



Inspection Report

CRAIG KOKAS

3153 PROSPECT-UPPER SANDUSKY RD
PROSPECT, OH 43342

Customer ID: **2115**

Certificate: **31-A-0031**

Site: 001

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Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 26-OCT-2022

2.75(b)(1)

Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

This facility currently has no record of animals on hand. Failure to maintain complete and accurate records of animals on hand prevents the licensee from identifying individual animals and following their movement in and out of the facility.

Correct by ensuring that the facility maintains complete and accurate records of all animals on hand, all animal acquisitions (including the total offspring born of any animal while in his possession or under his control) and animal dispositions (including those which die, are euthanized, sold, transferred, or otherwise disposed of). These records must include all information required by this section, must be maintained in an accurate and timely manner, and must be made available for inspection by APHIS officials.

Remains uncorrected.

3.125(a)

Repeat

Facilities, general.

Two enclosures housing arctic foxes with no shelter boxes at the far side of the property have broken wires in the floor creating gaps 4 x 2 inches in size with sharp points. Holes in the floor of this size allow a foot or appendage to fall through which can lead to injuries.

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The wire mesh flooring in the skunk box marked R1 C1 is broken on the right side against the wood wall creating a gap with sharp points that could potentially injure the skunk and impacts the structural integrity of the floor.

Two ferret enclosures have broken wires in the flooring creating sharp edges which could cause injury or entrapment. In one enclosure, the bottom edge of the side mesh where it meets the bottom wire is rusted through and is separating creating a gap and the floor to sag.

The large enclosure housing three raccoons still has broken wire with a gap at the base of the door frame. This wire has sharp edges that are protruding into the enclosure and pose an injury hazard to the animals.

The Sika deer enclosure continues to have large loose sections of the fence on the back side. The post in the back of the enclosure remains broken with the top portion hanging into the enclosure. A few sections of the far fence are crumpled, some with repair attempts made, but remain loose, posing an injury threat to the deer.

Correct by ensuring that all enclosures are structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to safely contain the animals.

Remains uncorrected.

3.127(b) **Direct** **Repeat**

Facilities, outdoor.

Twenty-seven Arctic fox and thirty- one red fox still do not have adequate shelter. The wire mesh enclosures have a piece of blue plastic board material attached to the wire mesh between enclosures that share a common wall. This provides a partial partition. It had just rained prior to starting the inspection and the red foxes observed at the start of the inspection

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had wet fur, even though the tops of their enclosures were covered, indicating that the animals cannot stay dry during inclement weather.

Numerous Arctic fox were observed frozen in position, growling and/or attempting to climb the walls of their enclosure to escape, as inspectors approached. This demonstrates their instinctual need to hide in the face of perceived danger.

Adequate shelter from the elements (such as a hide box) allows animals to make normal behavioral adjustments for the species. Lacking this shelter leads to extreme stress and possible exposure injury, especially as temperatures drop with winter coming. The animals suffer psychological and physical harm under these conditions. Correct by ensuring that adequate shelter is provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort.

Remains uncorrected.

3.127(d)

Repeat

Facilities, outdoor.

The facility continues to not have a perimeter fence. Several species are maintained outside at the facility including: Arctic fox, bobcat, grey fox, ferret, mink, red fox and striped skunk. An Administer approved variance has not been secured. Animals and unauthorized persons have easy access to the animals, which may result in harm to the animals such as undue stress, disease exposure, theft, injury, release, and/or death. Outdoor housing facilities must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out and from them having contact with the animals in the facility. Remains uncorrected.

3.129(b)

Repeat

Feeding.

The food receptacle design remains unchanged. Food containers are entirely enclosed within a wire "cage," made of 1" square mesh, where they cannot be easily removed for cleaning and sanitization. As a result, old food, dirt, grime, and

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other organic debris collects and persists in and on some of the food containers. This exposes the animals to health hazards and disease risks. Correct by ensuring that food receptacles are kept clean and sanitary at all times. Remains uncorrected.

3.131(a) **Direct** **Repeat**

Sanitation.

Many of the red fox enclosures that were labeled with "Pups" had wood boards in the shelter boxes. These boards are covered with an accumulation of feces that needs to be removed. When in their shelter, the foxes have no way to avoid coming in contact with their own excreta. Many of the foxes were lying in their own filth and were reluctant to leave the box.

There is an excessive accumulation of hair, bedding, and fecal material hanging around and under the nest boxes and wire mesh enclosures of the mink and ferrets.

Failure to clean excreta from primary enclosures as often as necessary can lead to disease, disease transmission within the facility, and contribute to odors. Correct by ensuring that feces are removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent accumulation of excreta, contamination of animals, minimize disease hazards, and reduce odors. Remains uncorrected

3.131(c) **Repeat**

Sanitation.

The premises are still in disarray. Accumulations of trash and junk, including empty cat food cans, wire fencing, and unused enclosures, have collected in piles among and around the animal enclosures, including within the center isle of the mink/ferret barn. Inside the spotted skunk and wallaby barn, there are large accumulations of cobwebs, dust, hair,

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and debris. Empty spotted skunk enclosures have not been cleaned and are still full of moldy feces and debris. These accumulations of trash and unused equipment/enclosures, provide housing and protection for pests and vermin. Both waste and the presence of pests and vermin may expose the regulated animals to disease hazards. Correct by ensuring that premises are kept clean and in good repair to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

Remains uncorrected.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000122	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000011	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000022	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000013	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000005	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000013	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000006	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000001	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000011	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	SIKA DEER
000013	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	EASTERN SPOTTED SKUNK
000033	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000036	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000035	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000100	<i>Mustela vison</i>	AMERICAN MINK
000013	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000048	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000484	Total	