

Animal Haven Zoo

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Animal Haven Zoo, also known as Animal Haven Farm Zoo, is operated by Jim and Dawn Hofferber and has failed to meet minimum standards for the care of animals used in exhibition as established in the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited Animal Haven Farm for, among other things, failing to maintain enclosures in good repair, failing to provide animals with proper veterinary care, failing to provide animals with adequate shelter from inclement weather, and improper handling of animals. Documentation is available upon request.

June 9, 2021: The USDA cited Animal Haven Zoo for failing to retain complete disposition records for two tiger cubs born on April 29, 2021. The inspector noted that such records are necessary “so that animal tracing can be done if needed (for example—health tracing).” The USDA also issued Animal Haven Zoo a critical citation for failing to handle animals in a manner that did not cause trauma, overheating, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. On or around May 24, 2021, an Animal Haven employee transported a male tiger cub less than 4 weeks old to a classroom and exhibited him to the class. The investigator noted that public exhibition of the infant cub put him “at risk for getting sick,” as “[n]ondomestic cats of this age do not have a completely developed immune system and are unable to fight off disease and infection.”

November 2, 2020: The USDA issued a critical citation to Animal Haven Zoo for

failing to maintain its facilities in good repair to contain animals and protect them from injury. The citation resulted from an incident in which prairie dogs had escaped from their enclosure because of an “improperly repaired hole” in the enclosure wall. One prairie dog was observed during the inspection, while three remained unaccounted for.

August 8, 2016: The USDA cited Animal Haven Zoo for failing to provide an alpaca with adequate veterinary care. The inspector observed that the alpaca had a wound on the front right leg approximately 6 inches to 8 inches long and 3 inches wide. The investigator noted that “[m]ost of the wound was scabbed over however, there were a few areas that appeared to be flesh that were bright red in color” and that the alpaca was “using his hind leg to itch the wound.” According to the inspector, the owner stated that the wound was caused by clippers during shearing two weeks prior and that the attending veterinarian had not been contacted. The owner further stated that he was self-treating the wound with scarlet oil at first, then “a horse wound spray that was purchased at a local farm supply store,” which he applied every two to three days after the oil ran out. However, no bottle could be found during inspection.

July 5, 2016: The USDA cited Animal Haven Zoo for failing to provide eight Jacob sheep with shelter from inclement weather after the animals tore down a plastic structure in their enclosure that had previously served as a shelter.