



Inspection Report

Elisa Brandvik
P O Box 153
Ozark, AR 72949

Customer ID: **6009920**
Certificate: **71-A-1423**
Site: 001
Elisa Brandvik

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 16-AUG-2023

2.4 Critical

Non-interference with APHIS officials.

Upon being asked if she was refusing inspection, the licensee became verbally abusive to the lead inspector. She questioned the inspector's intelligence, she accused the inspector of leaking information to animal rights groups, she accused the inspector of lying, she yelled expletives and insults at the inspector. She was gesturing and yelling aggressively and came within a foot of the inspector's face and body when other APHIS officials put their body in between and told her she needed to step away. After being given time to calm down, the licensee continued to hurl accusations and insults at the inspector before confirming that she was refusing inspection.

APHIS officials must be able to carry out their duties without interference or threat of harm, abuse, or harassment in order to ensure the welfare of regulated animals. Correct immediately by allowing inspectors to safely conduct inspections.

2.126(a) Critical

Access and inspection of records and property; submission of itineraries.

APHIS officials arrived at the property at approximately 10:45am. After several minutes, the licensee arrived from the direction of her home. She appeared agitated and stated that she was not doing an inspection today. We asked if she was refusing inspection. At first she responded yes but then asked if we could come back after lunch because she was short staffed and needed time to calm down. We stated that we couldn't do that and needed to do an inspection right now. She became verbally abusive to the inspectors and was asked to step away. She and another APHIS official walked a short distance away to speak and calm down. Upon returning to inspectors at approximately 11:45am, she appeared calmer so we again asked if we could conduct an inspection and she told us to get off her property. We asked if she was refusing and she said yes.

Allowing inspectors to conduct inspections is a requirement of all licensed facilities under the Animal Welfare Act. Refusing inspection inhibits the regulatory process and prevents inspectors from assessing animal health and welfare, and prevents the Secretary from fulfilling his obligation to enforce the Animal Welfare Act. Correct immediately by allowing inspectors to conduct inspections during normal business hours without harassment or interference in the inspection process by the licensee.

This inspection was refused by the licensee.

Prepared By: COURTNEY JERNIGAN

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:
18-AUG-2023

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

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Additional Inspectors:

MICHAEL TYGART, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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