



Inspection Report

Peter & Nancy Lang
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Customer ID: **8290**
Certificate: **93-C-0579**
Site: 001
PETER & NANCY LANG

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 14-FEB-2022

3.127(b) Critical

Facilities, outdoor.

On 12/16/2021 a 1.5 year old giraffe named "Kali" had to be euthanized. In the facility's daily observation notes, on 12/10 she was observed to have liquid feces, and on 12/11, when the ambient temperatures had dropped to around freezing overnight, it was noted that she was observed to be "shaking / shivering throughout the day". On 12/12 diagnostics revealed that she was carrying a high load of intestinal parasites. The low temperatures rose 10 to 15 degrees for two days, however the low on the 14th and 15th dropped back down to 34 and 33 degrees F, respectively. She was treated daily, however on the 14th she was again observed to be shivering, and she was placed in the barn under heaters, but she was still observed to be shivering two hours later. On 12/15 she was in the barn, and a rectal temperature reading was 90 degrees F. Attempts to administer IV fluids and antibiotic by facility staff were unsuccessful. She was blanketed, and an additional heater placed in the stall, but a 4:30 PM rectal temp read only 91.5 degrees F. The next day the animal was euthanized due to further decline, for humane reasons.

The giraffe barn at this facility is constructed of wood and is not insulated. There are many openings around the top, and between boards that make it challenging to adequately heat the barn, especially down to the floor level. The heaters are located up high, and a recently added viewing area above the stalls appears to have made heating the entire barn more

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difficult. On 12/14 in the facility's "Manager Notes" there is a notation that staff is "figuring out giraffe stall heaters", and on 12/18 a note states that the barn heat is "not so great" and that they are "working on different ideas" because the heat is "sitting in the viewing area". At the time of inspection the temperature in the barn was 58.4 degrees F at midday, on a day with recorded low and high temperatures of 41 and 64 degrees F.

Giraffes are quite susceptible to cold, and especially when confronted with other health challenges it is essential that adequate heating is provided in colder climates in order to protect their well-being. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.

To be corrected temporarily by modifying two stalls by March 10, 2022, with a new giraffe barn planned to be constructed in the future.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000011	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000017	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000005	<i>Nanger dama</i>	ADDRA GAZELLE
000002	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	PATAS MONKEY
000002	<i>Caracal caracal</i>	CARACAL
000002	<i>Cercopithecus neglectus</i>	DE BRAZZA'S MONKEY
000001	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA
000003	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	INDIAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000004	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000007	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000003	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000004	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	COMMON WATERBUCK
000002	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000004	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000002	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	WHITE RHINOCEROS
000004	<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>	RED RIVER HOG
000006	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	IMPALA
000002	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	STRIPED HYENA
000003	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	WARTHOG
000013	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000014	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	AFRICAN BUFFALO / CAPE BUFFALO
000001	<i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i>	BONGO
000012	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	GREATER KUDU
000001	<i>Damaliscus pygargus</i>	BONTEBOK / BLESBOK
000020	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>	ROAN ANTELOPE
000005	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000008	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	GEMSBOK
000010	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	NYALA
000016	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000014	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000003	<i>Cephalophus monticola</i>	BLUE DUIKER
000005	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	ADDAX
000001	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	BUSHBUCK
000003	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	SABLE ANTELOPE
000210	Total	



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