



## Inspection Report

Spirit Of The Hills Wildlife Sanctuary  
500 Tinton Road  
Spearfish, SD 57783

Customer ID: **10912**

Certificate: **46-C-0053**

Site: 001

SPIRIT OF THE HILLS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 28-SEP-2016

### 2.40(a)(2)

#### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

- Upon review of the medical records, there are a number of animals that have been seen by the attending veterinarian and recommendations documented for treatment of the animals. Treatment that was recommended by the veterinarian that has not been implemented or followed has affected the following animals:

Shula, female Bengal tiger - was prescribed metacam on 8/22/16 but had not been getting the medication as prescribed.

Turbo, a mountain lion - was recommended for euthanasia on two different occasions (12/15/15 and 8/22/16) due to mobility concerns.

Marshmellow, a male sheep was recommended to be dewormed and provided a different diet.

- In addition, a feeding protocol for animals present at the sanctuary was updated in January 2013. Observation of the animals at the facility, review of the available feeding records, availability of food at the facility and discussion with volunteers indicates that the feeding protocol is not being followed.

Exhibitors shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

The sanctuary has not given the appropriate authority to the veterinarian to provide medical care and treatment to the animals present. Nor has the facility communicated with the veterinarian about appropriate diets for the animals that have been observed to have lost weight.

The facility must provide the appropriate authority to the attending veterinarian for the veterinary care of the animals starting immediately.

### 2.40(b)(3)

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A facility representative caring for the tree squirrel down by the cabin stated that the animal is a low maintenance animal and that he only provides it food and water about every three days or so.

Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being should be done on all animals to include the squirrel.

To be corrected immediately.

### 2.75(a)(1)

#### RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.

The licensee was unable to locate the records for the 31 dogs and 26 cats at the facility. The licensee stated that he used to have them but he is not sure where they are and that they have not been updated.

Exhibitors are required to make, keep, and maintain records of the dogs and cats that have been purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is euthanized, sold, or otherwise disposed of by that exhibitor.

Complete and accurate records are needed to ensure each animal's identity can be known with certainty to facilitate the ability to trace dogs and cats. The licensee must maintain complete and accurate records of all dogs and cats at all times at their facility.

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.

- The list of animals on hand other than dogs and cats provided for inspection was incomplete with date of births and the sex of the animals missing.
- In addition, when the licensee was asked for the record of acquisition for the bobcat at the cabin, he stated that he did not have the paperwork and was not able to provide details as to where the animal was obtained from.

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### 3.1(a)

#### HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The enclosure housing 2 cats and the enclosure housing an additional 6 cats with the birds had laminate flooring. The laminate flooring where the two cats are has been pecked on by the birds, according to the facility representative, in the corners and is not being kept in good repair. In addition the laminate flooring is no longer sticking to the wall and floors making it such that it can not be properly cleaned and sanitized as required.

The housing facilities for these animals need to be kept in good repair to allow for proper cleaning and sanitizing, to prevent pest infestation, and to promote the health and well-being of the animals.

To be corrected by October 24, 2016.

### 3.1(b)

#### HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

- The housing facility area down by the cabin where there are 5 dogs housed has plywood, trash, and other discarded material within and around the enclosures.
- The housing facility for the 5 cats in the feed room in the barn has an accumulation of items to include trash, junk and other items used for the barn animals. The enclosure and the area around the enclosure are covered in a layer of dust and are not being kept neat and free of clutter.
- The housing facility for the 8 cats that are housed in the two rooms with all of the birds has an accumulation of items to include trash, items used for birds, a dirty fish tank, items stored for other reasons and other discarded material. The floor has areas where birds defecate that the cats could walk through.

The areas in which these dogs and cats are housed and the area around the dogs needs to be kept neat and free of clutter to prevent pest infestation and disease hazards, prevent injury to the dogs and cats, and to promote the cleanliness of the facility.

To be corrected by October 24, 2016.

### 3.1(c)(1)(ii)

#### HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

- The middle enclosure housing 2 dogs above the cabin had a piece of plywood with jagged edges and sharp points exposed to the dogs. The enclosure on the east side housing 2 dogs had a post, pieces of wood, and other debris in with the dogs with jagged edges and sharp points exposed to the dogs.
- The enclosure "up top" housing 2 wolf hybrids had a section of ground wire that was protruding up from the ground exposing sharp points to the animals causing the potential for injury.
- The enclosure housing 2 dogs on the south side of the Syrian brown bears had a section of wire paneling with

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sharp points protruding up from the ground causing the potential for injury.

The surfaces that are in contact with the dogs in these enclosures, and all enclosures housing dogs throughout the facility, must be free of jagged edges and sharp points to prevent injury to the dogs.

To be corrected by October 24, 2016.

### 3.7(d)

#### COMPATIBLE GROUPING.

There are 8 cats that are intermingled in two areas that together have fifty plus birds of varying kinds. At least two of the birds were observed to have feathers missing. Cats are predators to birds which could be contributing to the feather loss.

These cats should not be housed in the same primary enclosure with any other species of animals unless they are compatible.

To be corrected by October 10, 2016.

### 3.9(b)

#### FEEDING.

There was food for the 6 wolf hybrids "up top" on the ground. There were four buckets connected to the fencing that were supposed to be used for feeding the animals but they had water in them and were not being used as food receptacles as intended.

Food receptacles must be used for the wolf hybrids to minimize contamination by excreta and pests.

To be corrected by October 3, 2016.

### 3.11(a)

#### CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

The enclosure housing 2 cats and a wide array of birds had newspapers on the floor with piles of bird feces. In addition, there was bird feed and other debris throughout the enclosure.

Excreta and food waste must be removed from primary enclosures daily to prevent soiling of the animals and to reduce disease hazards, insects, pests, and odors.

This enclosure needs to be properly cleaned to promote the health and well-being of the animals within by October

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### 3.11(c)

#### **CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.**

There is a sheltered area provided for the 4 dogs over by the bears. The area where the dog food and other items are stored was observed to be in disarray with an accumulation of trash, a white tarp and other debris. The items were covered with a thick layer of dirt. The facility representative stated that they have had problems with mice in the area.

These premises and all other premises on the property need to be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin. The premises need to be kept free of accumulation of trash, junk, waste products and discarded matter.

To be corrected by October 24, 2016.

### 3.125(a)

#### **FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

- The enclosure housing "Stinky," the African Lion has a section of chain link fence approximately 2-4 feet from the primary enclosure fencing that was loose, bent over, and not serving as containment. The volunteer stated that it was a section of old fencing that had never been removed.
- The greenhouse down by the cabin housing 2 pigs had a file cabinet, dirty blankets, a dirty crate and various other items in with the animals. One of the pigs was observed crawling over the board that was supposed to contain them in the front half of the enclosure.
- There were pieces of green chain link fencing, meant to prevent the animals from digging, protruding from the ground exposing the animals to risk for injury in the enclosure that was housing 2 Syrian brown bears.
- The catch up pen provided for the 2 younger Syrian brown bears had wires protruding into the pen exposing sharp points to the bears. In the same enclosure, there were two trees that had tin around the trunks to prevent the animals from climbing. The tin had been bent outward by the bears exposing sharp edges and points to the animals. These sharp points have the potential to injure the animals.

These housing facilities need to be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. They also need to be maintained in good repair, to include all sharp points and edges being repaired or replaced, to protect the animals from injury.

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### 3.125(c)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

- The food storage area over by the sheep was observed to have loaves of bread sitting in a crate on the floor accessible to the animals and birds on the property. There was trash, a tarp, buckets, an extension cord and other debris throughout the area. The room was covered in a layer of dust. The bottom of the refrigerator had a layer of reddish brown material.
- The food storage area for the meat had bones lying on the ground on the north side of the cooler that had been there for a number of days per the facility representative. There were flies on and around the bones and in the area. In addition, the chicken that was out to thaw inside the cooler is set up such that the juices drain from the container the chicken is in down the end of the cooler and out on to the ground. The ground where the juices dripped was covered in a green slimy material with flies swarming around. The inside of the cooler had a pile of wood, trash, and other debris sitting next to the freezer causing the potential for vermin infestation.
- The food storage area in the barn was covered with a thick layer of dust, There was trash and other debris throughout the room. There was a bag of feed and a barrel of alfalfa pellets that were open with flies throughout the area.

Improperly stored food increases risks for food to become contaminated and cause animals to get sick. These food storage areas need to adequately protect the food supplies from deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin.

To be corrected by October 10, 2016.

### 3.131(a)

#### SANITATION.

- The indoor portion of the enclosure housing 1 bobcat was observed to be covered in nuts, debris, insulation, and other material. The enclosure has not been cleaned any time recently according to the facility representative. The litter boxes were observed with feces in them and one of them appeared to have dumped out on the floor.
- The indoor portion of the enclosure housing 1 serval and 1 serval cross cat had an accumulation of feces and other debris and had not been cleaned in a number of days.
- The enclosure housing 1 tree squirrel was observed to have a crate covered with dirt and debris. The facility representative said that it was a low maintenance animal and that he only looked at it and provided it with water about every three days. The enclosure had not been cleaned recently evident by the condition of the toys and other items within the enclosure.
- The enclosure housing 2 bobcats had a litter box that was full and had not been cleaned in some time. The food receptacle within the enclosure had food in it that was caked with a black material, covered with flies, straw, and other debris. The facility representative stated that depending on who feeds determines if the food receptacle gets cleaned prior to the next feeding or not.
- The enclosure housing the adult and baby chinchilla had an accumulation of feces in the litter box, throughout the

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enclosure, and on the floor outside the enclosure indicating it had not been cleaned recently.

Excreta and other material need to be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals and to promote their health and well-being. These enclosures need to be properly cleaned to maintain the health and well-being of the animals and prevent disease hazards.

To be corrected by October 24, 2016.

### 3.131(d)

#### **SANITATION.**

- The enclosure housing one bobcat had squirrels nesting in the ceiling as per the facility representative and the evidence of acorns and pine cones observed between the cracks of the ceiling.
- The barn was observed to have a large number of pigeons living in it. There was feces on the fencing throughout the barn and within the enclosures housing the sheep and goats.

A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests needs to be established and maintained to prevent the potential for disease hazards and to promote the health and well-being of the animals.

To be corrected by October 24, 2016.

This inspection was conducted on September 28, 2016 with facility representatives.  
The exit interview was conducted on October 2, 2016 with facility representatives.

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## Species Inspected

| Cust No | Cert No   | Site | Site Name                                 | Inspection |
|---------|-----------|------|---|------------|
| 10912   | 46-C-0053 | 001  | SPIRIT OF THE HILLS WILDLIFE<br>SANCTUARY | 28-SEP-16  |

  

| Count         | Scientific Name                       | Common Name                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 000002        | <i>Bison bison</i>                    | AMERICAN BISON                          |
| 000001        | <i>Bos taurus</i>                     | CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI              |
| 000001        | <i>Canis latrans</i>                  | COYOTE                                  |
| 000012        | <i>Canis lupus x c. l. familiaris</i> | WOLF/DOG HYBRID                         |
| 000031        | <i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>         | DOMESTIC DOG                            |
| 000003        | <i>Capra hircus</i>                   | DOMESTIC GOAT                           |
| 000002        | <i>Cavia porcellus</i>                | DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG                     |
| 000003        | <i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>            | CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)               |
| 000001        | <i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>             | NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE                |
| 000026        | <i>Felis silvestris catus</i>         | DOMESTIC CAT                            |
| 000006        | <i>Lama glama</i>                     | LLAMA                                   |
| 000001        | <i>Leptailurus serval</i>             | SERVAL                                  |
| 000001        | <i>Lynx canadensis</i>                | CANADIAN LYNX                           |
| 000004        | <i>Lynx rufus</i>                     | BOBCAT                                  |
| 000001        | <i>Mephitis mephitis</i>              | STRIPED SKUNK                           |
| 000015        | <i>Ovis aries aries</i>               | SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS     |
| 000004        | <i>Panthera leo</i>                   | LION                                    |
| 000004        | <i>Panthera pardus</i>                | LEOPARD                                 |
| 000013        | <i>Panthera tigris</i>                | TIGER                                   |
| 000004        | <i>Procyon lotor</i>                  | RACCOON                                 |
| 000006        | <i>Puma concolor</i>                  | PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR           |
| 000012        | <i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>           | DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG |
| 000001        | <i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>        | AMERICAN RED SQUIRREL                   |
| 000006        | <i>Ursus americanus</i>               | NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR               |
| 000001        | <i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>        | GRIZZLY BEAR                            |
| 000004        | <i>Ursus arctos syriacus</i>          | SYRIAN BROWN BEAR                       |
| <b>000165</b> | <b>Total</b>                          |   |