



## Inspection Report

Monroe County Conservation  
1270 635th Ave.  
Lovilia, IA 50150

Customer ID: **19885**

Certificate: **42-C-0220**

Site: 001

MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 16-NOV-2015

### 3.125(a)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

In the deer and elk enclosure there is a woven wire fence running along the center of the enclosure that can be used to divide the area into two pens. In two separate areas of this fencing, the animals have torn through the wire creating large holes in the fence. The areas of broken wire have resulted in sharp points around the edges of the holes and the vegetation around these holes has been trampled forming dirt paths indicating that the animals are walking through these holes.

Fencing that has broken creating holes and sharp points could cause injury to the animals. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and contain the animals.

The broken sections of fencing must be replaced, repaired, or altered in a manner that eliminates the risk of injury to the animals. The licensee must ensure that all enclosures remain safe for the animals at all time.

Correction date: December 16, 2015

### 3.133

#### SEPARATION.

There are three male elk and five female elk housed together in one large enclosure. An immature male elk (DOB 2012) was observed to have large sections of hair missing from both sides of his body and along the top of the hips. The most extensive areas of hair loss are located along the ribs and flanks of both sides of the animal and on the left shoulder. Some of the areas are completely free of hair and the skin is readily visible. The facility representative said the two mature males in the enclosure would push and shove the immature male around. This inspection occurred near the breeding season for the elk when the males could be more aggressive. The two mature males both had a large set of antlers and were observed to be sparing with each other during the inspection.

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The harassing behavior by the mature males towards the immature male and the resulting areas of hair loss on the immature male indicated that he is not compatible to be housed in this enclosure with these animals. Injury to the immature male could result if he is continued to be housed with the mature males. Animals housed in the same primary enclosure must be compatible. Animals shall not be housed near animals that interfere with their health or cause them discomfort.

The immature male elk must be separated from the mature males until it can be determined that they are compatible to safely co-exist in the same enclosure. The licensee must ensure that all animals in the enclosure are compatible in order to promote their health and well-being.

Correction date: November 27, 2015

Exit interview conducted with Kelly Maxwell, ACI and the facility representative.

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## Species Inspected

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19885	42-C-0220	001	MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION	16-NOV-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000008	<i>Cervus c. canadensis</i>	ELK
000005	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
<b>000013</b>	<b>Total</b>	