



## Inspection Report

Bear Path Acres Animal Educational Center Inc  
34574 Smith Ferry Rd  
Franklin, VA 23851

Customer ID: **32452**

Certificate: **52-C-0214**

Site: 001

BEAR PATH ACRES ANIMAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Nov-13-2015

### 3.52 (c)

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

Two singly housed rabbits are in raised wire mesh enclosures that do not provide shelter from cold weather. The nest box in one enclosure is open on top and exposed to the elements. One enclosure contains no nest box; a pile of hay is provided for shelter. The hutches each have a roof but no solid sides to stop the wind. Temperatures are expected to dip below 40 degrees by next weekend. Exposure to temperatures below 40 degrees can be a health hazard to the rabbits.

Provide adequate shelter from the cold for the rabbits. Correct by November 20, 2015.

### 3.125 (a)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The coyote pen has exposed chainlink wire on the bottom of the enclosure. Exposed wire can entrap a paw and cause injury to the animal.

Housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. Ensure that the floor wire is adequately covered to protect the animal 's feet and limbs. Correct by November 25, 2015.

### 3.127 (b)

#### REPEAT

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The enclosure holding the bison and watusi does not provide adequate protection from inclement weather. The shelter structure mentioned in prior reports still only has a roof with no sides and may not be large enough to house both animals.

Protection from the elements is important for the health of the animals.

Ensure that some type of shelter capable of protecting the animals from inclement weather is provided.

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**3.127** (c) **REPEAT**

**FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.**

Significant amounts of standing water and/or mud are evident in 7 enclosures.

The raccoon enclosure contains standing water and heavy mud covering at least two-thirds of the area.

The hyena enclosure contains heavy mud and standing water throughout the entire area. The only area that is potentially dry is inside a small dog house shelter.

The coyote enclosure contains mud and standing water throughout the entire area. The only potentially dry area is inside the housing structure.

The lion shelter contains standing water, providing no dry shelter from inclement weather.

All 3 pig enclosures contain standing water with feces and heavy mud. The only potentially dry areas are inside the housing structures.

Standing water and mud can lead to hoof or foot problems and other health concerns for the animals that cannot get or stay dry.

Ensure that all animals have a way to stay dry and out of mud/standing water. Ensure that the enclosures are designed to provide for rapid water drainage.

This is a focused inspection limited to the indirect noncompliant items noted during the November 13, 2015 inspection.

Exit interview conducted with licensee on November 18, 2015.

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