



Inspection Report

Morro Bay Marine Rehabilitation Center
595 Embarcadero
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Customer ID: **3632**
Certificate: **93-C-0814**
Site: 001

MORRO BAY MARINE REHABILITATION CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 15-MAR-2017

2.40(b)(2) CRITICAL REPEAT

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

Appropriate methods were not used to diagnose and treat a geriatric female California Sea Lion that was injured in January 2017. The animal was never treated for a cut that subsequently healed with a large raised pink lesion that appears to be scar tissue.

Facility records show that the attending veterinarian was called on January 18, 2017 regarding a cut under the animal's chin. According to staff at the facility no veterinarian ever examined the animal and the only treatment provided for the cut was isolating the animal and cleaning the wound at the direction of the veterinarian. The attending veterinarian was contacted on the day of the inspection and stated that he intended to examine the animal but was very busy and was never able to make a trip to the facility. The licensee never contacted a different veterinarian to provide care for the animal.

Animals with health concerns should receive prompt veterinary care that is appropriate for their circumstances. In this case, one attempt was made to obtain care but the animal was never seen by a veterinarian. Appropriate treatment in this case may have prevented the development of scar tissue. The facility should ensure that prompt and appropriate veterinary care is provided for the animals.

3.110(d)(2)

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VETERINARY CARE.

Appropriate medical records were not kept for an injured California sea lion. The only record of the injury was the date the attending veterinarian was notified that the animal had a cut under her chin, which was January 18, 2016. There was no date of injury, no description of the extent of the injury, no treatment plan, no notes regarding treatment recommendations given by their attending veterinarian, and no documentation of treatment. The animal was never seen by a veterinarian, thus there were no medical records generated by a veterinarian.

Medical record keeping is necessary to ensure that animals are receiving appropriate medical care. It is important to document the dates and details of injuries and illnesses so that accurate information may be conveyed to the veterinarian who is making treatment decisions. Incomplete medical records may interfere the ability of veterinarians to make appropriate treatment decisions and subsequently to provide appropriate treatment for medical conditions. APHIS officials use medical records to ensure that animals have received appropriate medical care. It is the responsibility of the facility to ensure that adequate medical records are kept for all marine mammals housed there.

Correct from this time forward.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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3632	93-C-0814	001	MORRO BAY MARINE REHABILITATION CENTER	15-MAR-17

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	HARBOR SEAL
000002	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
000003	Total	