



Inspection Report

Animals for Education - Critter Creek Wildlife Station
36710 Sand Creek Road
Squaw Valley, CA 93675

Customer ID: **3600**

Certificate: **93-C-0241**

Site: 001

ANIMALS FOR EDUCATION

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 26-FEB-2024

2.40(b)(2)

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

In the Infirmary used for both rehabilitation and exhibit animals, a medication cabinet used primarily for rehabilitation purposes per the Licensee, but not labelled for this purpose, contained many medications that were either not adequately labeled and/or were out of date. In a second medication cabinet, also not labelled, but its stated use was exhibit animals only per the Licensee, there was a container of Ivermectin that expired 11/2016. Medical supplies that are not properly labeled and/or not properly stored, could deteriorate, become contaminated, or be misused, possibly resulting in harm to the health and well-being of the animals. Medicines used to prevent or treat disease must be properly stored, labeled, and not expired in order for them to appropriately and effectively prevent, control, and/or treat diseases.

Correct by: 03/13/2024

2.126(a)(4)

Access and inspection of records and property; submission of itineraries.

Two burrowing owls which had been acquired by the facility were not able to be shown to the APHIS inspector. The facility reported they normally observe the owls in the morning during feeding but the owls were currently down in their burrows at the time of inspection. Multiple attempts were made with a flexible endoscope camera to find the birds in the burrows but the animals could not be located. Additional burrows had been dug by the owls and after several attempts with endoscope was still unable to find them. If inspectors are not given the opportunity to visually inspect an animal then it is not possible to evaluate that animals welfare. Each exhibitor shall, during business hours, allow APHIS officials to inspect and photograph the facilities, property and animals to enforce the provisions of the Act, the regulations and the standards.

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3.131(c)

Repeat

Sanitation.

The kitchen/food prep area was dirty and had a layer of dust on the counters over the sink and spider webs with dead flies that extended over the food stage shelves. Additionally, Radiology had 4 stainless steel cages that were full of spiderwebs, old dried bird droppings, dried feces, and had not been cleaned and/or sanitized. These areas need to be cleaned and organized to ensure that food and food receptacles cannot be contaminated during cleaning and/or

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3.153(a)(1)(i)

Primary enclosures.

A number of enclosures had sharp points present:

There were broken wooden slats with points sharp edges pointing into the cage and the raised nail heads in the enclosure with 6 Red Tailed Hawks and 5 Turkey Vultures.

There were wire ties pointing into the Scrub Jay enclosure.

There were raised screw heads and nail heads in the Enclosure containing 5 Red Shouldered Hawks.

There was a broken screw in the perch of enclosure containing 7 Common Ravens

All of the birds were free in each of their enclosures with access to the sharp points. The primary enclosure must be constructed and maintained so that they have no sharp points that could potentially injure the birds.

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3.153(a)(1)(ii)

Primary enclosures.

In an outdoor enclosure, 2 American Kestrels had access to unprotected power cords that were plugged into live outlets. This could lead to potential electrocution and or injury if the bird were to damage the exposed cords. Additionally in a flight cage containing 6 Red-Tailed hawks and 5 Turkey Vultures several vertical wall slats that were not installed in parallel creating potential constricting points for toes. One pinch point was approximately 1.5inches at the top and was touching at the bottom. Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they protect the birds from injury.

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3.153(a)(1)(ix)

Primary enclosures.

In the Great horned owl enclosure, Golden Eagle Exhibit, Bald Eagles enclosure, Swainson's Hawks enclosure, Barn Owl Enclosure, Red-Shouldered Hawk Exhibit Cage, Screech-owl/Burrowing Owl enclosure, Red-Shouldered Hawk enclosure, Coopers Hawk/Peregrine Falcon/Prairie Falcon Enclosure, and American Crow enclosure had many walls with exposed damaged plywood and/or particleboard that was not able to be effectively cleaned and sanitized. Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that all surfaces in contact with the birds may be readily cleaned and/or sanitized in accordance with 3.158 or be replaced when worn or soiled.

Correct by: 04/29/2024

3.154

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The facility did not have a documented environment enhancement plan to promote psychological well-being of their avian species as required by the Animal Welfare Act. The facility must develop, document and follow a species appropriate plan for environmental enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of birds. The plan must be approved by the attending veterinarian, and at a minimum must address social grouping, environmental enrichment, special considerations, restraint, and exemptions to the plan regulation and be in accordance with currently accepted professional

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3.158(a)(1)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

Five primary enclosures, housing a total of 22 birds, were dirty with a buildup of wet excrement, food waste, and spider webs covering the walls and floors. Insufficient cleaning can lead to disease hazards, insects, pest and odors. Excreta and food waste must be removed from within, under, and around the primary enclosure often enough to prevent excessive accumulation.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with Facility Representative.

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000003	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000001	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	WILD BOAR
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	AMERICAN KESTREL
000002	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	SWAINSON'S HAWK
000002	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	BALD EAGLE
000010	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000006	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000005	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	TURKEY VULTURE
000001	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	AMERICAN ROBIN
000001	<i>Aphelocoma californica</i>	CALIFORNIA SCRUB-JAY / WESTERN SCRUB-JAY
000001	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	NORTHERN FLICKER / COMMON FLICKER
000001	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK
000004	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	CANADA GOOSE
000003	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	MALLARD
000003	<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>	WESTERN SCREECH-OWL
000005	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
000001	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	COOPER'S HAWK
000002	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	PEREGRINE FALCON
000004	<i>Falco mexicanus</i>	PRAIRIE FALCON
000003	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000006	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	AMERICAN CROW
000007	<i>Corvus corax</i>	COMMON RAVEN
000001	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	GOLDEN EAGLE
000000	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	BURROWING OWL
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