



Inspection Report

Alpha Encounters LLC
40678 State Route 20
Oak Harbor, WA 98221

Customer ID: **6013499**
Certificate: **91-C-0158**
Site: 001
William David Coleburn

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 10-SEP-2024

2.40(b)(2) Critical

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

According to the licensee, the river otter died on 12/16/2023. The animal was lethargic and appeared to be breathing hard and fast in the evening, and then died later that night. The river otter was not taken to a veterinarian for assessment and treatment.

Appropriate and timely veterinary care is required to provide assessment and treatment, and to prevent unnecessary pain and distress in animals. The licensee must maintain a program of veterinary care that includes the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

Correct from this date forward: September 13, 2024

2.75(b)(1)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

The records did not include information on an opossum that was at the facility and has since died. In addition, the dates of acquisition and disposition were not available for several of the animals. These included the dates of disposition for two raccoons and two barred owls. The records also did not include the dates of acquisition for two kinkajous, two Asian small-clawed otters, and two coatimundis.

Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to accurately track and identify animals used for regulated purposes, and to help assess the animal care program. The licensee must ensure all required records are kept and maintained.

Correct from this date forward: September 13, 2024

2.131(c)(1)

Handling of animals.

A guest was bitten on the arm by a sloth during a facility tour. According to the licensee, the customer was sitting in a chair watching a movie. During that time, the guest had allowed the sloth to climb up his arm and was then bitten by the

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animal.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

The licensee must ensure there is minimal risk of harm to both the animals and the public during exhibition. Correct from this date forward: September 13, 2024

3.13(a)

Veterinary care for dogs.

**Facility visits by the attending veterinarian have not been conducted at least once every 12 months. The attending veterinarian made a recent visit on 8/25/2024; however, the prior visit occurred on 10/9/2022.

**The two wolf/dog hybrids have not received a physical exam by the attending veterinarian at least once every 12 months.

**The vaccinations for rabies, parvovirus and distemper are expired for both animals.

Regularly scheduled visits allow the attending veterinarian to assess the facility and its care and use of the dogs. In addition, a complete physical examination of each dog provides an assessment of the health of the animals. And finally, the required vaccinations help protect against contagious and/or deadly diseases of dogs.

The licensee must ensure the facility visits and physical exams for the wolf/dog hybrids are conducted at least once every 12 months. Correct from this date forward: September 13, 2024

The wolf/dog hybrids must be vaccinated as required. Correct by: October 13, 2024

3.154

Repeat

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The facility does not have an environment enhancement plan for the birds. The licensee must develop, document, and follow a species-appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of birds. In addition, the plan must be approved by the attending veterinarian and made available to APHIS upon request.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Canis lupus X C. familiaris</i>	WOLF/DOG HYBRID
000003	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000002	<i>Euphractus sexcinctus</i>	YELLOW ARMADILLO
000002	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	BINTURONG
000005	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000003	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000001	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMERICAN BADGER
000002	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000001	<i>Buteo augur</i>	AUGUR BUZZARD
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL
000002	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000002	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000000	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000000	<i>Strix varia</i>	BARRED OWL
000000	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000000	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000027	Total	