



Inspection Report

Dauset Trails Nature Center
360 Mt Vernon Church Rd
Jackson, GA 30233

Customer ID: **3170**

Certificate: **57-C-0030**

Site: 001

Dauset Trails Nature Center

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 06-JAN-2026

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

Sharp points within two outdoor enclosures were noted as follows:

- The top wire of the enclosure fence for four cows, near their water receptacle, was broken and bent inwards approximately 6 inches causing a sharp point of wire, approximately 2-3 inches long, to point into the enclosure at approximately 3 ½ to 4 feet from the ground.
- A large wooden furniture structure located within the primary enclosure of the goats has deteriorated such that the top had a portion of wood missing and multiple sharp ends of metal nails remaining that pointed up and out of its top, varying in height from approximately 2 to 3 inches.

The areas identified above could cause harm to the animals by allowing injury from the exposed sharp points. The outdoor housing facilities must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury or escape.

Corrected at the time of inspection and to stay corrected from this date, January 8, 2026, forward.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

The following deficiencies were identified with the facility's perimeter fence:

- To the left of a closed access gate that leads to walking trails for the public, located by the red fox's outdoor enclosure, an approximately 6-inch gap was found between the perimeter fence and the gate that spanned vertically from the ground up, for the full height of the 8 foot high fence, that could allow animals to pass through it.
- There was a significant gap below the perimeter fence at another closed gate, located to the left of the property where a rocked parking lot for the public is provided. The gap ranges from 5 to 6 inches in height for a length of about 12 feet which doesn't adequately prevent other animals from passing under it.
- The wire mesh of the perimeter fence to the left of the gate at the public gravel parking lot was pushed down, creating a large gap of approximately 2 feet between the wire mesh and the added single strand of top wire, due to the amount of leaning and loose wire mesh spanning between the fence posts. The fence height was approximately 6 feet in height for about 10 feet in fence length in two areas to the left of the gate. The wire mesh being pushed in and/or down is causing loose wire fencing in this section, and therefore, not an effective barrier nor tall enough for dangerous species (bears). 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

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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 (bears) and 6-foot-high fencing for non-dangerous animals (opossum, beaver, foxes, groundhogs, bobcats, coyotes, and racoons). Such fences must be at least 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure for animals housed outdoors.

Correct by: April 1, 2026.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000004	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX
000004	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000005	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000001	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000003	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000003	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000006	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000001	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000004	<i>Strix varia</i>	BARRED OWL
000001	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000002	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000002	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000013	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000002	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000002	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000001	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	AMERICAN BEAVER
000064	Total	