



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **15278**
Certificate: **96-C-0028**
Site: 001
Stephen Kroschel

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 08-MAY-2024

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

In mid-September 2023, a yearling male moose "Duck Moses" escaped from his enclosure. The moose got out of its primary enclosure and then walked through an open gate in the perimeter fencing. Despite several days of searching the moose was not recovered prior to the start of hunting season. On December 23rd, 2023, the moose returned to the area and was lured back inside the facility. The moose mingled with the wild moose population for over three months potentially transmitting or contracting diseases or parasites, was exposed to predation and hunting threats without natural fear of humans, and was without natural survival skills as he was bottle raised in captivity. These could have led to injury, disease or death of the moose.

The facility must be constructed appropriately for the animals and maintained in good repair to protect and contain the animals.

To be corrected by: 8/1/2024

3.125(c)

Facilities, general.

In the shipping container used for feed storage, a large amount of rodent droppings were present on the floor mixed in with hay and shavings. A large pile of shrimp was disintegrating on the ground outside the container which could attract vermin and pests to the storage area. Pests and vermin could get into the feed and cause contamination, molding or deterioration which could cause lack of palatability, disease or death to the animals.

Supplies of food and bedding must be stored in facilities which adequately protect against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin.

To be corrected by 7/1/24.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

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The >8 ft chain link fence which serves as the perimeter fence for the one female brown bear enclosure is sagging between poles reducing the height to below 8 feet providing less than adequate protection and containment for the animal. Perimeter fencing for dangerous animals must be greater than 8 ft high to protect the animal from people or other animals having contact with the animal and function as a secondary containment system for the animal.

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3.131(a)

Sanitation.

Several enclosures had excessive buildup up old bedding materials, debris, fecal material and food waste. The most west lynx enclosure had large amounts of old bones and fecal material built up and licensee stated the enclosure has not been cleaned yet this year. The fox enclosures along the south-western corner had a build up of old bones and wet bedding. The wolverine enclosure had a large accumulation of bones with rotting flesh. Accumulation of food waste, bedding and fecal material can attract pests and vermin and lead to disease and illness in the animals.

Cleaning of enclosures must be done as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000007	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000014	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	ERMINE
000011	<i>Mustela vison</i>	AMERICAN MINK
000008	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000003	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	CANADIAN LYNX
000002	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Alces alces</i>	MOOSE
000003	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	REINDEER
000001	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	BROWN BEAR
000008	<i>Martes martes</i>	PINE MARTEN
000001	<i>Gulo gulo</i>	WOLVERINE
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000001	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	SNOWY OWL
000063	Total	