



Inspection Report

Laredo Safari and Adventure Park LLC
6526 Mangana Hein
Laredo, TX 78046

Customer ID: **6003124**

Certificate: **74-C-1128**

Site: 001

Laredo Safari and Adventure Park
LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 28-NOV-2023

2.40(b)(3) Direct

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

During this inspection the following animals were identified to have medical conditions requiring veterinary care.

- A zebu with a lame right front foot. The animal was holding the foot up while grazing and placing it very carefully when walking.
- At least 3 similar horned oryx were extremely thin with body condition scores of about 2 out of 5.
- One thin bison with a body condition score of about 2 out of 5.
- A mongoose with a head tilt
- Several goats in the petting zoo with very long hooves.

The facility representative confirmed that she knew about the zebu and the oryx, however she had not noticed the head tilt in the mongoose. The attending veterinarian had not been consulted about any of these issues. Not consulting with the veterinarian in a timely fashion can cause prolonged pain and discomfort for the animals.

The facility needs to ensure daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being is occurring. Daily observation may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian, provided that mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

Correct by Dec 8, 2023

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Acquisition/birth and disposition/death records are required so that animals being used in regulated activities can be accurately tracked to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation. The following records were not available or complete during this inspection.

Disposition/deaths

- Gemsbok: 3 animals
- Pere David's deer: 3 animals
- Red lechwe: 8 animals
- Ibex: 2 animals

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- Scimitar horned oryx: 13 animals
- Addax: 13 animals
- Barasingha: 1 animal
- Armenian mouflon: 13 animals
- Blackbuck: 2 animals
- Ring-tailed lemur: 1 animal
- Vervet: 1 animal
- Patagonian cavy: 1 animal
- Sika: 3 animals

Acquisitions/births

- Kangaroo: 1 animal
- Baboons: 2 animals
- Serval: 2 animals
- Mongoose: 1 animal
- Macaque: 1 animal

Animals transferred to or acquired from other licensees must have disposition and acquisition records containing all information required by the Animal Welfare Regulations available during inspections. This requirement applies to all regulated animals purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased or otherwise in possession of or under control of the licensee, and all regulated animals transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by the dealer or exhibitor. The records shall include any offspring born of any animal while in his or her possession or under his or her control. Correct by Dec 14, 2023

2.131(c)(1)

Handling of animals.

Visitors currently enter the facility by pulling up to an automatic gate, pushing a button that opens the gate, then driving across a cattle guard and into a pasture with a large assortment of exotic hoofed stock. This pasture is the primary enclosure for the hoofed stock. After passing through the gate and into the pasture, the public must drive about half a mile before they reach the visitor center, the petting zoo, and the zip line. None of these areas have barriers that separate the animals in the pasture from the visitors. Many of these animals can be dangerous if adequately provoked and can cause serious injury to a person.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of the animals and the public.

Correct by April 1, 2024

3.75(a)

Housing facilities, general.

The ring-tailed lemurs are currently housed on an island. They have several elevated wood houses to block wind and rain, however their heat source is set up in a gutted vehicle. This vehicle is not insulated, and areas were windows and doors used to be are now covered by wood and metal. The heat is provided by a propane tank with two tank top heaters

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positioned on the hood and pointing thru the front windshield. The heaters are surrounded by an old wire cage as protection, but the lemurs can easily reach in and touch the heaters. This situation is inadequate for the following reasons:

- Fumes from the propane could be dangerous to the animals.
- The lemurs could easily burn themselves on the heaters or the cage surrounding the heaters.

Housing facilities for nonhuman primates must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species. They must be kept in good repair, and they must protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering.

Correct by Dec 14, 2023

3.77(g) **Critical** **Repeat**

Sheltered housing facilities.

The facility has been allowing visitors to go onto the island with the lemurs and offer them food. According to an incident report provided by the facility, on November 24, 2023, one of the lemurs jumped onto the back of a five-year-old child to reach for a banana. Somehow the child was bitten on the arm in the process.

Insufficiently controlled animal encounters can negatively impact both the public and the animals. This contact can result in stress, disease transmission, injuries or even death to animals and/or visitors. Animals that bite may be subject to mandatory euthanasia in accordance with local or state public health requirements.

Nonhuman primates used in trained animal acts or in uncaged public exhibits must be under the direct control and supervision of an experienced handler or trainer at all times when the public is present. Trained nonhuman primates may be permitted physical contact with the public, as allowed under § 2.131, but only if they are under the direct control and supervision of an experienced handler or trainer at all times during the contact.

3.78(b)

Outdoor housing facilities.

The pair of olive baboons are being temporarily housed in a converted goat pen. The pen is approximately 15 x 15 x 5 feet tall. There is a roof over most of the enclosure with one side providing protection from wind and rain, one side providing protection from rain, and two sides without protection from either. There is not additional structure for the baboons to escape blowing wind and rain.

The macaque is being temporarily housed in a converted goat pen in the interior of an open sided barn. The pen is approximately 10 x 10 x 8 feet tall. The enclosure provides shelter from rain but does not provide shelter from excessive wind. There is not an additional structure in the enclosure allowing the macaque to escape wind.

Outdoor housing facilities for nonhuman primates must provide adequate shelter from the elements at all times. It must provide protection from the sun, rain, snow, wind, and cold, and from any weather conditions that may occur. The shelter must safely provide heat to the nonhuman primates to prevent the ambient temperature from falling below 45 F.

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3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

The facility recently acquired two servals and are in the process of building new habitats for the animals. Currently both cats are being maintained in inadequate enclosures.

One serval is being housed in an approximately 2 x 8 x 6 ft tall wire panel enclosure. The enclosure has a roof consisting

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of a piece of plywood and a metal wire panel covered with a tarp laid over the top of the enclosure. Two sides are covered with either plywood or tarps.

The second serval is being housed in a 4 x 4 x 6 ft tall wire panel enclosure inside a barn. The top of the enclosure is a piece of plywood laid across the cage but not secured to the cage.

Neither enclosure is structurally sound. The plywood on top of both enclosures is not secured to the cages. The plywood could blow off or the servals could squeeze under them and escape.

The facility must provide enclosures that are structurally sound and maintained in good repair.

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3.128

Space requirements.

Neither serval enclosure is large enough for the cats to make normal postural and social adjustments. Neither enclosure allows the cats to walk more than a few feet without turning around and re-walking the same path, and neither enclosure provides an area for the cats to hide from the public if they become stressed.

During this inspection, one of the servals was noted to be pacing back and forth in its enclosure. This is a common sign of stress in animals and could be caused by the insufficient space.

Enclosures shall be constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each animal to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement. Inadequate space may be indicated by evidence of malnutrition, poor condition, debility, stress, or abnormal behavior patterns.

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3.129(b)

Feeding.

The petting zoo goats are being fed a pelleted diet in feeders on the ground. During this inspection, goats were noted standing in the feeders. In many of the feeders the pellets were more powder than pellet. Not only does allowing the goats to stand in the feeders crush the food, but it also allows feces and mud on the goat hooves to contaminate the food.

Food and food receptacles shall be sufficient in quantity and located so as to be accessible to all animals in the enclosure and shall be placed so as to minimize contamination.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 000021 | <i>Ammotragus lervia</i> | BARBARY SHEEP |
| 000000 | <i>Oryx gazella</i> | GEMSBOK |
| 000002 | <i>Connochaetes gnou</i> | BLACK WILDEBEEST |
| 000003 | <i>Elaphurus davidianus</i> | PERE DAVID'S DEER |
| 000000 | <i>Kobus leche</i> | RED LECHWE / SOUTHERN LECHWE |
| 000011 | <i>Equus quagga</i> | BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA |
| 000000 | <i>Capra caucasica</i> | ALBINE IBEX / WEST CAUCASIAN TUR |
| 000035 | <i>Oryx dammah</i> | SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX |
| 000006 | <i>Addax nasomaculatus</i> | ADDAX |
| 000013 | <i>Bison bison</i> | AMERICAN BISON |
| 000001 | <i>Rucervus duvaucelii</i> | BARASINGHA / SWAMP DEER |
| 000000 | <i>Ovis aries gmelini</i> | ARMENIAN MOUFLON |
| 000025 | <i>Axis axis</i> | AXIS DEER / SPOTTED DEER / CHITAL |
| 000006 | <i>Antilope cervicapra</i> | BLACKBUCK |
| 000020 | <i>Capra hircus</i> | DOMESTIC GOAT |
| 000004 | <i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> | GIRAFFE |
| 000005 | <i>Lemur catta</i> | RING-TAILED LEMUR |
| 000002 | <i>Lama pacos</i> | ALPACA |
| 000004 | <i>Lama glama</i> | LLAMA |
| 000002 | <i>Osphranter rufus</i> | RED KANGAROO |
| 000003 | <i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i> | VERVET |
| 000010 | <i>Ovis aries aries</i> | SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS |
| 000003 | <i>Camelus dromedarius</i> | DROMEDARY CAMEL |
| 000011 | <i>Bos taurus</i> | CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI |
| 000002 | <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> | EMU |
| 000005 | <i>Struthio camelus</i> | COMMON OSTRICH |
| 000004 | <i>Anser anser domesticus</i> | DOMESTIC GOOSE |
| 000001 | <i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i> | BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG |
| 000002 | <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i> | WHITE-TAILED DEER |
| 000008 | <i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i> | DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER) |
| 000004 | <i>Numida meleagris</i> | DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN |
| 000006 | <i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i> | DOMESTIC TURKEY |
| 000002 | <i>Papio anubis</i> | OLIVE BABOON |
| 000001 | <i>Macaca nemestrina</i> | PIG-TAILED MACAQUE |
| 000002 | <i>Leptailurus serval</i> | SERVAL |
| 000001 | <i>Crossarchus obscurus</i> | KUSIMANSE |
| 000001 | <i>Ara chloropterus</i> | RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW |
| 000001 | <i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i> | COCKATIEL |
| 000227 | Total | |



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