



Inspection Report

International Herpetology Center
8850 NW 72nd Street
Parkland, FL 33067

Customer ID: **6016789**

Certificate: **58-B-0709**

Site: 001

International Herpetology Center

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 21-MAY-2026

2.40(a)(1)

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

The facility failed to have a complete Program of Veterinary Care (PVC). The facility had an APHIS 7002 PVC form, but only the front page was filled out. It did not address animals on hand or ones previously sold.

A written Program of Veterinary Care that is current, facility-specific, and inclusive of all animal species maintained is required to facilitate effective communication between the attending veterinarian and the facility. Failure to maintain an updated PVC completed in detail by the attending veterinarian prevents APHIS officials from determining whether animals at the facility are receiving adequate veterinary care or whether acceptable methods are being used to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

Each dealer is required to employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements, and in the case of a part-time attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises. Correct by: May 29, 2026.

2.40(b)(3)

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The facility failed to identify and address a laceration on the nose of a female Egyptian Sand cat, hair loss on two Fennec fox, and one Yawari opossum. During a re-license inspection, a 1cm laceration on the nose of the female Sand cat was observed. It was red in the center and there was a smaller one adjacent to it. There was a distinct demarcation of hair loss over the bridge of the nose with debris in the hair bordering the wound. When asked about compatibility, an employee remarked that the female was dominant over the male. Two male Fennec fox were observed to have areas over their back and tail that were growing in new fur. One male still had an oval spot at the base of the tail that was pink with no hair growth and covered with debris. A Yawari opossum was observed with circular patches of hair lost along the inside edge of both ears.

Failure to closely observe animals on a daily basis may result in significant behavioral or physical changes going unnoticed. This can delay the identification of illness or injury, leading to prolonged discomfort and inadequate or untimely veterinary care. Daily and attentive observation of all animals is essential to identify early indicators of illness, injury, or distress.

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Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care. To be corrected this day, May 21, 2026, forward.

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

At the time of the inspection, the licensee failed to maintain required acquisition records for one Yawari opossum, one Least weasel, and two Coendou prehensile porcupines. In addition, there were multiple disposition forms missing the USDA or driver's license number of purchasers.

Complete and accurate records are required to ensure effective animal tracking and to maintain compliance with the Animal Welfare Act and its regulations.

Every dealer to whom animals are consigned, and exhibited shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section 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. Correct by May 29, 2026.

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

There are two wooden structures in disrepair in the outdoor enclosure of a Least weasel. These structures are covered in green algae/mildew and have rotting wood, broken pieces, sharp points, and holes.

Broken or weakened wood is dangerous because it can create sharp edges, splinters, and unstable surfaces that can easily injure an animal. Even a small fracture in a platform, or board can lead to cuts or punctures, foot and leg injuries, snags or entanglement, stress, or behavioral changes as the animal tries to avoid the unsafe area.

The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. To be corrected this day, May 21, 2026, forward.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

The facility does not have a 6 ft perimeter fence. The west side fence is approximately 4 ft high. Other areas along the perimeter fence contain multiple gaps and trenches beneath the fence line. Vegetation in the southwestern corner also obscures the bottom of the fence.

An inadequate perimeter fence leaves the facility vulnerable, creating opportunities for intruders or wild animals to enter and potentially compromises the safety and well-being of the animals.

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All outdoor housing facilities must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. To be corrected by the next scheduled relicensure inspection.

This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "B" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspections or by July 20, 2026 or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6016789	58-B-0709	001	International Herpetology Center	21-MAY-2026

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Felis margarita</i>	SAND CAT
000005	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000002	<i>Felis catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000001	<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	LEAST WEASEL
000001	<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>	SOUTHERN OPOSSUM
000011	Total	