



Inspection Report

Atlanta Safari Park
6210 Highway 326
Commerce, GA 30530

Customer ID: **6015081**
Certificate: **67-C-0012**
Site: 001
Atlanta Safari Park

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION
Date: 11-JUL-2023

2.125 Critical

Information as to business; furnishing of same by dealers, exhibitors, operators of auction sales, intermediate handlers, and carriers.

Detailed veterinary communication logs between the licensee and the attending veterinarian regarding the care and treatment notes of a wildebeest prior to its death were requested by an APHIS official to assess for compliance, but the licensee refused to provide them.

Failure to provide APHIS officials information requested in connection to the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act prevents inspectors from ensuring the welfare of the animals at the facility.

Each dealer, exhibitor, operator of an auction sale, intermediate handler, and carrier shall furnish to any APHIS official any information concerning the business of the dealer, exhibitor, operator of an auction sale, intermediate handler or carrier which the APHIS official may request in connection with the enforcement of the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the standards in this subchapter. The information requested shall be furnished within a reasonable time and as may be specified in the request for information.

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

The following potential hazards were found within the primary enclosure for the petting zoo animals currently housing goats and pigs:

- Sharp points protruding into the primary enclosure consisting of approximately 15 nail heads were located on the left side of the older wooden barn that provided shelter to the animals, one to three feet off the ground, sticking out about one to two inches in length.
- Wire twisted around the back gate of the primary enclosure, attaching a mesh panel to the gate, had sharp points directed into the primary enclosure at three attachment points. The length of the sharp points from the wire varied from ½ inch to 2 inches in length at a height of approximately 18 inches from the ground.
- At the right side of the wooden barn was a concrete wall that had approximately a 48-inch wide by 80-inch-tall opening in the wall creating a gap. The licensee had placed a metal mesh panel upright covering the exposed height of the gap but left approximately an 8-inch-wide gap that the goats could attempt to go through trying to reach the metal roofing panels, vegetation or wood panel, that were located just behind the gap, potentially causing an injury or body part entrapment.

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These areas of the primary enclosure could cause harm to the animals by allowing injury from the exposed sharp points within their enclosure or the gap in the wall.

The outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

Corrected at time of inspection.

3.127(b)

Facilities, outdoor.

The number of weather appropriate shelters for the safari animals housed outdoors is not appropriate for the current quantity considering year-round local climatic weather conditions (including winter weather extremes such as below freezing temperatures with potential snow/ice). No additional sides for the shelters or materials for them were available on the property per the licensee. While trees and other vegetation are located on the property, most of it is deciduous and unable to provide adequate shelter in the winter months. Currently, there are two separate pastures as listed below:

- Pasture 1: contains 39 animals (Blackbuck antelope, Red Lechwe, Bantengs, Scottish Highland Cow, Llamas and Zebra) with access to two covered shelters as listed below:

- One two-sided covered shelter (27 by 27 feet) that has no third side for a windbreak.
- One two-sided shelter (27 x 27 feet) with no third side for a windbreak. It does have elongated awnings to make additional shade for a total roofed area of 64 x 27 feet.

- Pasture 2: contains 51 animals (Blackbuck, Wildebeest, Eland, Thomson's gazelle, Scimitar Horned Oryx, Bison, Scottish Highland cows, Water Buffalos, Watusis, Llamas and an alpaca) with access to three structures as detailed below:

- One covered shelter (27 x 27 feet) has two walls in place without a third side for a windbreak.
- One shelter (27 x 27 feet) has two sides with no third side for a windbreak. It does have elongated awnings to make additional shade for a total roofed area of 64 x 27 feet.
- Another shade structure (20 x 30 feet) is a metal carport cover with no sides/windbreaks present.

The structures, as listed above, and the current natural trees with leaves and other vegetation are appropriate for the quantity of animals currently exhibited in each pasture for the warmer/summer weather conditions only. The structures currently provided to the existing animals at this facility need additional wind breaks to adequately protect from weather extremes. Additional shelters must be added to pastures prior to adding more animals to allow all animals access to shelter.

Inadequate shelter from the rain, cold, and other winter conditions could result in illness, as well as animal discomfort, during winter weather extremes. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.

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Multiple gaps, approximately ten, were observed below the perimeter fence and its gates. The size of the perimeter fence deficiencies ranged from 5 to 7 inches in distance below the fence and/or gate (measured from the ground to the bottom wire of the fence or gate) and up to approximately 12 feet in length of the perimeter fence.

The lack of an adequate perimeter fence presents a safety risk to the animals within the facility since it not only has to be an adequate secondary containment system to hold animals that may escape their primary enclosures, but it should also provide a sufficient barrier to keep out unauthorized animals and persons. The gaps below the perimeter fence could allow some animal species to gain access to the giraffe.

The facility must ensure that the giraffe is enclosed by an adequate perimeter fence that does not allow unauthorized animals to crawl under it while maintaining a height of 6-feet and at least three feet in distance from the primary enclosure or shall obtain a variance from the regional office.

3.129(a)

Feeding.

The facility currently houses their petting zoo animals (goats and pigs) in an outdoor dirt enclosure with shelter provided. One round bale of hay is offered but approximately 50 percent of the round bale was discolored and dark in color with a musty smell of the outer layer. Some of the goats were actively eating from this hay bale at the time of inspection. No other browse feed is available to the animals. Cargill 13% Allstock pelleted feed is fed by the patrons during the day and/or by the licensee, if not enough pelleted food has been offered already.

Feed contaminated with mold or mildew may be unwholesome as well as unpalatable to the animals and could result in illness, negatively impacting their health and overall well-being.

The facility must ensure the food given to the animals is wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health.
Corrected at time of inspection.

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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 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
6015081	67-C-0012	001	Atlanta Safari Park	11-JUL-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000007	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000014	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000001	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000030	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000003	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000012	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000004	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000004	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000005	<i>Kobus leche</i>	RED LECHWE / SOUTHERN LECHWE
000001	<i>Gazella thomsonii</i>	THOMSON'S GAZELLE
000002	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000004	<i>Bos javanicus</i>	BANTENG
000002	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000001	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000096	Total	