

# Ivie Acres Farm and Petting Zoo

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**Ivie Acres Farm, operated by Sherrie Ivie, 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 Ivie for failing to clean and sanitize enclosures, failing to provide potable water, failing to provide adequate veterinary care, and failing to handle animals in a manner that prevented injury, stress, or unnecessary discomfort. In May 2018, a rabbit was found to have hair loss, wounds on the left flank, hair loss on the right flank, white crusty ear margins, and a red, draining, and swollen-shut right eye. He was observed to be trembling, had not eaten any food, and the attending veterinarian had not been contacted. In September 2019, a young camel was found dead with her head wrapped around a fence post and feet entangled in the fence. On August 5, 2021, the USDA fined Sherrie Ivie \$2,025 for multiple alleged violations of the AWA. Contact PETA for documentation.**

**February 9, 2022:** The USDA cited Ivie for failing to have current records of acquisition and disposition for all 83 observed animals. Ivie was also cited for failing to keep enclosures clear of trash and debris. The Every one of the outdoor pens for 69 animals had a large amount of baler twine, tarps, and other debris on the ground.

**August 27, 2021:** The USDA cited Ivie for failing to clean water receptacles. Six water tubs used for sheep, goats, a wallaby, and a kangaroo had a large amount of green slime

on the bottom and sides, and some had floating mats of green algae on the surface.

**August 5, 2021:** The USDA fined Ivie \$2,025 for 10 alleged violations of the AWA that had occurred between March 2018 and September 2019.

The alleged violations are as follows (see specific dates below for more details):

- **March 28, 2018; May 31, 2018; September 11, 2019:** Failing to employ adequate programs of veterinary care to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries
- **September 11, 2019:** Failing to conduct daily observations of the animals
- **July 29, 2019:** Failing to provide rabbits with artificial cooling when the atmospheric temperature was between 98 and 105 degrees in the outdoor enclosure.
- **March 28, 2018:** Failing to provide rabbits with food in sufficient quantity and to keep self-feeders clean and sanitized
- **March 28, 2018; July 9, 2018:** Failing to provide some rabbits with water and other rabbits with potable water
- **March 28, 2018; July 9, 2018:** Failing to adequately clean and sanitize the rabbits' primary enclosures
- **March 28, 2018; May 31, 2018; April 23, 2019; July 29, 2019; September 11, 2019:** Failing to provide housing that was in good repair and structurally sound to contain and protect animals from injury. On May 31, 2018, a young camel was found dead with her head wrapped around a fence post and feet tangled in the fence rails.
- **March 28, 2018:** Failing to provide all animals with potable water
- **March 28, 2018; December 13, 2018:** Failing to keep the premises and primary enclosures clean and free of debris

- **September 17, 2018:** Failing to handle animals in a manner that did not cause trauma, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. A zebra had fallen out of a livestock trailer and was dragged on the road until the vehicle could come to a stop. The incident resulted in severe injuries that led to the euthanasia of the zebra.

**October 18, 2019:** The USDA cited Ivie for failing to store food in a manner that provided adequate protection from deterioration or contamination. The cavy's food was kept in a shed and did not have a lid, leaving it open to the environment.

**September 11, 2019:** The USDA issued Ivie a direct citation for failing to provide three capybaras who had sustained hair loss in an approximately 2-inch oblong area on the top of their heads with appropriate veterinary care. Two female cows were skinny with rib and pelvic bones prominent. A direct citation was also issued for failing to observe the animals adequately on a daily basis. During the inspection, a male guanaco (a species similar to a llama) was found to be limping on the right front leg. He "was struggling just moving around in the enclosure and [he] was non-weight bearing when standing. [He] had an extremely abnormal gait." The attending veterinarian had seen him a week prior to the inspection, but his condition had worsened since that visit and the licensee had not communicated this to the attending veterinarian. A repeat citation was issued for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair. Several areas with sharp points and wires were protruding into the sheep and goat, yak and cow, and alpaca pens. Ivie was also cited for failing to clean the animals' water receptacles. A water bowl for three red foxes had not been changed in a week—the water was dark and green and had debris floating in it.

**July 29, 2019:** The USDA issued Ivie a direct citation for failing to provide six rabbits with adequate cooling measures. During the inspection, the air temperatures were recorded at 98 to 101 degrees. The top row inside the cage was recorded at 105 degrees. Rabbits were observed stretched out on the bottom of the cage. A repeat citation was issued for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair. Two pens housing camels, llamas, alpacas, and guanacos had several areas of fencing that were damaged such that animals could become entangled in the fence or incur injury. Ivie was also cited for failing to clean excessive amounts of feces in the cavy enclosure and in the indoor litterboxes for the muntjac and the capybara.

**April 23, 2019:** The USDA issued Ivie a repeat citation for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair. The fallow deer, juvenile camelid, duck, and yak enclosures all contained several areas of fencing that had been damaged to the point that an animal could become entangled in the fence or incur injury.

**December 13, 2018:** The USDA issued Ivie a repeat citation for failing to keep animal housing areas clean of trash and debris. The pen housing a pregnant sow contained large amounts of clutter, and she had knocked down a fence panel used to separate her from that area of the pen.

**September 17, 2018:** The USDA issued Ivie a critical repeat citation for failing to handle animals as carefully as possible to avoid trauma or physical harm. On September 13, 2018, "Zoey the ~6 month old zebra fell out of a livestock trailer and was dragged until the vehicle could come to a stop." While the vehicle was traveling on the interstate, the rear door to the trailer had swung open, allowing the zebra to fall out. The licensee reported that a locking mechanism "had not been engaged on the rear door and that only the non-secure latch

was used to hold the door shut by the employee.” The zebra suffered extensive scrapes and injuries along her left side, especially on her left forearm between her carpus and elbow, her left abdomen, and her left flank and hind leg. Her abdomen had a wound more than 12 inches in diameter, and her left flank and hind leg between the knee and hip had a wound more than 20 inches in diameter. Her injuries resulted in extensive skin slough and damage to underlying muscles and tissue. On September 26, 2018, she was euthanized due to the extensive wounds and poor prognosis.

**July 9, 2018:** The USDA issued Ivie a repeat citation for failing to clean water receptacles. Water bottles in five rabbit hutches had green scum growing on the interior of the bottles. A repeat citation was also issued for failing to clean enclosures. Four rabbit enclosures had an “excessive amount of fecal material and fur built up in the bottom of the cage.”

**May 31, 2018:** The USDA issued Ivie a critical repeat citation for failing to construct enclosures in a way that contained and prevented injury to animals. On April 11, 2018, Kaytee, a 1-year-old dromedary camel, was found dead with her head and neck “wrapped around a fence pole into the adjoining paddock and her feet and legs were tangled in the fence rails.” A direct repeat citation was issued for failing to provide animals with appropriate veterinary care to prevent pain and suffering. During the inspection, a 5-year-old male white dwarf rabbit had sustained hair loss, wounds on the left flank, hair loss on the right flank, white crusty ear margins, and a red, draining, and swollen-shut right eye. His feeder was overflowing with food, with no evidence that he had eaten any. “The rabbit was trembling in the cage despite the ambient temperature in the shed of 80 degrees.”

**April 10, 2018:** The USDA cited Ivie for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair. Lower doors on two rabbit hutches were broken and tied together with poly twine. Another citation was issued for failing to have proper drainage in enclosures. A large (approximately 8-foot-by-8-foot) water puddle on the north side of the cow and donkey feeder was forcing the animals to stand in several inches of water to eat.

**March 28, 2018:** The USDA issued Ivie a direct citation for failing to provide six rabbits with fresh food. During inspection, the “[t]wo hutches with 3 rabbits total had feeders with clumped food that prevented the free-flow of food such that no food was available to the rabbits.” When fed, the rabbits ate immediately. Another direct citation was issued for failing to provide the same rabbits with water. The water bottles were empty and dry, and when given water, a pair of rabbits drank continuously for over 10 minutes. Within 45 minutes, their bottle was half-empty.

The USDA issued Ivie a repeat citation for failing to provide animals with adequate veterinary care. At the start of the inspection, an adult male camel, Merle, was lying down “in a kushed position with his head and neck extended and was foaming at the mouth. He would not rise when approached.” One hour later, Merle stood up and exhibited hyperextension of his limbs when walking, repetitive head bobbing, and lip twitching. A Southdown sheep was seen limping on their left rear leg, had urine and fecal staining around the hind end and down the back of the rear legs, was reluctant to move around, and was pushed out of the way of the feeder by the bigger sheep and goats. The two fallow deer had “extremely long hooves on all four legs.” A repeat citation was issued for failing to clean excessive amounts of spilled food and fecal material that had built up in the bottom of a rabbit cage. A repeat citation was also issued for failing to construct and

maintain enclosures in good repair. The fence between the camel/guanaco/cow and llama/alpaca/guanaco enclosures had one lower horizontal bar that was broken and protruding into the llama/alpaca/guanaco enclosure at chest height. The USDA issued Ivie a repeat citation for failing to clean all animals' water tubs, which had a "large amount of green slime present along sides and bottom of the tub." Another repeat citation was issued for failing to remove trash and debris from animal enclosures. Loose pieces of baler twine were on the ground in the fallow deer pen, a 4-inch "square of woven poly grain bag fabric [was] on the ground" in the fox pen, and "[l]arge amounts of clutter and debris" were found around the sheep and goat pen and the rabbit and fox enclosures.

The USDA issued Ivie a citation for failing to feed in sufficient quantity and in a way that is accessible to all animals. A single plastic tub feeder in an enclosure was shared by seven goats, five sheep, and a calf. The tub feeder was embedded in a mound of packed waste hay and fecal material and "filled with packed waste feed and fecal material to within several inches of the top of the feeder." The more aggressive animals were able to prevent other less aggressive animals from eating because of the single feeder. No hay was available in the feeder during the inspection. When fed, the animals "immediately and hungrily ate." Four pigs, four donkeys, and three cows didn't have available food at the time of inspection. When fed, they "ate hungrily." A citation was issued for using frayed and worn harnesses on two foxes, leaving them at risk of escaping or becoming injured. Ivie was also cited for failing to have a sufficient number of trained employees. At the time of inspection, only one person was providing all the animals with care and feeding.

**August 1, 2017:** The USDA issued Ivie a repeat citation for failing to clean "excessive amounts of spilled food and some fecal

material built up in the bottom" of a rabbit enclosure.

**June 23, 2017:** The USDA cited Ivie for failing to provide animals with adequate veterinary care. The attending veterinarian had not evaluated two fallow deer, a LaMancha goat, or the cows. The deer had "extremely long hooves on all four legs," and the LaMancha goat had "overgrown and misshapen hooves on both rear legs." The cows had an excessive number of horn flies on them, causing them to exhibit signs of "irritation by stomping, twitching, and excessive tail swishing." A citation was issued for failing to clean the excessive fecal material and spilled food built up in the bottom of a rabbit enclosure. A citation was issued for failing to clean the water tub in the LaMancha goat pen. The water for the goats was green and cloudy and had a large number of flies and other insects floating on the surface, and there was a large amount of green slime along the sides and bottom of the tub. A citation was issued for failing to clean up clutter and debris that was in the shed housing a mother pig and two piglets. The USDA also issued two citations for failing to store bags of food properly. One citation was issued for storing an open bag of rabbit food on the ground. The other citation was for having a large polyethylene woven collapsible bag full of cracked corn sitting on the ground with the top open and corn spilling out onto the ground. Multiple bags of mini-pig feed and other feedbags were also sitting on the ground in the shed containing the mother pig and piglets.

**April 12, 2016:** The USDA cited Ivie for failing to properly clean the female pigs' primary enclosure. The southeast corner had accumulated an excessive amount of excreta, measuring approximately 4 feet by 3 feet.