



Inspection Report

WNC Nature Center
75 GASHES CREEK RD.
ASHEVILLE, NC 28805

Customer ID: **3242**
Certificate: **55-C-0009**
Site: 001
WNC NATURE CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 19-MAY-2023

3.127(d) Critical

Facilities, outdoor.

On April 13, 2023, a wild black bear was able to get into the primary enclosure of the whitetail deer and kill the female deer. Although it has not been determined how the bear was able to enter the enclosure and despite the fact that the Nature Center has an 8 foot perimeter fence encircling the property, it was not effective in preventing access by the wild bear. A perimeter fence of at least 8 feet is required for potentially dangerous animals. The fence must be constructed so that it protects 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. Correct by June 15, 2023.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Animal Curator.

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30-MAY-2023

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000002	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	RED PANDA
000002	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000010	<i>Canis rufus</i>	RED WOLF
000000	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000001	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000001	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000033	Total	