



Inspection Report

Deer Forest Amusements Inc
P O Box 817
Coloma, MI 49046

Customer ID: **32011**

Certificate: --

Site: 001

DEER FOREST AMUSEMENTS INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 14-AUG-2014

2.1(a)(1) REPEAT

REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION.

The owner of the property has Bobcats, caviars, goats, Watusi, Whitetailed deer and a rabbit on exhibit to the public at his amusement facility.

Any person operating or intending to operate as a exhibitor, except persons who are exempted from the licensing requirements under paragraph (a)(3) of this section, must have a valid license.

A USDA, APHIS, AC license must be obtained to exhibit animals to the public.

2.131(a) REPEAT

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Since June, 2013 there have been new managers in charge of animal care at the facility and there have been numerous deaths of animals in their care. The list includes one ringtail lemur, 1 bobcat kitten, 2 adult watusi, 2 cavy, 1 fox, one peacock, one Chinese pheasant and two fallow deer. Two Whitetailed deer fawns were recently acquired. The caretakers have no experience bottle raising these animals. The managers husband stated that the technician that was hired this spring was represented as having wild and exotic animal experience, but they found out she had only worked at a dog kennel, which is also the only experience that the manager and the managers husband have had with animals. Since the previous inspection a rabbit has had a back injury due to poor handling.

All licensees who maintain wild or exotic animals must demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of the species they maintain.

The managers must gain the appropriate knowledge and experience of any species of animal prior to acquiring the animal or hire someone with the proper knowledge and experience with the species involved.

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2.131(d)(2) REPEAT

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

The public is allowed to hand feed animals on exhibit including: six goats and a watusi. The public may contact the animals during feeding. Employees or attendants are not present during these times of public contact. One of the rabbits present at the last inspection was seen by the attending veterinarian for a back issue that was causing lameness. The care takers are not aware of how the injury happened because there are no attendants present at times of public contact. Unattended public contact may result in physical injury to the animals by trauma or them eating unapproved items. The animals experience mental harm when they are subject to ignorant and inappropriate human contact. A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during public contact.

3.125(a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The Watusi is still in the primary enclosure for the horses. The horse enclosure is in very poor condition and is not sufficient to contain a Watusi.

The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

All animals must be contained in an enclosure that is appropriate for the species to prevent escape or injury of the animals. Replace or repair the fencing to contain the animal.

3.127(d) REPEAT

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The two cavy are in an enclosure that does not have a perimeter fence.

On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities (i.e., facilities not entirely indoors) must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. Fences less than 6 feet high for other animals must be approved in writing by the Administrator. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence. Such fences less than 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

A perimeter fence must be erected around any enclosure housing a wild or exotic animal to act as secondary

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containment and to prevent death of the animal by a predator.

3.131(a)

SANITATION.

There is a large accumulation of feces in the caviary primary enclosure.

Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

Clean the excreta from the caviary enclosure to prevent soiling of the animals and to reduce the risk of disease and odor.

Exit conducted with the owner by phone.

NO REGULATED ACTIVITIES MAY BE CONDUCTED UNTIL A VALID USDA LICENSE IS OBTAINED.

Additional Inspectors

Hammel Kurt, Veterinary Medical Officer

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
32011	na	001	DEER FOREST AMUSEMENTS INC	14-AUG-14

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000009	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000017	Total	