



## Inspection Report

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Noahs Ark Animal Rehab Center and Sanctuary Inc  
712 L G Griffin Road  
Locust Grove, GA 30248

Customer ID: **3157**

Certificate: **57-C-0037**

Site: 001

NOAHS ARK REHABILITATION  
CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 04-MAR-2025

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### 3.150(a)

#### Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

Two separate bird enclosures contained items that could be injurious to the animals within:

- Mounted on the side fence, near the waterer in the macaw catch pen, were the remnants of a wooden pole fragmented into two big chunks with the middle 2 feet missing. Three separate pieces of wood remained, about 1.5 to 2 feet long, with irregular/jagged/chewed edges all throughout. One damaged piece formed into pointed ends on both sides. 4 exposed nails were seen on the wooden pieces. Exposed sharp points such as these within an enclosure could result in animal injury.

- There were a few indentations and gaps in the dirt floor along the edges of the cockatoo enclosure at the top of the hill. The deepest gap, located below the fence shared by the front catch pen and the hallway between the two entrances, was approximately 3 inches deep and 6 inches long. Such gaps could result in animal injury, could enable an escape and could potentially allow entry of dangerous/unwanted animals.

Sharp points and gaps below fencing within enclosures may negatively impact the welfare of the birds within. Housing facilities must be kept in good repair to protect the birds from injury. Correct by 03/21/2025

### 3.154

#### Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The facility's enrichment plan specifies that "all bird aviary is equipped with nesting/hide boxes..." At the time of inspection, the macaw and cockatoo enclosures, both located on top of the hill, did not have nesting or hide boxes. The written document was thus not updated to reflect the current plan in use.

Per a facility representative, nest boxes were repeatedly provided to the macaws over the past year with each time triggering severely aggressive behaviors in the birds. During brief moments without boxes (old ones destroyed and new ones not yet placed), the abnormal behaviors would improve. Although the facility acknowledged the aggression was intrinsically tied to the presence of the boxes, they continued to provide these enrichment items that did not promote the animals' psychological well-being.

The facility must develop, document and follow a species-appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of the birds. Correct by 03/21/2025.

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### 3.160(b) Critical

#### Compatibility and separation

On February 18, 2025, a blue and gold macaw was found dead in his enclosure with puncture wounds along his back and wings. According to the facility's disposition records, the bird was likely killed during a "fight" since severely aggressive behaviors were seen in this aviary over the past year in association with the addition of nest boxes. The facility explained that changing the amount or the location of enrichment items over the year did not allow for the return to peaceful cohabitation yet the colony was maintained as is. This incompatibility persisted since the nest boxes continued to be introduced and culminated in the death of this blue and gold macaw. Birds may not be housed with other animals, including members of their own species, unless they are compatible, do not prevent access to food, water, or shelter by individual animals, and are not known to be hazardous to the health and well-being of each other. Corrected at the time of inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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### Species Inspected

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3157	57-C-0037	001	NOAHS ARK REHABILITATION CENTER	04-MAR-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000001	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000003	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000001	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Ursus arctos syriacus</i>	SYRIAN BROWN BEAR
000010	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000006	<i>Eulemur fulvus</i>	BROWN LEMUR
000006	<i>Sapajus appella</i>	BROWN CAPUCHIN / TUFTED CAPUCHIN
000002	<i>Ateles chamek</i>	BLACK SPIDER MONKEY
000001	<i>Nomascus leucogenys</i>	WHITE-CHEEKED GIBBON
000001	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000001	<i>Papio hamadryas</i>	HAMADRYAS BABOON
000001	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000001	<i>Macaca fuscata</i>	JAPANESE MACAQUE / SNOW MACAQUE
000007	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000004	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000004	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO / GREATER SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO
000002	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000009	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000004	<i>Ara militaris</i>	MILITARY MACAW
000004	<i>Ara macao</i>	SCARLET MACAW
000003	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>	MACAW HYBRID
000003	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	LITTLE CORELLA / BARE-EYED COCKATOO
000007	<i>Amazona oratrix</i>	YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON / DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON
000002	<i>Amazona viridigenalis</i>	RED-CROWNED PARROT / GREEN-CHEEKED AMAZON / RED-CROWNED AMAZON / MEXICAN RED-HEA
000016	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000002	<i>Pyrrhura molinae</i>	GREEN-CHEEKED PARAKEET / GREEN-CHEEKED CONURE
000003	<i>Aratinga nenday</i>	NANDAY PARAKEET
000001	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	SENEGAL PARROT
000003	<i>Thectocercus acuticaudatus</i>	BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET
000001	<i>Psittacara erythrogenys</i>	RED-MASKED PARAKEET
000003	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET
000001	<i>Poicephalus gulielmi</i>	RED-FRONTED PARROT / JARDINE'S PARROT
000002	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	BLACK-BACKED JACKAL
000124	<b>Total</b>	



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