



Inspection Report

Andrew S Clark
1740 Beamsville Union City Rd
Union City, OH 45390

Customer ID: **600252**
Certificate: **31-B-0210**
Site: 001
Andrew S Clark

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 19-APR-2023

3.128

Space requirements.

Currently the otters are rotated through two different pools and given access to submerge and swim every three to four days. The remaining time, they are housed in enclosures that provide a nest box and a ledge to climb on, but no water source for submerging/swimming. As a semi aquatic species, swimming is a normal postural and social adjustment for this species. Not having access to water limits their freedom of movement and can contribute to stress or abnormal behavior patterns. The licensee stated that sometimes the otters will begin to self-mutilate and have a hard time stopping. A female recently rejected her own pups, eating two of them. These are indicators of stress which may be exacerbated due to lack of a water source that allows for normal postural movement. Animals that are semi aquatic in nature should have enclosures that provide sufficient space for these behaviors for their health and well-being. Correct by: May 10, 2023

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Sanitation.

There is an accumulation of feces in most enclosures that needs to be removed more frequently. Accumulations of excreta may harbor pathogens which may be harmful to the otters. Enclosures should be cleaned as often as necessary to minimize disease hazards for the overall health of the otters. Correct by April 23, 2023

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000034	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000034	Total	