



Inspection Report

VERNON MILLER
6255 NORTH 1000 WEST
SHIPSHEWANA, IN 46565

Customer ID: **323233**
Certificate: **32-C-0224**
Site: 001
VERNON D MILLER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 24-SEP-2024

2.40(b)(2) Critical Repeat

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

During records review during the inspection, it was noted that seven animals had died since the last inspection on 7-1-24. The dead animals included one alpaca (7-28-24), one adult dog, one audad (8-30-24), one nilgai (8-24-24), one goat (8-2-24), one African crowned crane (9-5-24), and one fox (7-20-24). The licensee reported that the nilgai had been under veterinary care for being thin prior to dying. The adult dog had given birth to one puppy and then died overnight. The rest of the deaths were reported to be sudden with animals found dead in the morning. No veterinary exams or necropsies were performed to determine cause of death. No follow-up veterinary care or diagnostics were reported for any cohoused animals. The facility representative reported that they believed that the one audad, one goat, and one African crowned crane had run into fences and broken their necks.

The death of seven animals in three months, six of which were not under veterinary care prior to their death, or evaluation after their deaths, indicates that there is not a robust program in place to determine the cause of unknown deaths and may indicate an underlining herd health or other husbandry problem. Since the cause of death was not determined for the animals in question, there is a potential for disease or facility conditions that could affect other animals at the facility. A facility must have a program of veterinary care in place that uses appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

3.13(a)(3) Repeat

Veterinary care for dogs.

There are no records of adult dogs receiving any vaccines other than rabies. The facility representative reported that he had asked the vet to give the needed vaccines and had not realized that there were vaccines other than rabies that were required. The program of veterinary care requires annual vaccination for parvovirus and distemper. In addition, there were no records of vaccines having been given to the puppies currently in the facility. One litter of 4 puppies were old enough to have had vaccine. The facility representative who manages the dogs stated that vaccines had been given but not recorded.

Vaccination is important in protection from contagious diseases.

All dogs must be vaccinated in accordance with the schedule approved by the attending veterinarian.

3.125(a) Repeat

Facilities, general.

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During inspection a domestic cattle calf was seen to be walking in the area between enclosures in the south-east portion of the petting zoo area. When asked why the animal was not in an enclosure, the facility representative reported that it was been noticed last week that the calf could get out and the calf was herded back into the enclosure with its mother via an area of board fencing with a gap tall enough that the calf only had to duck a little to return into its enclosure. Escape, roaming free and recapture of animal all pose a high risk of injury to the animals, employees, and the public. 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.

3.127(c)

Facilities, outdoor.

-Approximately eighty percent of the ground within the peccary (listed as javelina on the enclosure signage) enclosure was filled with mud and standing water. The food receptacle was in the center of a large area of standing water. Having a dry resting area and way to walk to food, water, and shelter without walking through standing water for animals is necessary for their comfort and their ability to access needed resources. A suitable method to rapidly eliminate excess water must be provided. The method of drainage shall comply with local, state, and federal laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

Correction Date: September 27th, 2024

3.129(b)

Repeat

Feeding.

- The food dish for young white tailed deer had a layer of brown dirt like material adhered to sixty percent of the interior of the dish.
- The PVC feeding tube, used by the public to drop food into the primary enclosure of two racoons, had a build-up of black filth on half of the entire interior of the tube.
- The food receptacle for one fox in the most westerly enclosure has an accumulation of cobwebs and spiders inside the self-feeder.

Food receptacles and feeding tubes must be kept clean to prevent contamination and deterioration of the food fed to the animals. Food that is contaminated or deteriorated in nutritive value may lead to weight loss from the animals not eating the food or health issues.

Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. If self-feeders are used, adequate measures shall be taken to prevent molding, contamination, and deterioration or caking of food.

3.131(a)

Repeat

Sanitation.

- There was excessive fecal accumulation in the primary enclosure for the two racoons. In addition there was vegetation that was about 5 feet tall growing in multiple places in the enclosure. There was a log for the racoons to climb on that was sitting on top of the shelter box in the enclosure. The licensee reported not knowing when the last time it was moved to clean that shelter box.

Insufficient cleaning can lead to disease hazards, insects, pest and odors.

Excreta must be removed from the primary enclosures to prevent disease transmission, odor and pests.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Brachyteles arachnoides</i>	WOOLLY SPIDER MONKEY
000012	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000005	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000004	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000026	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000003	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000005	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000018	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000020	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG PUPPY
000019	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000001	<i>Orthopsittaca manilatus</i>	RED-BELLIED MACAW
000006	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000005	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000066	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000001	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000002	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>	BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE
000001	<i>Lonchura striata domestica</i>	SOCIETY FINCH / BENGALIAN FINCH
000008	<i>Agapornis spp hybrid</i>	LOVEBIRD HYBRID
000001	<i>Ara macao</i>	SCARLET MACAW
000002	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>	TURQUOISE-FRONTED PARROT / TURQUOISE-FRONTED AMAZON / BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON
000001	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>	GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE / GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE
000006	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000005	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000004	<i>Rhea pennata</i>	LESSER RHEA / DARWIN'S RHEA
000012	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domestica</i>	DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000004	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000001	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domestica</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000014	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000002	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000038	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000003	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000004	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	COLLARED PECCARY
000005	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000003	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000001	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000002	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000001	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	BLACK WILDEBEEST



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000001	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>		COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY	
000002	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>		GOLDEN PHEASANT	
000002	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>		ZEBU	
000008	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT	
000001	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>		RED KANGAROO	
000055	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>		SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000000	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>		BARBARY SHEEP	
000399	Total			