



## Inspection Report

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Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary  
378 Candy Kitchen Rd, HC 61 Box 28  
Ramah, NM 87321

Customer ID: **3752**  
Certificate: **85-C-0034**  
Site: 001  
WILD SPIRIT WOLF SANCTUARY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 17-JUN-2025

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### 3.1(c)(1)(ii)

#### Housing facilities, general.

There is a shelter with a broken vestibule and sharp edges inside the enclosure housing two wolf dog hybrids, "Stella" (ID#342) and "Summit" (ID#343).

The broken shelter could injure an animal and provides less cover from wind, rain and snow. The facility must ensure that surfaces of housing facilities, including houses, dens and other furniture-type fixtures and objects that come into contact with dogs or cats are free of jagged edges or sharp points that might injure the animals.

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### 3.6(a)(2)(i)

Repeat

#### Primary enclosures.

There is exposed chain link or wire grid paneling, intended to serve as a dig barrier, on the dirt floor in two outdoor enclosures housing four wolf dog hybrids, "Aragorn" (ID#279), "Dahlia" (ID#278), "Nova" (ID#349) and "Okami" (ID#348). The spaces between the metal of these barriers are large enough for digits or feet to pass through. Open spaces in the exposed dig barrier material can cause injury to feet or toes. The facility must ensure that primary enclosures and their contents are constructed and maintained so that they have no features that could injure the animals.

### 3.9(b)

Repeat

#### Feeding

When asked if wolf-dog hybrids are fed using food receptacles, staff confirmed that dishes are not always used for feeding the wolf-dog hybrids. The reasons stated for this were animal aggression and the safety of employees. The director acknowledged that this might be possible with enclosure modifications to allow passing of receptacles into the enclosures. When staff cannot introduce a food receptacle into an enclosure, they try to feed the dogs through fences without the food contacting the ground for food items that are small enough, but larger food items are still tossed in and eaten off of the ground. Food receptacles help food remain palatable and protect it from contamination, as well as limit the amount of non-food and potentially harmful parasites or other pathogens an animal may inadvertently consume from eating directly off of the ground. The facility must ensure that food receptacles are used and are readily accessible to all dogs, and located so as to minimize contamination by excreta and pests, and be protected from rain and snow. Feeding pans must either be made of a durable material that can be easily cleaned and sanitized or be disposable. Non-disposable food receptacles must be kept clean and sanitized in accordance with Part 3, Subpart A, Section 3.11(b),

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which is achieved by using one of the methods described in Part 3, Subpart A, Section 3.11(b)(3). Disposable food receptacles must be discarded after a single use.

### 3.11(c)

#### Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

\*\*\*There is dried blood, meat and other debris splattered on many of the vertical surfaces of the food prep and storage building, as well as dried, pooled blood in a refrigerator. Dusty spider webs and exposed insulation are present above food prep areas, and there is dust and dried blood on one of the shelves in the food prep area. There are several surfaces in food storage and prep areas that are visibly dirty, many of which are also damaged due to rust, peeling paint or other deterioration that renders them difficult or impossible to clean.

\*\*\*There are large piles of fallen, dead tree trunks and branches on the ground inside an outdoor enclosure housing three adult wolf dog hybrids, "Iroh" (ID#309), "Zephyr" (ID#310) and "Sitka" (ID#294).

Dirty food prep and storage areas can foster contamination of food and lead to animal illness; dense accumulations of debris provide breeding and living areas for rodents, pests and vermin that can cause illness or injury to the animals. The facility must ensure that premises are kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in Part 3, Subpart A, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin.

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### 3.13(b)(2)

#### Repeat

#### Veterinary care for dogs.

The facility had no veterinary records on hand for a 16-year-old adult wolf-dog hybrid named "Agana" (ID #224) that was euthanized by facility staff (as allowed per the Program of Veterinary Care) for severe, age-related mobility issues. The facility director stated that they discussed this with the attending veterinarian, but the facility has no records from the veterinarian for this animal to document the issues and guidance related to the animal's condition. Veterinary records contain information that is vital for the care of animals that present with injuries or illnesses. It is important to have the veterinary record on hand to ensure that caregivers know exactly how and when to provide follow up care to animals, including details for post-procedural care, drug administration and any other instructions and follow up visits. This written information is very important to ensure that any follow up care provided to the animal is done according to the veterinarian's orders to help prevent unnecessary discomfort or harm to the animal and help ensure the best outcome. The licensee must keep copies of medical records for dogs and make these available for APHIS inspection; the records must include all of the information detailed in Part 3, Subpart A, Section 3.13(b)(1-4).

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3752	85-C-0034	001	WILD SPIRIT WOLF SANCTUARY	17-JUN-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000002	<i>Canis lupus hallstromi</i>	NEW GUINEA SINGING DOG
000054	<i>Canis lupus</i> X <i>C. familiaris</i>	WOLF/DOG HYBRID
000001	<i>Canis latrans</i> x <i>C. familiaris</i>	COYOTE-DOG HYBRID / COYDOG
000061	<b>Total</b>	