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Inspection Report

Predators Of The Heart 6128 Parkside Dr. Anacortes, WA 98221 Customer ID: 8612

Certificate: 91-C-0071

Site: 001

PREDATORS OF THE HEART

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 10-MAR-2015

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ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

Licensee s current Program of Veterinary Care has not been signed or updated by the Attending Veterinarian since 2007. In addition, the only guidance provided is for the wolves (Canis lupus) and did not have any other species listed on the plan. The Program of Veterinary Care is a crucial tool that all facilities must maintain to ensure that the animals receive adequate and timely veterinary care for health issues and for all species located at the facility. Licensee must ensure that he has a detailed Veterinary Care Plan, in writing, for all treatments, medications, vaccinations, etc. This plan must be approved by the Attending Veterinarian and updated at least once a year (annually).

Correct By: 3/24/15

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FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

There are two outdoor enclosures that house a total of 5 wolves that do not have adequate drainage. The entire floor space of the enclosures, climbing fixtures and the shelter structures are all covered with mud and/or water. There were several small to medium puddles in various areas of the enclosures covering at least 30% of the floor space. All of the wolves had mud covering the tail, all 4 paws, and their legs all the way up to and including their stomach area. These enclosures did have shelter structures with some bedding. However; the bedding is not adequate to keep animals clean and dry when the animals are wet and muddy. The licensee stated that they have had a hard time with the water and drainage this year. Additionally, he stated that hay or straw is normally used on the ground of the enclosures every two to three days to assist with decreasing the wetness. No clean or dry hay or straw was evident on the ground or floor of theses enclosure at the time of today's inspection. However; Licensee did direct two employees to lay some straw down in these enclosures when we were leaving the facility. The inability to access a dry housing area is distressful and when prolonged, may lead to the development of husbandry and sanitation related illness. Constant environmental moisture can not only promote infections but also affects the animal' s ability to thermoregulate in the low temperatures during the cooler season known to be in this area. Licensee must ensure that all enclosures have a suitable and effective method to rapidly eliminate excess water from these enclosures. Licensee must also ensure that all animals are able to get out of the mud and water within

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their enclosure. In addition, there must be a clean and dry area that these animals can have access to at all times.

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SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

The Lynx enclosure and two cougar enclosures (with a total of three cougars affected) do not have any climbing fixtures or elevated platforms for these animals to allow them to move freely and exhibit normal social adjustments and postural behaviors for their species. The only elevated surfaces within these enclosures are plastic igloo style dog houses that are currently being used as shelter structures. Two of the cougars were noticed to be pacing back and forth within their enclosure and the other two animals were noticed to be lying with no real movement within their enclosure at the time of inspection. Not having the elevated platforms or climbing structures within these enclosures can case these animals unnecessary stress and may cause abnormal behavior patterns (such as but not limited to continual pacing). Licensee must ensure that all species of animals at the facility have an adequate amount of space and fixtures, such as elevated platforms and climbing structures, to allow the animal to move freely and exhibit normal social adjustments and postural behaviors.

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WATERING.

The watering receptacle in two cougar enclosures, one bob cat enclosure and one ground hog enclosure had a moderate to heavy accumulation of dirt, mud and green organic material in and around the surrounding surface of the water receptacle. Fresh, potable water must be provided as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animal. All water receptacles must be kept clean and sanitized. In addition, Licensee must ensure that he has a routine for cleaning for the facility, to include all water receptacles. The two cougars and the bob cat all had fresh clean water with clean water receptacles at the time of Exit.

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Inspection and Exit Interview conducted with Licensee and Shannon Sebera, Animal Care Inspector.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000016	Canis lupus	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000001	Coendou prehensilis	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000001	Didelphis virginiana	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000001	Hystrix africaeaustralis	CAPE PORCUPINE
000001	Lynx lynx	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000001	Lynx rufus	BOBCAT
000001	Marmota monax	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000001	Mephitis mephitis	STRIPED SKUNK
000003	Nasua nasua	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000006	Puma concolor	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	Vulpes lagopus	ARCTIC FOX
000001	Vulpes vulpes	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000035	Total	