



Inspection Report

Patricia Wess

16246 Laurel Hill Road S E
Glenford, OH 43739

Customer ID: **322476**

Certificate: **31-B-0163**

Site: 001

PAT WESS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 26-FEB-2024

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Facilities, general.

An enclosure housing 2 adult red fox failed to protect the animals from injury. One fox in the enclosure, an approximately 5-year-old melanistic, female, red fox cut the skin in between the 2nd and 3rd toes on her right front paw. There is metal sheeting used as partial flooring in the enclosure that has exposed sharp edges. The fox was noted by APHIS inspectors to be holding the right front paw up and limping. The fox was also seen to be licking the right front paw. The other fox in the enclosure had no observable injuries.

The licensee noted that the foxes have been digging a lot recently and she has been trying different ways of modifying the enclosure to combat that. The licensee stated that the foxes and the enclosure were both fine the day before and she had not yet observed the female fox to be limping as she had not finished all of her chores yet at the time of inspection.

The licensee added additional flooring to avoid any further injury during the inspection.

Enclosures with sharp points or edges can be a source of injury to the animals living within. Especially with a species known for digging, it is important to construct housing enclosures in a manner that they are structurally sound, but also maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. Correct by: February 29, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

Mark Sanderbeck, ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Date:

27-FEB-2024

Received by Title: Licensee

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
322476	31-B-0163	001	PAT WESS	26-FEB-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000026	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000004	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL
000006	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000038	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000006	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000082	Total	