



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **22583**

Certificate: **21-C-0274**

Site: 001

NICKEL CITY REPTILES AND
EXOTICS

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 08-SEP-2023

3.80(a)(1)

Primary enclosures.

** The spider monkey enclosure is in disrepair, due to the platform being damaged and down on the ground. There was a trash can and can of toys in the enclosure during the time of repair and the monkey was temporarily in a transport crate. This enclosure needs to be fixed and maintained in good repair for the safety of the animal.

***A rope had been pulled off the branch in the red ruffed lemur enclosure and left a screw exposed which could be a hazard to the animals. This rope needs to be secured or the screw removed for the safety of the lemurs.

3.126(b)

Facilities, indoor.

The design and the placement of the hedgehog enclosures does not provide adequate ventilation for the animals. The hedgehogs are housed in large plastic tubs with a screen cut in the top cover for air, but there are no openings on any sides to allow for cross ventilation to facilitate the flow of air. Additionally, these enclosures are tightly stacked on a shelving unit with very little room provided above the top opening to allow adequate air movement around the area. This needs to be addressed for the health of the animals.

3.128

Space requirements.

*** At the time of the inspection, the one cougar was pacing back and forth on a platform, open mouth and agitated. According to the licensee this cougar has had a hard time maintaining body weight and condition. The design of the indoor enclosure with no access to natural sunlight or sufficient hides does not provide this individual animal what it needs manage its stress levels or have enough space for adequate freedom of movement as shown by the behaviors and body condition of the animal. The space and design of the enclosure needs to be addressed to facilitate the husbandry care of the animal in reducing stress levels seen through pacing and weight loss.

***The barbary sheep were repeatedly bouncing off the sides of the stall approximately 8x8 they were housed in. This stall has no complexity which would allow for vertical movement or provide space for adequate freedom of movement. This sheep species is biologically designed to live in a natural habitat that consists of rocky terrain and valleys and have been known to travel long distances during the day and jump heights over 7 feet. Due to lack of space that allows for normal

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postural and social adjustments the animals are engaging in abnormal behavior patterns of bouncing off the stall walls. The enclosure space for these animals needs to be addressed for their well being.

3.131(d)

Sanitation.

Pest control at the facility needs to be addressed. The facility had fly strips up throughout the building, but they were filled and needed to be replaced. The licensee had just fed animals and left the morning dishes out on a cart in the main building which was an attractant to flies. Just to the left of this cart the kinkajou enclosure had a significant number of flies around the area. The licensee needs to ensure that the program for pest control is effective to mitigate the number of flies in a closed building space for the health of the animals.

3.153(b)

Primary enclosures.

Two emu are housed in a stall like enclosure indoors that does not allow the birds to make normal postural or social adjustments and does not provide space for adequate freedom of movement. Emus are large terrestrial birds and when able to walk with adequate space, have a stride length of 3ft but can gain momentum when running up to 30mph and a stride of up to 9ft. Being restricted in a space that only allows the animals to walk a few feet each way is leading to abnormal behaviors. The licensee states that he put up solid partitions around the wire mesh because the birds were running into the sides of the enclosure without visual barriers. These animals also have not been provided the ability to bathe, which promotes care for feathers. These birds need to be provided an enclosure space that allows them to make normal postural adjustments with adequate freedom of movement. Lastly the consultant veterinarian must consult on the spaces of the enclosure for the birds to ensure adequacy.

3.154(c)(2)

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The current enrichment plan does not identify the special needs of the scarlet macaw that has feather loss, bites at her feet and sways in an abnormal behavior pattern. The license has noted that she engages in these behaviors and does provide enrichment in the enclosure, but additional attention and consideration should be provided to this bird with these abnormal behaviors in mind on the enrichment plan. Additionally, the vet must be consulted on the plans for this animal to ensure her enrichment plan is adequate.

This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "C" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within (2) more inspection(s) or by November 7, 2023 or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Sapajus appella</i>	BROWN CAPUCHIN / TUFTED CAPUCHIN
000001	<i>Ateles chamek</i>	BLACK SPIDER MONKEY
000001	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000002	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000001	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	BINTURONG
000009	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000018	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Cynomys parvidens</i>	UTAH PRAIRIE DOG
000002	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000003	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000015	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000014	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000001	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000002	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000001	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000002	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
000002	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000002	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000001	<i>Ara macao</i>	SCARLET MACAW
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL
000001	<i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>	SPECTACLED OWL
000001	<i>Cathartes burrovianus</i>	LESSER YELLOW-HEADED VULTURE / SAVANNAH VULTURE
000001	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000001	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN
000001	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000097	Total	



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