



Inspection Report

International Exotic Feline Sanctuary
P. O. Box 637
Boyd, TX 76023

Customer ID: **6138**

Certificate: **74-C-0788**

Site: 001

International Exotic Feline Sanctuary

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 17-MAY-2017

3.125(a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

During the March 2017 inspection USDA personnel noted several trees had been marked with pink ribbons. When asked what the pink ribbons were for, the staff explained they were to identify trees that needed to be trimmed back. Those trees were inside bear enclosures and next to fences. If properly motivated the bears could use the trees to escape their enclosures. Those trees are still waiting to be trimmed because the only person capable of trimming them has been on extended leave/light duty. The bear enclosures have not been adequately maintained to safely contain the bears.

The trees identified by pink ribbons and any other trees that may be close to fences within animal enclosures need to be trimmed to prevent possible escapes.

To be corrected by June 2, 2017.

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EMPLOYEES.

This facility has approximately 30 bears, 17 tigers, 2 lions, 3 cougars, 1 cheetah, 1 jaguar, misc small cats, other mammals and wolves. The current animal care staff consists of 2 full time animal keepers, 1 keeper that would like to be part time but has been working full time in order to make sure all the animals are cared for, 1 full time employee who assists with animal care on a part time basis, and one facility maintenance person.

According to these employees they are working 10 to 12 hour days in order to get all of the animals cared for. On days when one of the animal care employees is off, the remaining 2 ½ employees are doubly rushed to ensure all the animals are cared for. Exhaustion and overwork can cause mistakes. Mistakes in this situation can mean leaving a gate unlocked or open, not observing the animals for subtle signs of illness, not maintaining the integrity of the enclosures properly, not properly cleaning enclosures.

Recently the maintenance person sustained an injury that required extended time off and light duty. Because there is no one else capable of doing this work many important repairs were not done. For example, during the last

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inspection of this facility it was noted that several trees next to fences inside bear enclosures had been identified to be trimmed back. If the bears were motivated they could escape their enclosures by climbing these trees. At the time of this inspection those trees had not been trimmed.

A sufficient number of adequately trained employees need to be hired to maintain a professionally acceptable level of husbandry and to allow all employees adequate time off.

To be corrected by July 1, 2017.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility employees.

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Species Inspected

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6138	74-C-0788	001	International Exotic Feline Sanctuary	17-MAY-17

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000008	<i>Canis lupus x c. l. familiaris</i>	WOLF/DOG HYBRID
000001	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000001	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>	OCELOT
000003	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000003	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000017	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000022	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000007	<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	GRIZZLY BEAR
000001	<i>Ursus thibetanus</i>	ASIATIC BLACK BEAR
000075	Total	