



## Inspection Report

Oatland Island Wildlife Center  
711 Sandtown Road  
Savannah, GA 31410

Customer ID: **23854**

Certificate: **57-C-0190**

Site: 001

Oatland Island Wildlife Center

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 25-SEP-2024

### 2.131(c)(1)

#### Handling of animals.

At the farm exhibit, the public is allowed to walk directly up to the primary enclosures that contain pigs and sheep with no attendants or public barriers present. The primary enclosures' fences and gates are approximately 4 feet high with spacing between the wire mesh that allow hands or arms to reach through and touch the animals. Unattended public contact does not ensure safe public interaction with the animals and may lead to injury of the public and/or the animals. The licensee must ensure that during periods of public exhibition, animals are handled with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the general viewing public to help assure the safety of both the animals and the public.

### 3.125(a)

#### Critical

#### Facilities, general.

Per a facility representative, on June 12, 2024, a juvenile armadillo named "Torpedo" escaped his primary outdoor enclosure. On June 10, 2024, he was placed in a newly repaired enclosure and escaped two days later. A newly repaired section of the enclosure was then noted by staff to have a small gap in it that allowed the escape. Attempts to locate the missing armadillo were unsuccessful. Failure to contain the animals can result in inability to access food or water, and possibly result in injury and/or death. The enclosure must be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.  
Corrected prior to inspection.

### 3.127(d)

#### Facilities, outdoor.

The perimeter fences associated with the following outdoor primary enclosures are not adequate as follows:

- One corner of the perimeter fence for the cougars is attached to the primary enclosure, using it as part of the perimeter fence, instead of having a secondary containment fence a minimum of 3 feet away.
- One portion of the perimeter fence for the foxes, by the access gate, is approximately 69 inches tall instead of the required 72 inches (6 feet).
- At the wolves' primary enclosure, thick vegetation overgrowth is climbing and leaning over large sections of the perimeter fence, facing the rear of the wolves' primary enclosure, creating a ladder that may allow unwanted animals to easily enter the facility. Also, at the left side of the wolves' enclosure, the perimeter fence that attaches to the viewing building is less than 3 feet from the primary enclosure. The spacing varies from approximately only 12 inches to up to 35

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inches away from the primary enclosure for a distance of about 20 feet. Further, in this same area of the perimeter fence, there is also a significant gap of approximately 6-8 inches below it for a length of about 6 feet which doesn't adequately prevent other animals from passing through it.

The lack of an adequate perimeter fence presents a safety risk to the animals within the facility in that there isn't an adequate secondary containment system to hold animals that may escape their primary enclosures or a sufficient barrier to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. The facility must ensure they maintain in good repair a continuous 8-foot-high perimeter fencing for dangerous animals (cougars and wolves), and 6-foot-high fencing for non-dangerous animals (foxes). Such fences must be at least 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure for animals housed outdoors.

This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "C" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspections or by NOVEMBER 24, 2024, or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
23854	57-C-0190	001	Oatland Island Wildlife Center	25-SEP-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000002	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000003	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000003	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000007	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000001	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000003	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000001	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000002	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000002	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000001	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000001	<i>Strix varia</i>	BARRED OWL
000003	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000000	None	NONE
000044	<b>Total</b>	