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Dear Ms. Mathews,

On behalf of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) I would like to thank you for your concerns regarding the facility “Jenny’s Petting Zoo”.

The facility was inspected on October 27, 2021 in response to the concerns stated in your correspondence. At the time of inspection, Ms. Caudill’s License to Possess Class III Wildlife for Exhibition or Public Sale (ESC) was valid. Additionally, Ms. Caudill was informed on the licensing requirements relating to the exhibition of ostriches.

The inspection resulted with two violations; The first violation noted was for importing wildlife without obtaining an import permit for which one warning was issued. Florida Statute 379.231(1) states:

(1) It is unlawful to import for sale or use, or to release within this state, any species of the animal kingdom not native to Florida unless authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The second violation noted was for personal possession of wildlife without a permit (spider monkey) for which one warning was issued. Florida Statute 379.3762(2)(c) states in part:

*(2) The classifications of types of wildlife and fees to be paid for permits for the personal possession of wildlife shall be as follows:
(c) Class III—All other wildlife not included in Class I or Class II, for which a no-cost permit must be obtained from the commission.*

A follow-up inspection was conducted on November 3, 2021. No violations were noted on this day. It was noted that the ostrich was moved to a different enclosure and no longer on exhibit and the spider monkey was moved to a properly authorized facility.

We appreciate your concerns regarding this matter. If you have any questions, please call the Captive Wildlife Office at (850) 488-6253, or write to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Captive Wildlife Office, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

Sincerely,

Major Grant Burton,
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