



Inspection Report

US Animal Services
443 Jims Road
Lena, MS 39094

Customer ID: **6016950**
Certificate: **65-C-0579**
Site: 001
Katrinna Miller

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 05-MAR-2024

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Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

The licensee is failing to provide adequate veterinary care for her 6-month-old neutered male Serval cat ("Tigger"/"Simba").

In December and January 2024, the cat had a broken bone in the forelimb which was surgically pinned by the Attending Veterinarian. The licensee failed to return for follow up appointments, and when the cat was finally seen by the AV on February 2, 2024 it was overdue for pin removal one of the pins could not be removed because the bone had grown over it.

At the time of the pin removal, the cat also received an enema because it was extremely constipated due to a narrowed pelvis caused by pelvic fractures. The AV recommended referral to a surgical center for evaluation and treatment of the pelvis. The AV also recommended feeding wet food, nutritional supplements, and stool softeners to try to medically manage the condition in the short term, although he indicated to the licensee that this would likely need surgery. The AV stated that he did not receive adequate follow up communication from the licensee confirming that she wanted a referral and that she did not schedule any follow up appointments.

On February 27, 2024, unbeknownst to the AV, the licensee took the cat to a veterinary referral center for evaluation. The records show the cat has multiple fractures, weight loss, labored breathing after exercise, and constipation occurring over the past few weeks. Discharge instructions from the referral center state that the animal is has a fractured pubis (pelvic bone), diaphragmatic hernia, multiple rib fractures, and bone deformities in the forelimb. According to the discharge instructions, the licensee declined diagnostics and treatment. The licensee indicated that diagnostics and treatment had been declined due to financial constraints.

After visiting the surgical center, the licensee did not return to the AV or any other veterinarian for follow up care. After speaking with USDA personnel on March 1, 2024, the licensee contacted a veterinarian (not the cat's AV) and got pain medication, ordered stool softener, and scheduled an appointment for evaluation the next week.

At the time of inspection (March 5, 2024 at approximately 2:00PM), the cat has not been seen by any veterinarian since it was discharged from the referral center. Upon inspection, the cat is bright and alert. While at rest, the cat is breathing quickly and shallowly and shows mildly abnormal movement of the chest and abdomen with each breath. There are a few small firm stools in the animal's enclosure. The licensee stated that the cat is passing stool like this daily, and that the cat's appetite is not robust (often leaves some food uneaten). The AV was contacted and said that he is concerned that the cat may be constipated again due to the small stools.

Animals with broken bones and prolonged constipation may experience severe pain and discomfort. Diaphragmatic hernias can result in abdominal organs entering the chest cavity, causing animals to struggle to breath and to get enough

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The Attending Veterinarian and the referral center have made recommendations for diagnostics and treatment which have not been followed, which may have resulted in prolonged pain, discomfort, and stress for this animal. This animal must be taken to a veterinarian by 10:00 AM tomorrow (March 6, 2024) and testing and treatment prescribed by the veterinarian must be followed. Correct by: March 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM Central Time.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
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