



Inspection Report

256 Exotics LLC
2421 Winchester Rd NE
Huntsville, AL 35811

Customer ID: **6010970**
Certificate: **64-B-0103**
Site: 001
256 Exotics, LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 20-APR-2023

2.1(b)(1) Repeat

Requirements and application

Licenses are issued for approved locations. The facility's website states that the facility has moved to a new address a few miles from the old address. The facility is currently in the process of moving and is housing animals at both the old address and the new address. The licensee had been told in the past that if the facility were to house regulated animals at a new address that she must notify USDA Animal Care in writing of the new location address. The licensee stated she has not yet done so. A facility must notify Animal Care of new animal housing addresses in order to allow Animal Care know where regulated animals are being housed. Correct by notifying USDA Animal Care of the new location address. This can be done by emailing to animalcare@usda.gov.

3.1(a)

Housing facilities, general.

The enclosure housing three Savannah cats is not designed and constructed so that it is structurally sound to house and maintain the cats and is in need of repair.

*One female Savannah cat was noted climbing up the wire side side of the enclosure to the very top of the enclosure and disappearing behind a wooden wall making up the back of the enclosure. This wooden wall is open at the very top of the enclosure. The cat disappeared in the approximately three inch opening behind the wooden wall ie between the wood wall

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of the enclosure and the outer wall of the shed. The area cannot be visualized so it is unknown what may be in that area that may potentially injure a cat. The cat may also get caught in that area and be unable to get back out.

*There is an exposed electrical cord to the light fixture at the top of the Savannah enclosure. The cats have access to the cord when climbing up the side wire wall.

*The wire on the side of the enclosure closest to the door is in disrepair. Several sharp wire points were noted. In the wire wall nearest the door, the wire is damaged/bent and based on the accumulated cat hair present, the cats have been attempting to get through the created opening.

Housing facilities for cats must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound and must be kept in good repair such that they protect the cats from injury and contain the the cats securely. Correct by 5/1/23.

3.28(a)(3)

Primary enclosures.

The enclosure housing one male guinea pig at the old address is in need of clean bedding. The bedding in the entirety of the enclosures was a mixture of bedding pellets and excreta. The guinea pig was not able to walk around in the enclosure without stepping on excreta and fresh produce was being fed on the bedding. The lack of clean bedding can lead to contamination of the animals, odors, and possible spread of disease. Primary enclosures housing guinea pigs having a solid floor shall be provided with clean bedding material. Corrected at the time of inspection by moving the guinea pig.

3.75(e)

Housing facilities, general.

Supplies of frozen bagged vegetables and other frozen food items being fed to the animals are being stored in the same freezer with and next to a frozen deceased snake (not in any bag or container). Dead animals may be a source of infectious organisms can contaminate feed stored with or near them and should not be stored in the same freezer as food

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items. All food must be stored in a manner that prevents contamination and deterioration of its nutritive value. Correct by 4/24/23.

3.126(b)

Facilities, indoor.

A strong ammonia odor was noted by the inspector upon entering the back room of the old location currently housing the enclosures for the kinkajous, marmosets and domestic rats being bred as feeders. The lack of ventilation and accumulation of ammonia odors can lead to high ammonia gas levels that can cause irritation to the eyes, mucus membranes and lungs of animals and humans. Correct by ensuring that indoor housing facilities are adequately ventilated to provide for the health and comfort of the animals at all times. Correct by 5/1/23.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000038	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000025	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000001	<i>Callithrix geoffroyi</i>	WHITE-FRONTED MARMOSET
000008	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000001	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000005	<i>Phodopus roborovskii</i>	ROBOROVSKI'S DWARF HAMSTER
000001	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000088	Total	