



### Inspection Report

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Wilson Horse and Mule Sale Inc  
1050 W Cemetery Road  
Cookeville, TN 38506

Customer ID: **38048**

Certificate:

Site: 001

WILSON HORSE & MULE SALE  
INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 02-MAR-2023

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#### 2.131(b)(1)

#### Repeat

#### Handling of animals.

Handling of all animals was not done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in the auction ring. On Thursday March 2 the inspector watched the auction of the hoofstock species including the aoudad and wildebeest.

\*One male auction attendant standing near the exit gate was noted waving a long (approximately five foot) plastic stick with a flag at the end to make the animals move toward the center of the auction ring. The man was noted hitting multiple wildebeest on the head and body with the flagged end of the pole. The wildebeest reacted by kicking out and running away from him. The man was observed hitting the animals from behind the swinging protection door (used for people to get out of the path of the animals).

\*The auction attendants at both ends of the ring moved the aoudad from one side of the ring to the other by yelling at them and waving their arms and the sticks with flags at them. The aoudads reacted by running and jumping. One jumped over the six to seven foot high auctioneer stand into the area where the auctioneer staff were present. It took a couple of people to safely capture the animal and remove it from the auctioneer stand.

Hitting and mishandling of animals causes behavioral stress, discomfort and can result in injury to the animals or the humans nearby. All animals shall be handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort.

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**3.127(b)**

**Facilities, outdoor.**

The weather during the auction included several periods of rain. Several outdoor enclosures behind the barn housing water buffalo prior to their Thursday auction were uncovered and had no shelter from the rain for the animals. It had rained Wednesday. The ground in their enclosure was wet and muddy. The animals had no dry ground and no shelter to allow them to remain dry. The inability to seek shelter from inclement weather may lead to distress to the animals along with temperature stresses and wet muddy ground. Live animals shall be provided protection to all them to remain dry during inclement weather. Correct by 5/1/23.

**3.127(c)**

**Repeat**

**Facilities, outdoor.**

Despite several major improvements including the addition of car port like roof structures over some of the outdoor enclosures and a new gutter system on the barn, several wet enclosures were still noted throughout the auction grounds on Thursday (dry day). It had rained the day before.

\*One enclosure in the barn housing zebu (tag 5073) was wet and muddy with the animals standing in hoof deep mud. Mud was caked on the legs of the animals. There was no dry area present in the enclosure. The auction was aware that this enclosure had drainage issues and the inspector was previously told that it would not be used.

\*Four of the enclosures (those facing the outdoor enclosures and nearest the barn) under the carport structure adjacent to the parking lot have drainage issues. The ground in these enclosures was wet and muddy. The bison and water buffalo housed in these enclosures were standing in hoof deep mud and had no dry area to move to. Their legs and bodies were covered with mud.

\*Several outdoor enclosures without roofs housing water buffalo were wet and muddy. The animals had no dry areas and were standing in hoof deep mud and muddy water. Their haircoats on their legs and body were coated with mud.

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Drainage issues can lead to multiple problems including contamination of feed/hay fed on the ground, contaminated haircoats/skin of the animals, discomfort to the animals, thermoregulatory issues, odors, fly/pest issues and unstable slippery footing for the animals. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water.

This inspection was conducted with facility representatives on March 2 and March 4 2023. The exit interview was conducted with the licensee on March 4, 2023.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000021	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000030	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000004	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000005	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000009	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000007	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000038	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000016	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000010	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000056	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000005	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000041	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG (MOST COMMON PET HEDGEHOG)
000021	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000002	<i>Caracal caracal</i>	CARACAL
000021	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000004	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Cuniculus paca</i>	LOWLAND PACA
000003	<i>Crossarchus obscurus</i>	KUSIMANSE
000002	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000003	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000003	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000002	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED- NECKED WALLABY
000018	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000003	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000001	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000003	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000004	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000003	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000002	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000002	<i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>	FISHING CAT
000003	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT
000002	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	BLACK-BACKED JACKAL
000002	<i>Otolemur garnettii</i>	SMALL-EARED BUSHBABY / NORTHERN GREATER GALAGO
000001	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000001	<i>Graphiurus lorraineus</i>	AFRICAN DORMOUSE
000003	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	COLLARED PECCARY
000002	<i>Chlorocebus aethiops</i>	AFRICAN GREEN MONKEY / GRIVET
000005	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000001	<i>Euphractus sexcinctus</i>	YELLOW ARMADILLO
000001	<i>Dasyprocta fuliginosa</i>	GREY AGOUTI
000001	<i>Bassariscus sumichrasti</i>	CENTRAL AMERICAN CACOMISTLE



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000001			<i>Callosciurus prevostii</i>	PREVOST'S SQUIRREL / TRI-COLORED SQUIRREL
000001			<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	VERVET
000012			<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000016			<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000394			<b>Total</b>	