



Inspection Report

The Gorilla Foundation
P.O. Box 620530
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Customer ID: **26020**
Certificate: **93-C-0768**
Site: 001

THE GORILLA FOUNDATION

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 20-AUG-2014

2.40(b)(2) REPEAT

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

In June, 2014, Koko, the 43 year old female gorilla, experienced an episode described in her medical record as: "has not been doing well for the past week- has not been moving much, cannot seem to use legs well, poor appetite, lethargic." The owner and the attending veterinarian, who is out-of-state, speculated over the phone/text/email on various causes for her ailments, including stress/psychological and/or arthritis. The vet notes that the owner declines an immobilization for a full work-up. A pharmaceutical regimen is prescribed, and within the next few weeks, after adjusting the drug regimen by phone/text/email, Koko improves.

During this episode, where Koko was described as being unwilling to use her legs, and also, according to on-site records, experiencing reduced function of her left arm, Koko was not examined by a veterinarian. There could have been many possible, and very serious causes for her sudden decline. Failure to conduct a physical exam put the animal's well-being at risk.

The exhibitor is expected to establish and maintain a program of adequate veterinary care that includes the use of appropriate methods to diagnose and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency care. Serious clinical signs, such as those exhibited by Koko during this time period, should be promptly evaluated by a veterinarian via examination of the animal on site. If the attending veterinarian is not available, then a local emergency veterinarian should be consulted, as per the written program of veterinary care.

A Veterinary Care issue was previously cited in 2012.

3.75(c)(2) REPEAT

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

In the primary enclosures for the animals the floors and toilets have missing and chipped paint in some areas. Paint is worn off of walls and window frames. The chain-link fencing in the patio door opening in Koko's enclosure is

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missing paint, and has some rust.

Surfaces of housing facilities--including houses, dens, and other furniture-type fixtures and objects within the facility--that cannot be readily cleaned and sanitized, must be replaced when worn or soiled. All surfaces must be maintained and/or replaced on a regular basis. Items that are worn or potentially hazardous should be discarded. Failure to maintain and/or replace surfaces and items in the enclosure can impede cleaning, create hazards, and otherwise put the health and well-being of the animals at risk.

Repeat citation, previously cited in 2010, 2011, 2013, and 2014.

An exit interview was conducted with a facility representative.

Additional Inspectors

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	WESTERN GORILLA
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