



### Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **6015052**  
Certificate: **63-C-0305**  
Site: 001  
Michael Robison

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 22-AUG-2023

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#### 2.131(b)(1)

##### Handling of animals.

Two online videos were reviewed with the licensee in which it appears that a male vervet monkey was not handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible. The vervet had been at the facility for only a day when the licensee attempted to hold the vervet for a live virtual exhibition. The vervet got scared and bit/scratched the licensee who then dropped the vervet. During a second live video exhibition the vervet again bit/scratched the licensee twice. The licensee states that he flung out his arm and leg after each bite reflexively. In both instances it appears that the vervet was stressed by being handled and acted out by biting. The vervet did not appear to be harmed in either incident and appears healthy during today's inspection. The licensee states that after these incidents he has discontinued using the male vervet in live interactive videos.

Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort. Corrected at time of inspection.

#### 3.77(a)

##### Sheltered housing facilities.

Two vervets are currently being housed in sheltered housing. At approximately 4 pm the temperature in the sheltered part of the housing measured 93 degrees F (Kestral). There was a fan and a portable air conditioner present but the building's door windows were open at the same time letting in heat. The temperature outside was 95 degrees F (Kestrel) and forecasted to stay above 85 degrees until 10 pm (weather.com). Both vervets appeared healthy, were very active/engaged and eating.

To protect the non-human primates from temperature extremes and to provide for their health and well-being, the ambient temperature in the sheltered part of the facility must not rise above 85 degrees F for more than 4 consecutive hours when non-human primates are present unless temperatures above 85 degrees F are approved by the attending veterinarian in accordance with generally accepted husbandry practices. Correct by 8/29/23.

#### 3.77(f)

##### Sheltered housing facilities.

The outdoor area of the sheltered housing for the vervets is currently not enclosed by a perimeter fence of sufficient height and distance to keep unwanted species out. The current perimeter fence is approximately 4 feet high and is less than 3 ft. from the primary enclosure fence on one side.

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A perimeter fence is necessary to protect the nonhuman primates by restricting unauthorized humans, and animals the size of dogs, skunks, and raccoons from going through it or under it and having contact with the nonhuman primates. The facility shall ensure that the outdoor area of the sheltered housing for the vervets is enclosed by a perimeter fence at least 6 feet high and at least 3 ft. from the primary enclosure. Correct by 9/15/23.

#### 3.80(a)(1)

##### Primary enclosures.

The primary enclosure for the vervets has several areas that are not in good repair/structurally sound.

\*The opening between the indoor and outdoor sections of housing has been damaged by the vervets with sharp irregular edges present. The sharp edges may lead to injuries.

\*There are several pieces of insulation on the floor of the indoor section of the enclosure. The vervets have damaged a section of the wall and a section around the opening between the indoor/outdoor portions of the enclosure. Insulation appears to have come from the damaged areas. Insulation can be irritating to skin and mucous membranes.

\*There is a light fixture that the monkeys can access although the licensee reports that electricity has been turned off to the fixture. They may still injure themselves if they try to play with the structure.

Primary enclosures for non-human primates must be designed and constructed of suitable materials so that they are structurally sound and must be kept in good repair. Correct by 8/29/23.

#### 3.80(a)(2)(ix)

##### Primary enclosures.

The indoor walls (fiber boards) and floor (unsealed concrete) of the sheltered housing for the vervets are not able to be readily cleaned and sanitized as they are not washable. Surfaces that the nonhuman primates have contact with and that cannot be easily replaced must be able to be cleaned and sanitized in order to prevent spread of disease, pests and odors.

Enable all surfaces in contact with nonhuman primates to be readily cleaned and sanitized or replaced. Correct by 9/15/23.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6015052	63-C-0305	001	Michael Robison	22-AUG-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Ateles belzebuth</i>	LONG-HAIRED SPIDER MONKEY
000002	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	VERVET
000005	<b>Total</b>	