of the animals. The facility shall make, keep and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the required acquisition information concerning animals purchased or otherwise acquired, owned or otherwise in their possession. Correct by 11/15/2024.

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

The indoor building housing the mammals is in need of cleaning and general housekeeping. The floors and surfaces of items within the building are dirty with a grey brown layer of dirt and dust. There are accumulations of haphazardly stored items, equipment and furniture in the animal areas that make it difficult to move around to get to the animal enclosures and to clean and provide proper husbandry practices. The dirty clutter also provides places for pests to reside and contributes to odors. The shelves and surfaces in the refrigerator and freezer used to store animal foods are also in need of cleaning of food debris and dirt to help prevent contamination of the food. The plastic food bins containing bags of feed are coated with a grey film of dust and dirt.

Premises including the building housing the mammals shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Correct by 11/15/2024.

3.150(a)

Facilities, general.

The housing enclosures (made of chain link) for the eagle owl and the buteo buteo are not designed and constructed to employ security measures that contain the birds securely. The purpose of security measures such as safety doors, entry/exit doors to the primary enclosure that are double-door or other equivalent systems is to prevent escape of the birds. The housing facilities for all birds must employ security measures that contain all birds securely. Correct by 11/15/2024.

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3.153(a)(1)(vi)

Primary enclosures.

The primary enclosures for the eagle owl and the buteo buteo are not constructed so that they provide appropriate shelter and protection for each bird from climatic and environmental conditions. Both enclosures include a long but narrow shelter structure which is three feet or more in length but only about a foot deep. One of the long sides is open completely to the elements. When the birds sit on the perch provided near the opening of the long side in these shelter structures they are still exposed to conditions such as rain, other precipitation and wind. Exposure to weather conditions such as precipitation and cold winds may be detrimental to the health and well-being of the birds. Primary enclosures for birds must be constructed and maintained so as to provide shelter and protection for each bird from climatic and environmental conditions that may be detrimental. Correct by 11/15/2024.

3.154

Repeat

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The facility does not currently have a written plan to address environment enhancement for the bird species maintained. The plan must address the social grouping needs, environmental enrichment needs and any special considerations to ensure the psychological well-being of the birds. The facility must develop, document, and follow a species-appropriate plan for the environment enhancement of birds that is in accordance with currently accepted professional standards and is approved by the attending veterinarian.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

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43005	63-C-0207	001	NATURAL HISTORY EDUCATION CO OF MIDSOUTH	02-OCT-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG (MOST COMMON PET HEDGEHOG)
000003	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>	STRAW-COLOURED FRUIT BAT
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL
000001	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	COMMON BUZZARD
000001	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000001	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000008	Total	