

Shalom Wildlife Zoo

1901 Shalom Drive, West Bend, WI 53090

Shalom Wildlife Zoo has failed to meet minimum standards for the care of animals used in exhibition as established by the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited Shalom Wildlife Zoo for failing to protect animals from unsafe conditions resulting in the death of two tiger cubs, failing to have sufficient barriers around animal enclosures, failing to have an attendant present during direct animal interactions, and failing to provide appropriate shelter from inclement weather.

Contact PETA for documentation.

June 11, 2025: The USDA cited Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary for failing to have sufficient barriers around several enclosures to minimize the risk of harm to the animals and to the public. The outdoor enclosure housing a camel had fence panels with spaces large enough to allow the public to interact directly with him, and the raccoon enclosure had holes large enough for the public to put their fingers or hands through. Similarly, the fisher and opossum had mesh fencing large enough for a child's finger to protrude through.

Shalom Wildlife was also cited for failing to have an attendant present to prevent improper feeding or handling of animals during animal contact and feeding experiences involving emus, elk, Nilgai, deer, goats, turkeys, alpacas, sheep, and

domestic cows. In other areas of the facility, there were "Feed Me" signs where an attendant was not present, which could encourage public contact, including the enclosures confining aoudads, water buffalo, fallow deer bucks, sika deer, and urial sheep.

September 9, 2024: The USDA cited Shalom Wildlife for failing to provide appropriate shelter from inclement weather in a porcupine's outdoor primary enclosure. There was an approximately 2-foot gap between the metal sheeting and the roof, and the floor had a few inches of wood chips on top of a wooden platform. No shelter was inside the enclosure to fully allow the porcupine to hide or to shelter from strong winds or blowing precipitation.

December 1, 2022: The USDA issued Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary a critical citation for failing to protect animals from unsafe conditions created by weather conditions, following the death of two 3-month-old tiger cubs, Khan and Nina. On the morning of November 19, 2022, the cubs were found dead in the enclosure. The licensee reported that he had observed abnormal behavior from the mother and went over to the den, where he found a dead cub, possibly moved there by the mother. Once the mother tiger was secured, he went down to the pond and removed a cub from the water, but it was also deceased. He said he called the attending veterinarian, who "presumably thought hypothermic shock that led to drowning was the cause of death." That morning up to 6" of heavy slush/snow had fallen and covered the entire enclosure and pond, making it difficult to distinguish the pond's borders in the landscape.

July 13, 2022: The USDA cited Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary for failing to have an attendant available during periods of public contact in the water buffalo, elk, and deer

areas, which exposed the exhibited animals to potential safety hazards of improper contact and/or food sources that may not be appropriate. Additionally, Shalom Wildlife was cited for failing to monitor the food provided to the animals by the public, as the food may pose a risk to their health and well-being, and may not be suitable for their nutritional needs and dietary requirements. Members of the public were allowed to bring food to feed the animals, in addition to the grain provided by the facility.

June 5, 2017: The USDA cited Shalom Wildlife for failing to have public barriers for the raccoon, porcupine, arctic fox, and coyote enclosures to protect the public and animals. Visitors could stick their fingers into the enclosures and, potentially, come into contact with the animals.