



## Inspection Report

Robert L Sawmiller  
16761 County Road 25a  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Customer ID: **2942**  
Certificate: **31-C-0221**  
Site: 002  
DAVID EICHER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-AUG-2016

### 2.131(a)

#### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

The facility representative/owner of the property has not demonstrated adequate experience, knowledge and training to maintain one adult cougar and two adult bears. The licensee lives about one hour away from the site and will visit a minimum of once per week. When the licensee is not there, the owner of the property is the only individual responsible for the daily husbandry of these animals and is the facility representative. The licensee stated the facility representative is currently in training. When I asked the facility representative how much experience he has with large carnivores, he told me he has been working with the licensee for about a month, but that was the extent of his experience with large carnivores. When I asked him how does he clean the enclosure, he was unsure how to. Failure to have adequate experience, knowledge and training in maintaining large carnivores increases the risk of harm to the animals or to the public, if a potential escape occurs. The licensee must demonstrate the facility representative has adequate experience and knowledge by submitting documentation detailing the experience, knowledge, and training of the facility representative to the office located in Raleigh, NC for final approval.

### 3.127(d)

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The perimeter fence is currently inadequate and does not function as a secondary containment system. Although an 8 ft. high perimeter fence is present surrounding the facility, there was a den box, approximately 4 foot tall, next to the perimeter fence that had no preventives to stop an animal from climbing onto the den box and leaping over the perimeter fence. The presence of the den box against the fencing effectively reduces the height of the perimeter fence. A substantial perimeter fence that is maintained in good repair and not less than 8 feet in height is required for all outdoor housing facilities that contain potentially dangerous animals. Perimeter fencing protects the animals in the facility by ensuring in the event of an accidental escape there is a secondary containment mechanism to prevent the animal from leaving the property and endangering public safety thereby placing the animal's life in jeopardy. Correct by removing all material that is in close proximity to the perimeter fence that an animal can climb onto or by extending the perimeter fence so there is an effective 8 feet in height fencing from the surface.

NO REGULATED ACTIVITY MAY BE CONDUCTED FROM THIS SITE UNTIL THIS SITE IS APPROVED.

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The site inspection and exit interview were conducted by VMO Cody Yager and CS Patrick Keith with the licensee and facility representative/property owner.

### Additional Inspectors

Keith C.S Patrick, Compliance Specialist

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Arctos</i>	GRIZZLY BEAR
000001	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
<b>000003</b>	<b>Total</b>	