



Inspection Report

Spirit Of The Hills Wildlife Sanctuary
500 Tinton Road
Spearfish, SD 57783

Customer ID: **10912**

Certificate: **46-C-0053**

Site: 001

SPIRIT OF THE HILLS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 04-OCT-2016

2.131(b)(1) CRITICAL

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

On October 3, 2016, at approximately 11:30pm, USDA was notified by the director of the sanctuary that Boomer, a male tiger, was loose from his enclosure. The licensee stated that he had forgotten to close the guillotine door to Boomer's enclosure when he went into the porta-storage unit to medicate Asia, a female tiger, who shared the shelter with Boomer. The licensee was unable to get Boomer back in his enclosure safely. Local law enforcement was notified and arrived on scene where they were able to get the licensee into their vehicle and then located the loose tiger. Boomer attempted to leave his enclosure and was shot by local law enforcement. After being shot, the tiger spun around and ran back into his enclosure where he died. The licensee was injured during the escape.

While loose, Boomer attacked a horned heifer and one American bison. The heifer had obvious injuries consistent with claw marks or bite wounds on both of her rear legs and back end. The smaller bison was very stiff and reluctant to move. These injured animals were examined by the attending veterinarian. A diagnosis was made and treatment was administered to the animals.

The licensee must ensure that all animals are handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible to prevent trauma, behavioral stress, unnecessary discomfort and physical harm.

Correction date: From this point forward.

This was a focused inspection to check on the direct citations from two inspection reports.

On September 28, 2016 and September 30, 2016 direct citations were cited under 2.40b2 - Veterinary Care, 2.40b3 - Daily Observation, and 3.129a - Feeding. All of the animals cited for the directs were seen by a licensed veterinarian. A diagnosis and treatment was prescribed as needed.

The inspection was conducted on October 4, 2016 and the exit interview was conducted with the Board president via phone on October 13, 2016.

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Gage Laurie, Big Cat Specialist

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Species Inspected

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10912	46-C-0053	001	SPIRIT OF THE HILLS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY	04-OCT-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000001	<i>Canis lupus x c. l. familiaris</i>	WOLF/DOG HYBRID
000001	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000010	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000004	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	GRIZZLY BEAR
000002	<i>Ursus arctos syriacus</i>	SYRIAN BROWN BEAR
000022	Total	