



Inspection Report

Fragile Planet Wildlife Foundation
Po Box 666
Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

Customer ID: **324036**
Certificate: **21-C-0391**
Site: 001

FRAGILE PLANET WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 10-MAR-2015

2.40(b)(2)

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

On Feb 14, 2015 electrical power was lost to the barn that housed the Capybaras and Rabbits. The owner did not realize that the animals were without heat for several hours with temperatures reported to be 40 below. The capybara s exposure to lower temperatures led to frost bitten areas on the feet and ears. There was initial communication with the attending veterinarian via electronic communications (text messaging) but the animals were not examined by the veterinarian to properly diagnose the extent of injuries. When the animals were finally examined several weeks later, the veterinarian determined euthanasia as best option to prevent further suffering of the animals.

Vet care including appropriate methods to diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries needs to be addressed at this facility for the health of the remaining animals there.

Correct Immediately

2.40(b)(3)

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*** The licensee notified the attending veterinarian via text message of the potential for frostbite on the capybara's feet and ears. The licensee soaked the animals feet and gave antibiotics but did not communicate to the vet their condition for several weeks until he contacted the vet again to say "the situation looked grim, the female's front feet look dead and the males foot fell off and is just barely hanging on". The licensee did not take the animals to the vet for assessment nor did he have frequent communication with the vet so that timely and accurate information was conveyed. This would have ensured adequate vet care was being provided. This needs to be addressed immediately for the health care of the remaining animals at the facility.

Correct Immediately

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On Feb 14, 2015 the power went out for the barn housing the capybara s and rabbits. The facility has no method of monitoring the temperatures throughout the day to assure the animals were comfortable and no back- up method in place when loss of power occurred. As a result the Capybara's sustained areas of frostbite to their ears and feet. Maintaining adequate temperatures is vital for animal health in various weather seasons and conditions. This overall issue of loss of power and lack of monitoring temperatures needs to be addressed for the health of the animals remaining at the facility.

Correct by: March 15, 2015

An exit briefing was conducted with the licensee at the time of the inspection and again via phone prior to receiving the report.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
324036	21-C-0391	001	FRAGILE PLANET WILDLIFE FOUNDATION	10-MAR-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Bettongia penicillata</i>	BRUSH-TAILED RAT-KANGAROO
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>	OCELOT
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000010	Total	