

Sustainable Safari

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Sustainable Safari, owned by Bob and Mishelle Pilz—previously Cock A Doodle Zoo, a traveling wildlife show—has failed to meet the minimum standards for the care of animals used in exhibition as established by the federal Animal Welfare Act. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited the exhibitors for failing to have direct control of lemurs during public encounters, for failing to have appropriate environmental enrichment programs, and for failing to have adequate documentation. In 2016, the USDA issued Cock A Doodle Zoo an official warning for repeatedly failing to contact a veterinarian when a pig was too thin and having trouble moving, a hedgehog was missing spines, a cavy was thin with a protruding spinal column, and a kinkajou had a “reddish bulge” coming out of his right eye as well as for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair.

Contact PETA for documentation.

December 29, 2021: The USDA cited Sustainable Safari for purchasing 20 tenrecs (an animal similar in appearance to a hedgehog) on December 1, 2021, from an unlicensed source.

March 25, 2021: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have direct control of lemurs during public exhibition. During a video segment involving the media, the facility allowed two lemurs to perch on the arms of a reporter. The lemurs then jumped freely to a cameraperson and back to the reporter’s arms.

December 17, 2018: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have all acquisition information for a yak, a raccoon, and two goats.

January 10, 2018: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany officials for access to the facility and inspection of records and the property.

September 7, 2017: The USDA issued Cock A Doodle Zoo a repeat citation for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany officials for access to the facility and inspection of records and the property.

June 20, 2017: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany officials for access to the facility and inspection of records and the property.

February 14, 2017: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have an appropriate environmental enrichment program to promote the psychological well-being of nine lemurs.

December 28, 2016: The USDA issued Cock A Doodle Zoo a repeat citation for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany officials for access to the facility and inspection of records and the property.

November 17, 2016: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany officials for access to the facility and inspection of records and the property.

August 1, 2016: The USDA issued Cock A Doodle Zoo an official warning for failing to provide animals with adequate veterinary care (see the entries for March 28, 2016, and December 7, 2015, for more details) and for failing to maintain enclosures in

good repair. (See the entries for May 24, 2016, and March 28, 2016.)

July 14, 2016: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have employees readily identifiable during times of public contact. A citation was issued for failing to have a program of veterinary care, acquisition, disposition and inventory records available for review. Another citation was issued for failing to have appropriate live-animal transportation markings on travel carriers.

May 24, 2016: The USDA issued Cock A Doodle Zoo a repeat citation for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair. The bobcat, porcupine, and cavy enclosures had one or more gaps running along the underside of the fences. Another citation was issued for failing to maintain lemur enclosures in good repair. An enclosure had a hole in the wall and another in the ceiling. Another enclosure had a section of wire panel that was weakened and bowed, with holes large enough that the lemurs could stick their fingers into them. Electrical wire ran just outside this area, creating the potential for a lemur to grab it. The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have disposition paperwork for two lemurs and two hedgehogs. An additional citation was issued for failing to store food in a way that prevented it from becoming contaminated. A bag of skunk food was contaminated with a "beetle-type insect." Lastly, a citation was issued for failing to dispose of all trash in a timely manner. A garbage can full of discarded food was knocked over into an enclosure housing goats, sheep, an alpaca, and a pig. The animals were able to access the garbage and ingest it.

May 3, 2016: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany officials for access to the facility and inspection of records and the property.

March 28, 2016: The USDA issued Cock A Doodle Zoo a direct repeat citation for failing to provide animals with adequate veterinary care. The attending veterinarian wasn't contacted to examine an extremely thin pig with thinning hair and legs that crossed when the animal walked. The pig had trouble moving at times. A hedgehog was missing spines on their back and hadn't been examined. A citation was issued for failing to maintain an accurate inventory. Several entries of animal births and dispositions weren't recorded. Another citation was issued for failing to provide clean water to the animals. The water receptacles in the bobcat and fox enclosures were excessively dirty, with mud and waste material present. The USDA also cited the facility for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair for the following animals.

- **Bobcat:** Fencing with sharp edges was present in the enclosure, posing a potential injury risk.
- **Bobcat/fox:** A hole was observed in the fence separating the bobcat and fox enclosures.
- **Fox:** A gap ran along the underside of the fence.
- **Coatimundi:** A post fastener hung from the top of the enclosure that required repair.
- **Porcupine:** A front panel had sharp points at the base.
- **Goat/sheep/llama:** There was a large hole in the back corner of a fence panel.
- **Llama:** The primary fencing sagged in some areas, with sharp points present.

December 7, 2015: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to provide animals with adequate veterinary care. A Patagonian cavy had unkempt hair and was so thin that their spinal column protruded and was easily felt upon inspection. A kinkajou had a "reddish bulge" coming out of his right eye. The licensee claimed that the animal had been examined and treated

for his chronic eyelid problem but was unable to produce any documentation to verify this. A citation was issued for failing to have and maintain disposition records for all animals. The USDA also cited the facility for failing to remove a deceased goat from the back of a goat, zebu, sheep, and llama enclosure after he died of “unknown causes” three to four days prior.

June 24, 2013: The USDA cited Cock A Doodle Zoo for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany officials for access to the facility and inspection of records and the property.