



## Inspection Report

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Atlanta Safari Park  
6210 Highway 326  
Commerce, GA 30530

Customer ID: **6015081**  
Certificate: **67-C-0012**  
Site: 001  
Atlanta Safari Park

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 22-APR-2025

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### 3.150(a)

#### Facilities, general.

In the aviary, the area leading into the shelter building has not been maintained in good repair or to prevent injury to the parakeets as follows:

- Multiple warped and buckled areas are present along the top of the wooden shelf, serving as a landing/resting area at the entrance of the shelter building, with multiple gaps created where the wood is lifting up.
- Long screws that secure perches within the access window leading into the shelter building were observed in the flight path of the birds, sticking up and/or out beyond the provided perches.

Housing facilities for birds that are not structurally sound or in good repair may cause harm, discomfort, or injury to the birds. Housing facilities for birds must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species of bird housed in them. They must be kept in good repair, protect the birds from injury, and restrict other animals from entering.

Correct by: 06/01/2025.

### 2.131(c)(1)

#### Handling of animals.

The facility is not ensuring that animals are handled with minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public. At the time of inspection, inspectors observed the following within the drive-thru safari, as a result of the public feeding the animals:

- An adult camel placed its head and up to half of its neck into the passenger side window of a patron's vehicle such that the animal's head reached the center/armrest area, between the driver and the front seat passenger, that could have injured the patron in the passenger seat by swinging its head into the member of the public.
- An adult zebra placed its head up to its ears within the open window of a patron's rear window such that its large head and mouth was in close proximity to patrons and could result in an injury.
- Children were observed repeatedly touching the ears, faces, manes, and noses of zebra while leaning over the siderails of the stationary trailer pulled by the facility's tractor when feeding the animals that could have resulted in a bite to the children's fingers as the animals were actively trying to acquire feed.
- A male ostrich was observed pecking at a guest's sweatshirt sleeve while being fed from the guest's vehicle.
- Llamas heads were observed with their heads fully in the windows of patrons' vehicles creating a potential entrapment issue if the window was rolled up on them.

An attendant was either not present to serve as a barrier or did not intervene during these occurrences, and the fully open

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vehicle windows do not provide a sufficient barrier and/or distance between the animals and the public to assure their safety. When animals place their heads inside guest's personal vehicles or when the public pets the animals around their mouths when they are trying to feed, there is more than a minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public to assure the safety of animals and the public.

Correct by: 06/01/2025.

### 2.131(d)(2)

Repeat

#### Handling of animals.

At the time of public interactions within the drive thru safari, there was a lack of attendants as follows:

- There were no attendants in the drive-thru safari starting at the employee access road in Pasture 1 to the pond in pasture 2. As inspectors went through this area, they observed 1 hour of unattended patrons in vehicles taking part in multiple feeding interactions (over 20) with animals such as camels, llamas, Watusi, nilgai, emus, ostriches and Scottish highlanders. During that time, a camel was seen with its entire head and up to half its neck in a patron's car to the middle of the vehicle completely blocking this individual in place. A zebra was also seen with its entire head into a passenger window, and many llamas were observed with their heads in patrons cars. Unattended interactions also took place during the last leg of the safari, from the pond to the end.

- At the beginning of the safari to the access road in pasture 1, a trailer with about 40 children stopped twice to allow feeding of animals such as zebras, emus and Watusis. The driver, the only attendant for this group, was seen mainly with his back to the trailer therefore not monitoring at all or only paying attention to one side of the vehicle leaving the other side out of view and unattended.

Lack of employee oversight of contact between the animals and the public may lead to injury to the patrons and/or injury or distress to the animals. A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact.

### 2.134(b)

#### Contingency planning.

There is no documentation maintained to indicate that an annual review of the contingency plan has been completed. The contingency plan must be reviewed by the facility on at least an annual basis to ensure that it adequately addresses all required contingency related criteria and that no updates or changes need to be made to the plan such as changes made as a result of any recent unforeseen circumstances. The facility must maintain documentation of their contingency plan annual reviews including documenting any amendments or changes made since the previous year's review.

Correct by 05/30/2025.

### 3.125(a)

Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

The wooden wind break shelters in each pasture were not kept in good repair and/or could cause an injury to the animals. In Pasture 1, the back panels of the wind break shelter were bowing/leaning out and not adequately supported. In Pasture 2, two panels attached to side of the wind break facing the drive thru path were separating from the frame of the shelter creating gaps down the length and across the bottom of the panel creating a space for an animal's body part to get

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entrapped or other injury. Also, they are not as an effective wind break in this condition. Failure to maintain the facility in good repair or enclosures that contain possibly injurious items may negatively impact the health and comfort of the animals. Housing facilities must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury or escape.

### 3.153(b)(3)

#### Primary enclosures.

At the time of inspection there were approximately two hundred free-flighted parakeets, per the licensee, in the outdoor aviary that had many, approximately a dozen, gaps and holes in the dirt floor along the edges of the budgie enclosure created by the birds burrowing. Per the licensee, there is a dig barrier to prevent escape, and the budgies are nesting in these holes. A few budgies were observed with an overall red clay or dirt color on their plumage as they were observed going in and out of the burrow holes. Per the licensee, the budgies have been doing this nesting behavior in the ground over the past 3 months. The licensee has since added nest boxes, approximately 10 were hanging, which were being used by the birds, per the licensee. Since the birds are still actively using the ground nesting holes, this demonstrates a lack of nesting materials and structures provided to support species typical behavior, which can negatively impact the health, and the well-being of the animals contained therein. The facility needs to provide a sufficient number of nest boxes and/or materials for the breeding birds to meet the reproductive needs of the species and to minimize aggression. Correct by: 06/01/2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6015081	67-C-0012	001	Atlanta Safari Park	22-APR-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000005	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000019	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000005	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000003	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000004	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000001	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	GREATER KUDU
000002	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	IMPALA
000004	<i>Kobus leche</i>	RED LECHWE / SOUTHERN LECHWE
000006	<i>Bos javanicus</i>	BANTENG
000009	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000001	<i>Bos indicus</i>	ZEBU
000021	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX
000005	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000003	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000045	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000010	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000009	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	RED DEER
000002	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000016	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000005	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000193	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL
000030	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000403	<b>Total</b>	