



Inspection Report

Bear Country U.S.A.
13820 SOUTH HWY 16
RAPID CITY, SD 57702

Customer ID: **5015**
Certificate: **46-C-0005**
Site: 001
BEAR COUNTRY U.S.A.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 13-AUG-2024

2.40(b)(2) Direct

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

A 6-year-old male wolf was observed with patchy hair loss in the left and right flank areas with reddish discoloration of the fur. The skin in these areas appear red and inflamed. The wolf was seen randomly biting, scratching, and chewing at both flank areas multiple times during the inspection and pacing around the primary enclosure in obvious agitation and discomfort. The wolf was also seen rolling around on the ground to scratch the affected areas. When inquiring with the facility representative about this condition he stated the wolf has been treated by the AV for this condition in the past. Last year the wolf was prescribed two different medications that appeared to improve his symptoms temporarily while on treatment but has not been on any therapy for several months. When asked if the AV has been contacted as the condition appears to have worsened the representative was not able to provide any documentation of this communication. The attending veterinarian was contacted to discuss the wolf's condition and he stated there has been no communication from the facility for this animal since October 2023 where it was stated that the wolf was improving on therapy. The wolf does have a history of self-mutilation according to the attending veterinarian which is suspected to be due to underlying neurologic or musculoskeletal disease.

Failure to provide adequate veterinary care and treat conditions that have worsened such as neurological disease which have resulted in secondary skin trauma from self-mutilation can cause unnecessary distress, pain, secondary infections, and negatively affect the animal's health and well-being. The licensee must have this animal examined by a licensed veterinarian so that an accurate diagnosis can be made, and an appropriate treatment plan can be developed and followed. The licensee must ensure that all animals receive adequate veterinary care at all times by providing the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

Corrected by 14 August 2024

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representative.

Additional Inspectors:

Eric Irvin, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

Date:

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Received by Title: Representative

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Martes pennanti</i>	FISHER
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000002	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000019	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000004	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	CANADIAN LYNX
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>	PRONGHORN
000001	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	MULE DEER
000005	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	REINDEER
000006	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000178	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMERICAN BADGER
000001	<i>Martes martes</i>	PINE MARTEN
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	COLLARED PECCARY
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000003	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000020	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000014	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	BIGHORN SHEEP
000002	<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>	ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT
000003	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000003	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000004	<i>Ovis aries gmelini</i>	ARMENIAN MOUFLON
000286	Total	