



## Inspection Report

Wildcat Creek Wildlife Center  
4709 N 400 W  
Delphi, IN 46923

Customer ID: **14707**

Certificate: **32-C-0249**

Site: 001

Wildcat Creek Wildlife Center

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 30-AUG-2024

### 3.127(d) Critical

#### Facilities, outdoor.

1) Critical Item: A facility representative reported that on 2/4/2024 two hunting dogs breached the enclosure of racoons Maggie (4477) and Marvin (4549) and killed them. The facility has an APHIS approved perimeter fence variance. The perimeter fence variance identifies that a perimeter fence is not necessary for the racoons at the facility provided that, among other requirements, there is a camera surveillance system and facility personnel reside on site. However, on 2/4/2024 two hunting dogs pulled the heavy wire mesh enclosure material away from the lumber support structure in several locations. The dogs also tore an approximately 1-foot diameter hole in the wire mesh about 5 feet off the ground. Ultimately, the dogs got into the enclosure by climbing onto the enclosure roof, pulling back approximately 2-foot X 2-foot area of the wire mesh from the roof support structure, and jumping into the enclosure. After killing the racoons, the dogs were unable to exit the enclosure. The gross necropsy report for these two racoons confirmed death due to trauma. When security measures are not effectively implemented to keep unwanted animals off the premises, injury to the animals can occur.

The facility must ensure appropriate security measure are being employed to keep unwanted animals and unauthorized persons from having contact with the animals at the facility.

To be corrected from this day (9/6/2024) forward.

2) Non-critical item: Bobcat OGI (3954) is not adequately protected by a perimeter fence. There is a 6-foot-high wood privacy fence that encircles about ¼ of the bobcat enclosure. Perimeter fencing is important to protecting the animals at the facility from injury and disease. Perimeter fences can keep unwanted animals and unauthorized people from having unwanted contact with the animals at the facility. Perimeter fences can also serve as a secondary containment system for the animals.

Outdoor housing facilities must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height (6 feet) to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals

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or persons outside the perimeter fence. Such fences less than 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure, and less than 6 feet high, must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

To be corrected by December 30, 2024.

### 3.131(d)

#### Sanitation.

The facility does not have an effective program for the control of mammalian pests. There were many rodent droppings in the food storage room. These droppings were located on an equipment storage shelf, on the top of several storage containers, and on the floor. Rodents and their droppings can be a source of disease transmission.

The facility must establish and maintain an effective program for the control of rodents and other pests.

To be corrected by the start of business on 9/9/2024.

### 3.152(b)

#### Facilities, outdoor

The outdoor enclosure for the bald eagle does not provide adequate shelter to protect the bird from adverse weather conditions, specifically wind and precipitation. The enclosure has no solid walls and does not have a solid roof but does contain a three-sided solid walled shelter box with a solid roof. In addition, the enclosure is surrounded by deciduous trees. The adult bald eagle in the enclosure has physical impairments that restrict the animal's movement. The current shelter box in the enclosure is not large enough to comfortably contain the eagle and provide an area of protection from the precipitation and wind during the winter months.

The outdoor housing facility for birds must provide adequate shelter, appropriate to the species and physical condition of the birds, for local climatic conditions to protect the birds from any adverse weather conditions. Shelters must have one or more separate areas of shade or other effective protection that is large enough to comfortably contain the bird and protect the bird from direct sunlight, precipitation, or wind.

To be corrected by the close of business on 11/30/2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
14707	32-C-0249	001	Wildcat Creek Wildlife Center	30-AUG-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Sciurus niger</i>	EASTERN FOX SQUIRREL
000001	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>	AMERICAN RED SQUIRREL
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000001	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000001	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000001	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	BROAD-WINGED HAWK
000001	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
000001	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	TURKEY VULTURE
000002	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	AMERICAN KESTREL
000001	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000001	<i>Asio otus</i>	LONG-EARED OWL
000018	<b>Total</b>	