



Inspection Report

Connie Tibbs
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Walterboro, SC 29488

Customer ID: **333193**
Certificate: **56-C-0263**
Site: 001
CONNIE TIBBS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 23-DEC-2015

2.131(a)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Since the last inspection a tiger cub was obtained on 9-19-15 to bottle raise. The licensee stated she has never owned large exotic cats, only small exotic cats. The licensee has worked with large exotic cats in the past as a volunteer, but needs more experience and training before owning this dangerous animal. The tiger is in a small gauge wire cage which is inadequate for when it grows in height, weight and strength. The diet is also not sufficient for large exotic cats. Licensee must demonstrate knowledge and obtain experience with working with large exotic cats before housing one. To be corrected immediately.

3.84(d)(3)

CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

Two of the plastic shoe box size food receptacles for the non-human primates are deeply scratched and chewed from previous animals and there is a black grime and algae in the deep grooves and on the sides of these feeders. The feeders need to be repaired or replaced to allow adequate cleaning and the feeders are to be kept clean and sanitized at least every two weeks. To be corrected by 12-26-15.

3.125(d)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Whole dead ducks were fed to the two Siberian lynx and the carcasses are still in the enclosure. Both ducks were covered with small maggots. All food wastes are to be removed from the animal enclosures on a timely basis in order to prevent disease hazards and odors. This was corrected during this inspection.

3.127(d)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

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Since the last inspection, a section of the six foot perimeter fence around the exotic animal area was removed. This section of fence was made up of chain link bird cages which were removed leaving only the four foot chain link fence in this area. Additionally a tiger cub was obtained and this exotic animal requires having an eight foot perimeter fence. A perimeter fence which meets the standards (6 foot for non-dangerous exotics and 8 feet for dangerous exotics) needs to be maintained at all times. To be corrected by 1-8-16.

3.128

SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

Since the last inspection, an Asian small clawed otter was obtained. It is being housed in an above ground wire bottom cage with attached wooden shelter. In the wild these otters use a wide range of watery habitats and their bodies are made for water. There is no pool or water feature to allow this animal which normally spends a large amount of its time in water to do so. Not having access to water kept at an appropriate temperature in which to swim, not just soak, can potentially cause physical problems, hair coat and skin problems, and mental health issues.

To be corrected by 1-22-16.

3.129(a)

FEEDING.

The tiger was obtained as a bottle raised baby and came with instructions for what to bottle feed. The tiger is now approximately 6 months old and being fed chicken parts and occasionally other fresh meat. No supplements of any type are being provided and the veterinarian has not approved the diet for this growing animal. Growing tigers are particularly susceptible to metabolic bone disease when not provided adequate and proportional calcium and phosphorus. Big cats also have additional nutritional requirements including taurine. Improper diets including calcium:phosphorus ratio imbalances may lead to growth problems or metabolic bone disease.

All animals need to be provided food and appropriate supplements of sufficient nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. Licensee needs to provide an appropriate diet (feed and supplements) and to consult with a veterinarian who is knowledgeable about these species to obtain advice on feeding in order to provide an appropriate diet to maintain their health and well-being. To be corrected by 1-1-16.

Exit briefing conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Amblonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000002	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	PATAS MONKEY
000001	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON
000002	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000005	<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE / CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000001	<i>Macaca fuscata</i>	JAPANESE MACAQUE *MALE
000001	<i>Macaca fuscata</i>	JAPANESE MACAQUE / SNOW MACAQUE
000002	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000001	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000001	<i>Papio anubis</i>	OLIVE BABOON
000017	Total	