



Inspection Report

Fort Rickey Discovery Zoo
5135 Rome New London Road
Rome, NY 13440

Customer ID: 2121
Certificate: 21-C-0316
Site: 001
FORT RICKEY DISCOVERY ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 25-OCT-2016

2.40(b)(3) CRITICAL

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

*** Over the past year, several of the Alpaca's have been euthanized by the licensee because he diagnosed the animals with Meningeal worm. He stated that he was aware of the signs of the brain worm paralysis and that over the course of a few days the animals would decline rapidly. The license did not convey this information to the attending veterinarian prior to euthanasia. Per this regulation and because the licensee has a consultant agreement with the attending vet, there must be a method of direct and frequent communication so timely and accurate information on problems of animal health and well-being is conveyed. This needs to be addressed and this method of communication put into place for the overall health of the animals at the facility.

*** Currently one ring tail lemur has a section of hair on the tail at the base of the body that is soaked with urine and looks matted. According to the licensee this lemur has had this issue before where she urinates on herself and after a while the behavior stops and her tail looks normal again. This is an abnormal behavior for lemurs to urinate on themselves and could indicate a health or behavioral problem. This issue needs to be conveyed to the attending vet or a vet that has specialized experience with non human primates for its health and well being.

Correct by: Nov 1, 2016

3.76(c)

INDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.

*** The lights over the spider monkey enclosure were out at the time of the inspection and it was very dark in their area. These lights need to be replaced to provide the animals with a diurnal light cycle for their health and well being.

Corrected at the time of the inspection

3.81(b)

ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT TO PROMOTE PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING.

*** The lemurs housed indoors have very limited enrichment or cage complexity in their enclosures. There is only

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one shelf and a rope for cage complexity on one side of the enclosure. The other side of the enclosure has little complexity. In addition the foraging opportunities are limited to hay which is thrown on top of the enclosure and some food scattered on the ground.

*** The spider monkey enclosure also needs to have additional cage complexity added to the enclosure. There is one shelf and one rope hanging for two monkeys. There is no other increased cage complexity including objects to manipulate or food foraging opportunities other than hay on the top of the enclosure. These monkeys should have additional complexity to promote brachiation throughout the enclosure and not just on the chain link mesh.

These enclosures need to be addressed and additional enrichment options given for the psychological health of the animals taking into consideration the animals are housed indoors for 5-6 months of the year.

Correct by: Oct 28, 2016

3.84(b)(2)

CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

*** The non human primates were recently moved into their indoor housing for the winter months. The enclosures had not been cleaned and sanitized since they were moved last spring and as a result there was a build up of grime and debris along the bars and chain link. These enclosures must be sanitized at regular intervals for the health of the animals and to reduce disease hazards. In addition several sections of the enclosures are showing signs of rust. Once the area becomes rusted it can no longer be effectively sanitized, so this rust needs to be removed and sealed to facilitate cleaning of the enclosures.

Correct by: Nov 11, 2016

The inspection was conducted over a two day period on Oct 25 and Oct 26 in the afternoon.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with licensee on the afternoon of the 26th.

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Species Inspected

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2121	21-C-0316	001	FORT RICKEY DISCOVERY ZOO	25-OCT-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>	BLACK-HANDED SPIDER MONKEY
000001	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000002	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000025	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000009	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	SIKA DEER
000003	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000004	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000004	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000012	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000065	Total	