



Inspection Report

REFLECTION RIDING ARBORETUM AND NATURE CENTER
400 GARDEN ROAD
CHATTANOOGA, TN 37419

Customer ID: **3047**

Certificate: **63-C-0028**

Site: 001

THE CHATTANOOGA NATURE
CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 11-DEC-2024

2.40(b)(2) Critical

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

The facility did not provide appropriate preventative measures for heartworm disease to a male fox as prescribed by the attending veterinarian. The fox tested positive for heartworms during a routine annual vet visit on 2/13/24. An internal review conducted by the facility determined that staff for the facility did not give the monthly oral heartworm preventative as prescribed by the attending veterinarian over the previous 12 months (missed four consecutive months and a few other months during that period). While being examined under anesthesia at the vet clinic on 4/10/24 the fox went into shock, did not respond to resuscitative measures and euthanasia was elected. Many adult heartworms were present in the heart on necropsy along with secondary lung changes.

Maintaining adequate programs of veterinary care including following the prescription guidance of the attending veterinarian regarding parasite prevention protocols is necessary to ensure the use of appropriate methods to prevent diseases such as heartworm disease and protect the health of the animals.

The facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care to include the use of appropriate methods to prevent and control diseases. The facility has established a new computer based program for keeping track of administration of medications and preventatives including an automated reminder system.

Corrected prior to this inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representative.

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

11-DEC-2024

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	<i>Canis rufus</i>	RED WOLF
000002	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000000	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000001	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	BLACK VULTURE / MEXICAN VULTURE
000001	<i>Strix varia</i>	BARRED OWL
000001	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000001	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
000002	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000001	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>	SANDHILL CRANE
000001	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	AMERICAN CROW
000001	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000002	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	AMERICAN KESTREL
000021	Total	