



Inspection Report

Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary
P. O. Box 675
Red Lodge, MT 59068

Customer ID: **3706**
Certificate: **81-C-0058**
Site: 001

Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 21-APR-2015

2.40(a)(1)

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

- The facility did not have an up-to-date APHIS Form 7002, Program of Veterinary Care, on hand showing the change of attending veterinarian.

-The facility must have a written Program of Veterinarian Care that has been signed off and approved by the new attending veterinarian. The veterinarian must review the Program of Veterinary Care, and sign and date the form annually. A Program of Veterinarian Care is required to ensure that adequate measures are in place to ensure all health issues are addressed in an appropriate and timely manner. Steps must be taken to ensure this noncompliant does not repeat.

-To be corrected by: May 8, 2015

2.40(b)(2)

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

-Cheyenne, a 13 year old female wolf, was euthanized by gunshot. The director stated that Cheyenne was under visual observation during March and April for an unspecified medical condition. The director stated that the animal had been losing weight, not doing well, not eating sufficiently to maintain its weight, and was continuing to deteriorate. However, no attempt to immobilize and physically examine or perform other diagnostics as part of a routine veterinary examination was performed. A decision by the attending veterinarian was made on April 14th, 2015 from outside the enclosure that the wolf should be euthanized by gunshot without examination of the wolf. The director stated that she searched for somebody capable of performing this act, and was unable to locate anyone. On April 16 the order to euthanize Cheyenne by gunshot was given by the director. The gunshot euthanasia was carried out in Cheyenne's enclosure by an employee of the facility.

-This facility does not have personnel or veterinary staff trained to immobilize animals to conduct routine physical examinations on animals that cannot be handled; nor can they respond to sick, injured or escaped animals to provide adequate veterinary assessment, diagnostics, and care. Euthanizing a wolf or other dangerous carnivore by

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gunshot, without ever giving that animal the benefit of a medical work-up or performing any diagnostics, is not adequate veterinary care for this industry. A program of training, acquiring trained staff, or an attending veterinarian capable of performing sedation, restraint, operant conditioning for the purposes of veterinary assessment, routine husbandry procedures, humane euthanasia and other tasks must be implemented to ensure the health and well-being of the animals.

-Correct from this day forward.

-An exit interview was conducted with facility representative.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3706	81-C-0058	001	Yellowstone Wildlife Sanctuary	21-APR-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000003	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000001	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Cervus c. canadensis</i>	ELK
000001	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	CANADIAN LYNX
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Marmota flaviventris</i>	YELLOW-BELLIED MARMOT
000001	<i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>	HAZEL DORMOUSE
000003	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	MULE DEER
000001	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000004	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000022	Total	