



## Inspection Report

Trowbridge Creek Zoo LLC  
50622 COUNTY HWY 17  
VERGAS, MN 56587

Customer ID: **334843**

Certificate: **41-C-0289**

Site: 001

TROWBRIDGE CREEK ZOO LLC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 11-JUN-2025

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### 2.40(b)(2)

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

The facility is not following their attending veterinarian's (AV's) instructions in the Program of Veterinary Care (PVC) for vaccinations and parasite control for their carnivores and hoofed stock.

- The PVC states that carnivores will be vaccinated against rabies and distemper diseases "at standard canine and feline intervals." The facility told the inspector that the North American black bears received their rabies vaccinations in 2023 but they do not know if they received a distemper vaccine. Additionally, the facility has a fox, a jackal, bobcats, a Canadian lynx, a coyote, a dingo, timber wolves, and Eurasian lynxes with unknown vaccination statuses.
- The PVC states that canids will receive monthly Heartguard or similar products during mosquito season and Bravecto every three months during tick season. Mosquito and tick season typically starts in late April or early May in this area. The facility has not started monthly heartworm or tick protection for canids this year.
- The PVC states that hooved stock will receive 7- or 8-way vaccines at birth, 6 weeks, 3 months, 9 months and annually. While the facility has vaccinated their red deer and elk, they have not vaccinated three young barbary sheep and several young domestic sheep and goats.
- The PVC says that sheep and goats will be vaccinated for CD-T annually but the sheep and goats have not been vaccinated in the last year.

Failure to vaccinate or apply parasite prevention in accordance with the veterinarian approved schedule can increase the risk of disease exposure and disease transmission, and could cause illness to the animals.

The facility must establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

Correct by ensuring that all animals receive adequate veterinary care and that requirements in a veterinarian-approved PVC are followed.

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Correct by July 25, 2025.

### 3.81(b)

#### **Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Three lemurs housed in an enclosure in the barn do not have adequate enrichment available and the facility is not following their environment enrichment plan (EEP). The only enrichment present during the inspection was a ramp. The lemurs were moved into this enclosure about two weeks ago and the facility representative told the inspector that no further enrichment had been provided. The facility's EEP states that an activity board will be available at least one day a week and that slides and swings or slides will always be available.

The lack of adequate enrichment for primates can be a source of behavioral stress which can lead to physical stress and health issues. The licensee must follow their enrichment plan and provide means of expressing noninjurious species-typical activities. Examples of environmental enrichments include providing perches, swings, mirrors, and other increased cage complexities; providing objects to manipulate; varied food items; using foraging or task-oriented feeding methods; and providing interaction with the care giver or other familiar and knowledgeable person consistent with personnel safety precautions.

Correct by June 13, 2025.

### 3.133                   **Critical**

#### **Separation.**

The licensee is not ensuring that animals are housed in the same pen with compatible animals that don't cause them pain or discomfort. A muntjac was injured by other muntjac in the enclosure three days before the inspection. The muntjac has several skin wounds on the right side of the body. A swelling is present under the right eye, but it is not known if that swelling was caused by other muntjac.

Animals may suffer from stress, injury, or death when housed with other animals with which they are or become incompatible.

The facility must ensure that animals housed in the same enclosure are compatible, and that animals are not housed near other animals that interfere with their health or that cause them discomfort.

The licensee corrected this issue before the inspection, which was on June 11, 2025.

### 3.154

#### **Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

At the time of inspection, the facility did not have a documented program of environmental enhancement for the birds housed at the facility that has been approved by the Attending veterinarian (AV). During this inspection, it was observed

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that four ostriches have feather damage, possibly from feather picking. This may be seen in ostriches who do not have adequate means of expressing species-typical activities. The facility told the inspector that a macaw hybrid was found dead in January, presumably after being wounded by its cage mates. An environmental enhancement plans (EEP) would provide methods of addressing compatibility as directed by the AV. The rhea and Stanley cranes are currently laying eggs and the EEP would provide instructions for any specific environmental enhancement needed for nestlings, chicks, and fledglings.

An adequate environmental enhancement program is essential in promoting the psychological well-being of birds. Birds can experience mental distress without adequate enrichment and the opportunities to express species-typical behavior.

The facility must develop, document, and follow an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of birds. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards and approved by the attending veterinarian.

Correct by June 25, 2025.

**3.160(b)                      Critical**

### **Compatibility and separation**

On January 24, 2025, a macaw hybrid was found dead in his enclosure with visible wounds. According to the facility representative, the bird was likely killed by other birds in the enclosure.

Birds may not be housed with other animals, including members of their own species, unless they are compatible, do not prevent access to food, water, or shelter by individual animals, and are not known to be hazardous to the health and well-being of each other. Compatibility must be determined in accordance with generally accepted professional practices and by actual observations to ensure that the birds are, in fact, compatible.

Correct by June 12, 2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
334843	41-C-0289	001	TROWBRIDGE CREEK ZOO LLC	11-JUN-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Cervus elaphus</i>	RED DEER
000019	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000015	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000008	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000008	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000014	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000003	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000003	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000003	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000002	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000006	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	SIKA DEER
000006	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000003	<i>Elaphurus davidianus</i>	PERE DAVID'S DEER
000008	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	REEVE'S MUNTJAC
000002	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000014	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000006	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000005	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000006	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000002	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>	BACTRIAN CAMEL
000001	<i>Canis lupus dingo</i>	DINGO
000002	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	WARTHOG
000001	<i>Equus quagga X E. asinus</i>	ZEBRA-DONKEY HYBRID / ZEDONK / ZEBRINNY
000003	<i>Chlorocebus aethiops</i>	AFRICAN GREEN MONKEY / GRIVET
000002	<i>Bos indicus</i>	ZEBU
000002	<i>Macaca fuscata</i>	JAPANESE MACAQUE / SNOW MACAQUE
000001	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	BLACK-BACKED JACKAL
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000001	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	CANADIAN LYNX
000002	<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>	BLUE CRANE / STANLEY CRANE
000002	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	BLACK SWAN
000005	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000005	<i>Rhea pennata</i>	LESSER RHEA / DARWIN'S RHEA
000004	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000001	<i>Ara macao</i>	SCARLET MACAW
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000001	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMERICAN BADGER
000001	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>	MACAW HYBRID
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI



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000002	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000193	<b>Total</b>			