

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
NY09447 AC

VIOLATOR:
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Educational Encounters
(WOWEE)

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: October 18, 2007

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(c) Sanitation. (c) Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

You failed to keep the premises clean and in good repair. APHIS officials discovered several items of disrepair throughout the facility including a chewed tarp, a ripped hammock, and a mesh fencing that was falling apart. Additionally, you allowed several areas throughout the facility to accumulate with clutter, debris, and trash.

Date of Violation: April 20, 2009

9 C.F.R. § 2.126(b) Access and inspection of records and property. (b) The use of a room, table, or other facilities necessary for the proper examination of the records and inspection of the property or animals must be extended to APHIS officials by the dealer, exhibitor, intermediate handler or carrier, and a responsible adult shall be made available to accompany APHIS officials during the inspection process.

You failed to have a responsible person available to allow APHIS officials to inspect your facility.

Date of Violation: May 6, 2009

9 C.F.R. § 3.4 Outdoor housing facilities. (b) Shelter from the elements. Shelters in outdoor facilities for dogs or cats must contain a roof, four sides, and a floor, and must: (3) Be provided with a wind break and rain break at the entrance.

You failed to provide wind and rain breaks for the wolf hybrid shelter.

Date of Violation: May 6, 2009

9 C.F.R. § 3.75(e) Housing facilities, general. (e) Storage. Supplies of food and bedding must be stored in a manner that protects the supplies from spoilage, contamination, and vermin infestation.

You failed to protect food supplies from spoilage, contamination, and vermin infestation. APHIS officials discovered open supplies of food stored within the lemur housing building. Additionally, you allowed cats to roam around this area which presented a further risk of food contamination.

Date of Violation: May 6, 2009

9 C.F.R. § 3.76(b) Indoor housing facilities. (b) Ventilation. Indoor housing facilities must be sufficiently ventilated at all times when nonhuman primates are present to provide for their health and well-being and to minimize odors, drafts, ammonia levels, and moisture condensation.

You failed to provide sufficient ventilation in the form of a vent or fan within the buildings housing nonhuman primates.

Date of Violation: May 6, 2009

9 C.F.R. § 3.84 Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control. (a) Cleaning of primary enclosures. Excreta and food waste must be removed from inside each indoor primary enclosure daily and from underneath them as often as necessary to prevent an excessive accumulation of feces and food waste, to prevent the nonhuman primates from becoming soiled, and to reduce disease hazards, insects, pests, and odors.

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control. (c) Housekeeping for premises. Premises where housing facilities are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the nonhuman primates from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents, pests, and vermin.

You failed to clean the tamarin enclosure. You allowed the walls inside of the enclosure to become dirty with food debris.

You failed to properly clean and maintain the nonhuman primate primary housing facilities consistent with this regulation. You allowed the housing facilities to become cluttered with debris and other items.

Date of Violation: September 1, 2009

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. (a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to replace and/or repair the pig housing enclosure which was not structurally sound and in a state of disrepair. Additionally, you failed to repair and/or replace the door frame to the bobcat enclosure which was rusted and in disrepair.

Date of Violation: November 9, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.75(b)(1) Records: Dealers and exhibitors. (b)(1) Every dealer...shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information concerning animals other than dogs and cats, purchased or otherwise acquired,

owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control.

You failed to keep and maintain records pursuant to this citation for several ferrets, spiny mice, coati mundi, tamarins, rabbits, guinea pigs, agouti, one cavy, and one serval.

Date of Violation: November 9, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. (a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to keep the binturong enclosure in good repair. You failed to repair and/or replace the chewed plastic enclosure.

Date of Violation: November 9, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 3.131(c) Sanitation. (c) Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

You failed to keep the premises clean and in good repair. APHIS officials discovered several areas of disrepair throughout the facility including clutter, debris, and trash. You failed to remove dust, debris, and dirt which you allowed to accumulate on top of animal enclosures, on the floors, and on the back walls of the facility.

The stipulation issued previously (May 13, 2011) is hereby rescinded.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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