

### United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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#### **Inspection Report**

Southern Biotechnology Associates Inc

PO Box 26221

Birmingham, AL 35260

Customer ID: 835

Certificate: 64-B-0063

Site: 001

SOUTHERN BIOTECHNOLOGY

ASSOCIATES INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 07-FEB-2024

2.40(b)(2) Direct Repeat

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

Two animals are currently in need of veterinary care.

\*\*\*One female goat with an ear tag #416 was observed resting on both of her front leg knees rather than standing on her feet. When she was encouraged to move she demonstrated a bilateral forelimb stiffness at the walk and an abnormal faster gait that was described to the inspectors as 'walking horse gait'. It appeared that she wanted to delay putting weight on the front feet as long as possible. Upon further investigation, both of the front hooves were found to be overgrown and had a "snowshoe" overgrown appearance. After reviewing the program of veterinary care (PVC), the PVC states that the goats should undergo hoof trimming on a quarterly basis. The medical record indicated that the last hoof trim was on January 16, 2023.

\*\*\*One female sheep with an ear tag #2336 was observed demonstrating a bilateral forelimb stiffness at the walk. Upon further investigation, both of the front hooves were found to be overgrown and had a "snowshoe" overgrown appearance. After reviewing the program of veterinary care (PVC), the PVC states that the goats and sheep should undergo hoof trimming on a quarterly basis. The medical record indicated that the last hoof trim was on September 28, 2023. After speaking with the attending veterinarian, it was determined that there had been no communication about these findings noted by the inspectors during the inspection to the veterinarian and no diagnosis or treatment provided. Adequate veterinary care including the use of appropriate methods to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries including following the treatment plan of the veterinarian is necessary to ensure the health and well-being of the animals. Goat 416 and sheep 2336 need to be evaluated by a veterinarian and all veterinary treatment plans must be followed. The facility shall ensure the availability of adequate veterinary care to include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries.

3.131(c) Repeat

#### Sanitation.

Multiple buildings on the premises are in need of cleaning.

\*In the upper barn, the concrete floor has accumulations of excreta and food waste in corners/post and fencing abutments and on some flat surfaces that have not been removed in a while as evidenced by fungal growth on the accumulations. \*The bottom floor section of the chute in the work room is covered in hair and debris. The walls of the retaining/enclosure system for moving animals into the chute are dirty. In addition the bottom edges of the white painted wall sections are damaged and/or worn. One section of wood appears to be loose. Rust is present on the metal surfaces.

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Prepared By: BRITTANY KESSLER Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

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\*The shelves and working surfaces of the work room are covered in dirt and dust. Items on the shelves are covered in dirt and dust.

Surfaces in need of repair are difficult to clean and sanitize and may lead to injury of the animals. Dirty surfaces can lead to potential contamination of the animals and the medical items used in the room along with spread of disease hazards, attraction of pests and odors.

Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices.

This inspection was done with facility representatives and the Institutional Official and the exit interview was conducted with the Institutional Official.

Additional Inspectors:

SUSANNE BRUNKHORST, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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# **Species Inspected**

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835	64-B-0063	001	SOUTHERN BIOTECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATES INC	07-FEB-2024

Count 000037 000148 000003	Scientific Name Oryctolagus cuniculus Capra hircus Sus scrofa domestica	Common Name  DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT  DOMESTIC GOAT  DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002 000021 000003	Lama glama Equus asinus asinus Ovis aries aries	LLAMA DONKEY / BURRO / ASS SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000214	Total	