



Inspection Report

Friends Of Wildlife Prairie Park
3826 N Taylor Road
Hanna City, IL 61536

Customer ID: 2574

Certificate: 33-C-0028

Site: 001

WILDLIFE PRAIRIE STATE PARK

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 21-SEP-2015

2.40(b)

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

One female black bear Molly was observed pacing a well-worn path in her enclosure. She was observed the first time for ~5 minutes in which the pacing never stopped. The path is well-worn, indicating this is a common activity for her. Pacing in such a manner is considered an abnormal behavior (stereotypic behavior). A veterinarian should be consulted about this activity and an appropriate action plan established to address the issue.

Correct by: 11/5/15

2.131(c)(1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

There must be sufficient distance and/or barriers between the exhibited animals and the general viewing public so the safety of the animals and the public is assured. The new raccoon enclosure has a public barrier consisting of 2 horizontal wires spaced approximately 24" apart. While the inspector was viewing the enclosure a small child went between the wires and walked up to the enclosure. The child could have been injured, or may have injured the animals. An additional type of barrier is needed to prevent the public from contacting the animals.

Correct by: 10/15/15

3.125(a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Many animal enclosures were noted to be in need of maintenance. These include:

***Damaged kick-ins (overhangs). Kick-ins are an important part of the enclosure fence that keep animals from climbing out and escaping. All kick-ins must be maintained in good condition to ensure the animals can be securely contained.

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Cougar enclosure (contains 2 cougars) has an approximately 12' long part of the kick-in that is damaged and instead of protruding into the enclosure, it is bent downwards or straight vertically (parallel to the fence). Also, in the overlook area, the kick-in is very flexible with no solid support. It is easily accessible to the public who can bend it over and damage it.

Correct by: 1/9/16

Silver fox enclosure (contains 2 fox) has an approximately 15' long part of the kick-in that is bent over and part of it is no longer connected to the support bars.

Correct by: 1/23/16

Bison/elk north pasture (contains 27 bison and 25 elk) has several areas of the north line of fence where the kick-in is damaged and bent downwards.

Correct by: 2/6/16

***J hooks above ground in animal enclosures. The J hooks are used to secure the ground line that keeps the animals from digging out. These hooks are protruding anywhere from 6 " to 12" above the ground. An animal can easily be injured by these protrusions by catching or trapping a paw. All J hooks must be placed below the ground line or removed.

The cougar, coyote (contains 2 coyotes), and red fox (contains 2 fox) enclosure have many exposed J hooks.

Correct by: 11/7/15

***Many ground lines (the chain link buried under the ground to keep animals from digging out) were exposed. Exposure in these enclosures ranged from 2' to more than 15'. Injury could occur if an animal got a paw trapped or caught in the ground line. All ground lines should be covered to prevent animal injury.

The lynx (1 lynx), bobcat (2 bobcats) and coyote (2 coyote) enclosures have exposed ground line.

Correct by: 12/31/15

***The raccoon enclosure (contains 2 raccoons) has numerous sharp metal points on the wire used to make the enclosure. The sharp metal points are on all sides and the top of the enclosure. When testing the sharpness, the inspector could easily have broken her own skin by applying mild pressure to the point. Raccoons are climbers and were observed climbing all over the metal on the enclosure. It would be very easy for one of the animals to be injured by the metal points. All sharp metal points must be removed.

Correct by: 10/10/15

***An enclosure containing 11 goats has a back fence that is in poor repair. It is very rusty and bent out of shape. There is also a large hole that has been dug under this fence. This hole can easily allow entry of unwanted animals or trap a goat (either a foot or horn). The integrity of the fence is compromised by the bending and the rust and may not safely contain the animals. The hole could allow entry of a predator or could cause injury to the goats. The enclosure must contain the animals safely and securely and protect them from predator entry.

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Correct by: 3/5/16

***The enclosure containing Big Mike the bison has a significantly bent area of fence and a gap between the gate and the fence. The structural integrity of the fence is compromised when it is bent and may not be able to prevent an animal from escaping. The gap is approximately 6" wide at the bottom and gets wider at the top. This is an area where the bison could get a leg or horn trapped, or that an unwanted animal could enter. The enclosure needs to be fixed so that it safely and securely contains the animal.

Correct by: 11/28/15

***The north pasture containing 27 bison and 25 elk has fencing in need of repair. Along an area of new fencing, there is a large area (~40 feet long, and 3 feet deep) of washout, creating a large gap between the ground and the fence. It would be possible for a small elk or calf to roll under the fence and escape. Along the north fence line, there are at least 2 areas where holes (big enough for a large raccoon or small coyote) have been dug under the fence. This allows entry of unwanted animals that could cause injury to the animals. The fencing needs to be fixed and maintained in a way that safely and securely contains the animals and keeps unwanted animals out. Also in the north pasture, there is a ~25' long section of chain link fence lying unused on the ground. Weeds have started growing through and around the chain link. This fencing is a hazard to the animals; they could get their legs or horns/antlers hung in the fencing and injure themselves. The fencing needs to be removed from this area.

Correct by: 10/3/15

***An enclosure containing one adult male black bear (TR) does not have a hot wire that is working. The bear was seen sniffing at the wire (or something right at the wire). He had no reaction, indicating that he did not receive any sort of shock from the wire. Also, in the badger enclosure, the hot wire entering the enclosure was not connected to the wire running around the enclosure. The lack of hot wire can compromise the ability of the enclosure to maintain the animals, allowing them to escape. A system in which the hot wire can be maintained and checked for function needs to be established.

Correct by: 11/21/15

Exit interview conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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2574	33-C-0028	001	WILDLIFE PRAIRIE STATE PARK	21-SEP-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000027	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000003	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000005	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000011	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000025	<i>Cervus c. canadensis</i>	ELK
000006	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000001	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	CANADIAN LYNX
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000002	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000022	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Ratufa bicolor</i>	BLACK GIANT SQUIRREL
000002	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMERICAN BADGER
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000002	<i>Ursus thibetanus</i>	ASIATIC BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000123	Total	