



## Inspection Report

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Save the Chimps Inc.  
PO Box 12220  
Fort Pierce, FL 34979

Customer ID: **13609**  
Certificate: **58-C-0706**  
Site: 001  
SAVE THE CHIMPS INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 27-FEB-2023

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### 3.75(a)

#### Housing facilities, general.

Actively peeling paint was observed on the walls of several housing units for the chimpanzees. These housing units had rows of peeling paint observed below and around the windows of the outer enclosures for chimpanzee indoor housing. Several of these housing units also had peeling paint observed inside the indoor housing enclosures for the chimpanzees. Chipping and peeling paint can be injurious to the animals if ingested. The structure of the indoor housing area must be kept in good repair and must protect the animals from injury.

Correct by March 20, 2023

### 3.81(a)(3)

#### Critical

#### Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

A review of medical and behavioral records from May 2022 to January 2023 indicate that "Rebel" and "Nigida", two adult male chimpanzees, were repeatedly injured and endured distress while housed in an unstable social group with alpha male, "JB". Multiple members of the medical staff, director, and care techs all stated that "JB" is known to be an overly aggressive, unfit alpha male. During this 9-month period, "Rebel" sustained injuries to his hands, feet, anus, torso, and face. Behavioral logs also noted "Rebel" eating less and spending an increased amount of time outside on the island. "Nigida" sustained multiple injuries to his testicles, anus, and face. Behavioral logs indicated "Nigida" frequently sat alone

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under an indoor enclosure bench. Despite the facility's efforts to stabilize the group, "Rebel" and "Nigida" continued to sustain injuries by "JB". Social incompatibility may lead to distress, anxiety, injuries and possibly death.

Nonhuman primates may not be housed with animals unless they are compatible, do not prevent access to food, water, or shelter by individual animals, and are not known to be hazardous to the health and wellbeing of each other.

Corrected prior to the time of inspection.

### 3.84(c)

#### **Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.**

During inspection, the following areas in need of cleaning and repair were found:

- A significant accumulation of dust and dirt was observed on wall mounted fans and air vents in several housing units for the chimpanzees. Several of the wall mounted fans blow air directly into the indoor chimpanzee enclosures, while others function as exhaust fans.

- The west perimeter fence line of the premises was not maintained in a manner that prevents the accumulation of weeds and dense vegetation. The extent of weeds and vegetation prevents assessment of perimeter fence line integrity, and it cannot be determined if the fence is in need of repairs. Dense vegetation may also provide harborage for rodents, pests, and vermin.

These areas are not being maintained in a manner that protects animal health and welfare. Premises where housing facilities are located, including building and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair to facilitate husbandry practices and reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents, pests, and vermin.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
13609	58-C-0706	001	SAVE THE CHIMPS INC	27-FEB-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000226	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	CHIMPANZEE
000226	<b>Total</b>	