



Inspection Report

BROOKGREEN GARDENS
P O BOX 3368
PAWLEYS ISLAND, SC 29585

Customer ID: **3264**
Certificate: **56-C-0006**
Site: 001
BROOKGREEN GARDENS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 29-MAY-2024

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

In April 2024, baby otters were inadvertently left separated from their mom, resulting in one otter later being treated for injuries as a result. During this inspection, the facility representative reported this otter was undergoing monitoring and care, recovering from frostbite. The representative stated the local temperature dropped and became very cold the night the otters remained separated from their mother. The next morning, one of the baby otters was found extremely hypothermic, unable to move, and required immediate medical attention due to exposure. While the facility representative was unsure if the absence of the mother contributed to the one otter succumbing to this incident, additional facility records denoted the event resulted from failure to reunite the babies with the mother. Another occurrence was mitigated three days later, where the same baby otters remained separated again, until another colleague intervened and reintroduced the mother to the enclosure with the babies prior to the facility closing.

Young animals unable to remain housed with their mother as needed can result in significant stress, illness, hypothermia, or worse. The facility must ensure that animals are handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

The facility corrected prior to this inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the authorized person.

Prepared By: CARLA THOMAS
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care
Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

Date:
30-MAY-2024

Received by Title: Authorized Person

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000011	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000006	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000001	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000011	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000010	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000001	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000004	<i>Canis rufus</i>	RED WOLF
000002	<i>Gallus gallus</i>	RED JUNGLEFOWL
000003	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>	BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK
000003	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>	FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK
000003	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000009	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK
000005	<i>Anas acuta</i>	NORTHERN PINTAIL
000003	<i>Aythya americana</i>	REDHEAD
000005	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>	RUDDY DUCK
000002	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000002	<i>Spatula discors</i>	BLUE-WINGED TEAL
000001	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>	SANDHILL CRANE
000021	<i>Eudocimus albus</i>	WHITE IBIS
000007	<i>Egretta thula</i>	SNOWY EGRET
000003	<i>Ardea alba</i>	GREAT EGRET
000056	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON
000004	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000003	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000003	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000002	<i>Strix varia</i>	BARRED OWL
000001	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	AMERICAN KESTREL
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000001	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000190	Total	



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