



Inspection Report

MOUNT HOPE AUCTION INC

PO Box 82
Mt Hope, OH 44660

Customer ID: **2156**

Certificate: **31-B-0031**

Site: 001

MOUNT HOPE AUCTION, INC.

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 20-APR-2023

2.76(a) Repeat

Records: Operators of auction sales and brokers.

The licensee currently uses a computerized system that generates the sales/disposition forms that do not have the data required under 2.76 (a), including the USDA license number if applicable, the sex and approximate age of the animal. Failure to include this information on disposition forms limits APHIS's ability to properly track animal movements and ensure the well-being of those animals. Correct by ensuring that disposition records include all required information including: The name and address of the buyer or consignee who received the animal, the USDA license or registration number for the person buying the animal, the vehicle license number, state, driver's license number for if the purchaser is not licensed or registered under the Act, a complete description of the animal (species, breed/type, sex, date of birth or approximate age, color and distinctive markings), and auction sales number assigned to the animal.

2.132(d) Critical Repeat

Procurement of dogs, cats, and other animals; dealers.

During the spring sale dates of March 23-25, 2023 , the auction accepted several animals for sale from un-licensed individuals who were required to be licensed but currently do not hold a license. These included:

* A consignor sold a skunk lot # 10390 and did not have a USDA license number. The skunk was sold to a licensed exhibitor 35-C-0399. Additionally, this same consignor sold a Patagonian cavy lot #5594 consigned on 9-15-2022. The

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licensee was previously cited on 10-21-22 for knowingly purchasing from this consignor who requires a license.

* A consignor sold two raccoons (lot # 9828 and 9829); three bobcats (lot # 9830, 9831 and 9832) and three skunks (lot # 9833, 9834 and 9835). The consignment form did not contain a USDA license number. It was determined that several of these animals were sold to current licensed facilities for exhibition purposes and that the individual should have been required to have a one-time exemption or an active license. The bobcat # 09830 was sold to a licensed exhibitor 23-C-0019, and raccoon lot # 9829 was sold to a licensed broker 31-B-0221.

* A consignor sold a camel lot # 1316 and did not have a USDA license number or a onetime exemption. The camel was sold to a licensed exhibitor 55-C-0138. Due to the species and sale, this consignor should have had a license or one time exemption to sell the animal through the auction.

* A consignor sold a camel lot # 1313 and did not have a USDA license number or a onetime exemption. The camel was sold to a licensed exhibitor 55-B-0225. Due to the species and sale, this consignor should have had a license or one time exemption to sell the animal through the auction.

* A consignor sold a camel lot # 1314 and did not have a USDA license number or a onetime exemption. The camel was sold to a licensed exhibitor 55-B-0225. Due to the species and sale, this consignor should have had a license or one time exemption to sell the animal through the auction.

* A consignor sold one Ringtail Lemur lot #11990. The consignor provided a seller name and USDA license number (31-A-0031) but then requested that the check be made out to a different name and sent to a different mailing address which is not associated with the license holder. Additionally, the actual license holder had already consigned animals including lot # 11893-11895 earlier the same day and requested that the payment be made to their name. The license holder of 31-A-0031 can not buy and re-sell animals with their current A-license, therefore, they cannot consign animals belonging to another individual. Given that the Lemur consignor requested the payment be sent to their name rather than the license holder, it was clear that they were not in fact consigning the animal on behalf of licensee 31-A-0031 and that the

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consignor was unlicensed.

No dealer shall knowingly obtain any animal from any person who is required to be licensed but who does not hold a current, valid license or has not received a onetime exemption from USDA to sell the animals. Failure to ensure that consignors of animals which are required to be licensed have a valid license prevents APHIS from ensuring the well-being of those animals at their originating facility. Correct by ensuring that animals are only obtained from sources that hold a current, valid, and unsuspended licensed or from individuals that are exempted from licensure under the AWA.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

Additional Inspectors:

Mark Sanderbeck, ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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