



Inspection Report

WILSTEM INC
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Customer ID: **501298**
Certificate: **32-C-0265**
Site: 001
WILSTEM INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 15-SEP-2020

3.127(a)

Facilities, outdoor.

There are 3 camels that are being kept in a fenced pasture that does not contain any natural or artificial shade structures for the animals to get out of the direct rays of the sun. The animals have had no shade source provided since June 2020 when they were put out on the pasture for public exhibition. The average temperatures over the 3 months ranged 76-94 deg F, with the average humidity ranging 76% to 94% (weather underground).

There are two smaller pastures with 18 goats and one with 7 sheep that do have a shelter, however they do not have additional shade available by natural or artificial means. The shelter with the 18 goats is not large enough for all of the animals to get into for shade without being overcrowded, and preventing natural bodily movements in a way to prevent overheating or discomfort.

The lack of shade for regulated animals that cannot get out of the heat or from under the direct rays of the sun can cause serious health issues including physical and behavioral stress or death.

The licensee must provide shade of natural or artificial means to allow all animals kept outdoors to protect themselves from direct sunlight.

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To be corrected by: October 13, 2020

3.127(b)

Facilities, outdoor.

For the past three months, there has been no shelter provided for the 3 camels to allow for them to get out of inclement weather. There are no trees, buildings or structures that are available for the animals to get into during inclement weather or out of the heat of the day. While there is a barn next to the pasture, the doors to allow the camels in have been sealed shut with wood preventing them from entering the shelter. The animals have been denied this shelter since the beginning of the drive through exhibition which started mid-June 2020 until during the time of this inspection.

The lack of a shelter by natural or artificial means, to protect the animals from inclement weather or from the heat of the day can be a source of discomfort and stress. The lack of proper shelter can cause serious health issues and death if the weather is severe due to overheating, lightening or strong winds with debris.

The licensee must provide natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species kept outdoors to afford them protection and prevent discomfort.

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3.127(d)

Critical

Facilities, outdoor.

There is a 30 ft section of perimeter fence in the wooded area going up the hill that had four areas where the fence was raised 5-8 inches high. The bottom of the fencing is loose enough to allow it to be pushed in either direction allowing an

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animal to get under the fence, including coyote or dog-sized animals. This area is holding multiple free roaming species including zebus, fallow deer, blackbuck, watusi, nilgai, eland, aoudad, cattle, buffalo, scimitar oryx, llama, alpacas, and water buffalo. There have been two deaths of black buck in the veld area due to an unknown predator that is suspected to be a coyote. A dead blackbuck was found on June 14, 2020 and on September 11, 2020.

Loose fencing can provide access for predators or other animals to get into the primary enclosure and chase or attack the animals, resulting in stress, injuries, and possible death.

The licensee must ensure that the perimeter fence is maintained to provide protection for 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.

To be corrected by: November 1, 2020

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

-There were two areas at the bottom of the fence in the kangaroo area near the barn door where there are broken wires poking inside of the enclosure allowing direct contact with the animals. Broken wires in fencing can be a source of injury.

-The kangaroo perimeter fence is only 5ft in height and is very wobbly in nature. On August 8, 2020 a kangaroo 'Perth' escaped over the fence during a public feeding encounter and left the property for two days until found.

Fenced areas that are too short to contain the regulated animals can provide a mode of escape or entry of animals or

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unauthorized people into the primary enclosure.

All indoor and outdoor housing shall be structurally sound and be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. And must be constructed of such materials and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved.

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2.131(d)(2)

Handling of animals.

During the inspection a young child was observed climbing onto the fence at the camel feeding area, which was not attended by a keeper. While the child climbed the fence, he reached over to pet the camel and hung on the fence in direct face to face contact with the camel. There was no barrier or distance, or identifiable keeper nearby to protect the child from injury.

The lack of attendants at an animal encounter/feeding where the animal can have direct contact with the public could be a potential for injury to the person or animal.

The facility must have an attendant present during any public feeding or encounter where the animal can have direct contact with the person. If there are no attendants, then a barrier and/or sufficient distance should be in place to prevent the public from being able to have direct contact with the animals.

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2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

There are multiple animals that are missing on the inventory of the facility. The facility representatives advised there have been animals that have been born, died, euthanized and sold that have no corresponding records.

The lack of records does not allow for proper management and traceability of regulated animals.

The licensee must keep records on all animals owned, leased, held or otherwise acquired or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of. They shall include any offspring born of any animal while in the licensees' possession or under their control.

To be corrected by: October 14, 2020

2.40(b)(2)

Critical

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

May 13, 2020 three eland escaped from the barn and were loose on the grounds of the facility. The employee responsible for darting animals advised that he received the drugs for the tranquilizer darts from the attending veterinarian who was present during the darting incident. He stated the veterinarian advised him what to do. The first eland was darted and taken to the barn, the second eland(M) was darted and ran into the fenced pasture followed by the remaining female. The employee stated that the female was running into the fence, panicking and he decided to try to dart her to prevent her from hurting herself. The dart missed, and the animal continued panicking until she ran into a fence post and broke her neck. The employee stated that the attending veterinarian was present during the incident and told them to try and dart the panicking eland.

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After contacted by the USDA, the attending veterinarian advised that he was not present during the darting, and only knew the facility had an escaped eland and came to the clinic to pick up the tranquilizer drugs in the late afternoon. The veterinarian was not advised about the darting incident and stated he would not have approved darting a panicked animal that was already contained in a fenced pasture. According to the attending veterinarian, he had not been consulted about the incident.

If appropriate methods are not being used to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries of the animals it can lead to unnecessary pain, discomfort or death.

The attending veterinarian must have appropriate authority for all animal care and use. Direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian is required to provide timely and accurate information to the attending vet.

To be corrected by: September 24, 2020

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

On February 5, 2020, according to facility staff present, a staff member (at the time) was advised to euthanize a llama by gunshot due to illness. However the decision was made by this employee to transport the llama (while alive according to staff members) to the burial site in an unapproved and inappropriate manner.

When contacted by the USDA, the primary care veterinarian advised he was not consulted about the method of transport to the burial site that was used. The attending veterinarian advised if he had been contacted, he would have had the animal euthanized at its location. However the facility chose a method of transport to the burial site that caused undue

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trauma, behavioral stress and unnecessary discomfort to the llama before death, and therefore did not comply with Section 2.131(b)(1). This section requires that handling of all animals be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, physical harm, behavioral stress or unnecessary discomfort to the animal

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This inspection was conducted with the facility representatives and exit interview were conducted with the licensee, facility representatives and the attending veterinarian with an Animal Care VMO.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000012	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	BROWN BEAR
000001	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000003		CAMEL
000002	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000002	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	AFRICAN ELEPHANT
000009	<i>Equus asinus asinus</i>	DONKEY / BURRO / ASS
000005	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000002	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	ASIAN ELEPHANT
000017	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000014	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000002	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000007	<i>Sheep</i>	SHEEP
000006	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000006	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000004	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000008	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000009	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000003	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000008	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000013	<i>Equus caballus</i>	DOMESTIC HORSE
000007	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000011	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000158	Total	



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