



Inspection Report

Virginia Safari Park Inc
Po Box 147
Natural Bridge, VA 24578

Customer ID: **2481**
Certificate: **52-C-0166**
Site: 001
VIRGINIA SAFARI PARK INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 24-JUN-2015

2.131(c)(1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

In the drive through park the patrons in personal vehicles are instructed to keep their windows completely down to feed the animals. Buckets of feed are sold at the entrance to the park. Animals in this area of the park include camels, llamas, zebra, elk, bison, and various other hoof stock. In the walk through park, there is no barrier at the giraffe exhibit and members of the public are allowed to feed and touch them. There is no barrier in the petting farm area where the public feeds and contacts the animals. There are also no public barriers in the kangaroo walkabout. Animal Care was made aware of a camel biting a child who then needed medical attention. The facility verified that the incident did happen. The incident happened on a wagon ride and the camel reached over the primary fencing grabbing the child's arm with the feed bucket. The facility has addressed this incident by placing a 6' wide area of large jagged rocks under the primary enclosure fence to prevent the public from approaching the camels and the camels from approaching the public.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

Vehicle windows can serve as public barriers. However, by keeping the windows of the vehicle completely down the barrier between the public and animal is removed. The lack of barriers needs to be corrected to protect the health and safety of the animals and to ensure the safety of the public.

To be corrected by July 8, 2015.

2.131(d)(2)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

In the drive through park the patrons in private vehicles are instructed to keep their windows completely down to

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feed the animals. Buckets of feed are sold at the park entrance. Although park employees regularly drive this area, it is impossible for them to adequately supervise all private vehicles within this area of the park. In the walk through park, the giraffes have a feeding platform with no uniformed attendant present. There are two food dispensers available on the platform for park guests to purchase food. The petting farm area has no attendant, nor does the kangaroo walkabout. There is also a barn and enclosure housing Boer goats which does not have an attendant. In all these areas, there are no public barriers to keep members of the public separated from the animals.

Unsupervised contact between animals and the public increases the possibility of injury to the animals and the public. In any situation where there is contact between animals and the public, there must be a responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant present at all times.

If there are no public barriers in these areas, the facility must ensure that these sections of the park are adequately supervised by readily identifiable employees when members of the public are present.

To be corrected from this time forward.

3.75(c)(1)(2)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

- Several exposed screws are present in the wooden branches in an enclosure housing a single female tamarin. The screws are intended to connect branches together to provide a stable play structure for the tamarin. Sharp points and edges provide a risk of injury to enclosed animals, and must be removed or repaired to protect the health of the animals.

Correct by: 25 June 2015

3.125(a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

- Two sharp nails were exposed in a section of a broken wooden trough in the petting barn area of the walk through park. Numerous adult and juvenile animals had access to this area, including goats, pigs, llamas, and camels. Sharp points are an injury risk, and must be removed or repaired to protect the health and welfare of enclosed animals.

Corrected on the spot

3.127(a)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

- In the walk through portion of the zoo one of the two giraffe enclosures, housing three giraffes, did not have

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sufficient shade to accommodate all animals. At approximately 3 pm, the only available shade was a small section within the public feeding area. Although all animals had access to this feeding area, there was not enough shade to comfortably cover all the animals. Lack of shade can lead to discomfort and overheating, and may have a negative impact on the health and welfare of the affected animals. The facility must ensure that there is sufficient shade provided to all animals, at all times of day.

Correct by: 10 July 2015

3.131(d)

SANITATION.

The animals in the drive through park appear to have a heavy infestation of flies, especially on their heads and shoulders, and are constantly moving, twitching and rubbing to get the flies off. Animals in this area include bison, camels, llamas, elk and various other hoofstock. There is a large accumulation of yellow jackets on the door to the black buck shelter.

Insects are a source of discomfort to the affected animals, and can lead to physical injury due to animals rubbing and scratching themselves in an effort to remove the pests. Insects may also cause contamination of feed and water, negatively impacting the health of the animals. The facility is currently attempting to control flies and insects with a combination of sprays carried by employees, and the use of mineral blocks with additives to prevent fly eggs from hatching. However, the current attempts at control are not adequate. Per facility representatives, only certain animals can be safely sprayed. The facility must take further steps to address fly control in all animals within the drive through area. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

A safe method for fly and yellow jacket control for all of the animals in the drive through park must be established for the health and comfort of the animals.

To be corrected by July 8, 2015.

Exit interview conducted with a facility representative.

Facility declined to sign the report. A copy of the report was left at the facility and a copy will be sent by certified mail.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000070	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000006	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	BINTURONG
000001	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000007	<i>Ateles fusciceps</i>	BROWN-HEADED SPIDER MONKEY
000015	<i>Axis axis</i>	AXIS DEER / SPOTTED DEER / CHITAL
000013	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000001	<i>Bos grunniens grunniens domestic</i>	DOMESTIC YAK
000022	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000013	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000002	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000004	<i>Callosciurus prevostii</i>	PREVOST'S SQUIRREL / TRI-COLORED SQUIRREL
000004	<i>Camelus bactrianus domestic</i>	DOMESTIC BACTRIAN CAMEL
000017	<i>Camelus dromedarius domestic</i>	DOMESTIC DROMEDARY CAMEL
000029	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Caracal caracal</i>	CARACAL
000003	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	WHITE RHINOCEROS
000004	<i>Cercopithecus neglectus</i>	DE BRAZZA'S MONKEY
000029	<i>Cervus c. canadensis</i>	ELK
000035	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	SIKA DEER
000002	<i>Chaetophractus nationi</i>	BOLIVIAN HAIRY ARMADILLO
000017	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	BLACK WILDEBEEST
000002	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	SPOTTED HYENA
000300	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000008	<i>Elaphurus davidianus</i>	PERE DAVID'S DEER
000012	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000005	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000006	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	SABLE ANTELOPE
000129	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000005	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000003	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000003	<i>Oryx leucoryx</i>	ARABIAN ORYX
000002	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Saguinus midas</i>	RED-HANDED TAMARIN
000001	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i>	COTTON-TOP TAMARIN
000005	<i>Saimiri ustus</i>	GOLDEN-BACKED SQUIRREL MONKEY
000016	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000019	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000018	<i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i>	BONGO
000002	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR



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