



Inspection Report

Kowiachobee Animal Preserve Inc
2861 4th Ave. SE
Naples, FL 34117

Customer ID: **14803**

Certificate: **58-C-0942**

Site: 001

KOWIACHOBEE ANIMAL
PRESERVE INC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 12-FEB-2025

3.84(a)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

The wooden feeding platform in the ring-tailed lemur enclosure had an excessive buildup of dirt and grime, giving it a dark brown or black appearance.

Ring-tailed lemurs are a scent marking species. Failure to adequately clean the primary enclosure, especially around feeding areas, can lead to the buildup of grime and debris which may attract insects, vermin, and increase the risk of disease transmission.

Perches, bars, and shelves must be kept clean and replaced when worn. If the species of the non-human primates housed in the primary enclosure engages in scent marking, hard surfaces in the primary enclosure must be spot cleaned daily. To be corrected by 26 February 2025.

3.125(a)

Repeat

Facilities, general.

The facility failed to maintain some of their housing facilities in good repair.

- The zebra enclosure has a broken vertical post with an exposed sharp and jagged edge and an exposed metal bracket. The covered stall of the zebra enclosure is in a state of poor repair. The wood is showing signs of decay, several of the boards that makeup the walls and roof are broken or chewed with rough, sharp edges. The metal gate of the zebra enclosure has four bolts extending approximately 1.5 inches into the enclosure at head height for the zebra.
- The bobcat enclosure has a wooden den/platform. The roof of the structure is showing signs of decay with splintered, peeling layers, exposing rough and sharp edges.
- The top wooden rail of a pig enclosure is showing signs of decay in several locations with cracked and broken pieces exposing sharp and jagged edges.
- The enclosure housing a pig and goats has exposed screws and pointed wire facing toward the animals.

Failure to maintain housing facilities in good repair can affect the structural integrity of the enclosures which may lead to the injury or escape of the animals contained in them. Broken and torn enclosure may also have rough or sharp edges which can also lead to injury of the animal.

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The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. To be corrected by 12 March 2025.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

Several sections of the perimeter fence fail to meet regulatory standards.

- The gate along the back section of the big cat perimeter fence was unlocked and partially open. The gap between the open gate and the fence was approximately 12 inches and would allow easy access in and out of the area.
- The big cat perimeter fence gate located beside the large alligator enclosure, is sagging and leaning downward. This creates a gap, approximately 10 inches in width, between the gate and the fence post. Because the gate is leaning, the opening edge is only approximately 7 feet 6 inches in height and fails to meet the 8-foot height requirement.
- Behind the two white tiger's enclosure, the bottom of the big cat perimeter fence has a section of chain link missing or broken. This creates a gap between the ground and fence approximately 12 inches wide and 6 inches tall.
- There is a black rubber tub laying upside down against the rear section of the big cat perimeter fence. The tub is approximately 4 feet in length and 2 feet in height. Because of its proximity to the perimeter fence, an animal or unauthorized person could use this structure to assist in climbing over the fence, reducing the effective height of the fence by the height of the structure.

Animals and unauthorized people can use these gaps and openings in the perimeter fence to enter and exit the area and gain access to the animals behind it.

The perimeter 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. To be corrected by 12 March 2025.

3.150(c)(2)

Facilities, general.

The facility failed to maintain several bird enclosures in good repair.

- The metal bird cage housing a Monk Parakeet had numerous areas of pitted, flaking rust. The metal door to the enclosure had flaking paint and rust over in three of its four corners, many of the metal horizontal crossbars were heavily rusted.
- The metal bird cage housing a Moluccan Cockatoo had numerous areas of pitted, flaking rust. The top metal horizontal crossbar on the right side of the cage had flaking rust and deep pitting with holes where the rust ate through the metal. Most of the vertical crossbars had flaking paint and rust.
- The enclosure housing a Scarlet Macaw had flaking green paint over most of the frame.
- The enclosure housing a Blue and Gold Macaw had flaking green paint and rust over most of the frame.
- The enclosure housing a Yellow-Naped Parrot was covered in flaking black paint and rust. The corrugated metal roof and walls of the structure was covered in flaking rust. The blue metal cage inside the enclosure also had areas of flaking paint and rust.

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Failure to maintain these enclosures in good repair could lead to injury of the birds or compromise the integrity of the enclosure which could allow escape.

Interior surfaces and surfaces that come in contact with birds must be free of rust or damage that affects the structural integrity of the surface or prevents cleaning. To be corrected by 12 March 2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
14803	58-C-0942	001	KOWIACHOBEE ANIMAL PRESERVE INC	12-FEB-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000010	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000001	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000004	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000001	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000002	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Equus asinus asinus</i>	DONKEY / BURRO / ASS
000005	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	<i>Myiopsitta monachus</i>	MONK PARAKEET / QUAKER PARROT
000001	<i>Ara macao</i>	SCARLET MACAW
000001	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000001	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000001	<i>Amazona auropalliata</i>	YELLOW-NAPED PARROT / YELLOW-NAPED AMAZON
000001	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000001	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000036	Total	