



Inspection Report

Nature Park at The Shell Factory
2787 N Tamiami Trail
North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Customer ID: **27537**

Certificate: **58-C-0813**

Site: 001

NATURE PARK AT THE SHELL
FACTORY

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 06-DEC-2023

3.53(a)(1)

Primary enclosures.

The fencing of the outdoor enclosure housing a rabbit contained sharp points. Along the bottom of the wire fencing near the front of the enclosure, a section of chicken wire had broken off, with sharp points protruding into the enclosure. These sharp points can injure the rabbit. The wooden shelter inside the enclosure contained deteriorating wood in the lower right corner of the shelter. Additionally, the rubber flap at the entrance of the shelter is misshapen, worn, and no longer covers the entrance. Primary enclosures shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the rabbits from injury. These areas need to be repaired or replaced. Correct by December 22, 2023.

3.80(a)(1)

Primary enclosures.

The enclosure housing two red ruffed lemurs has a wooden night house with two large gaping holes in the bottom floorboard of the night house. Additionally, the remaining wood is damaged and deteriorating. The deteriorating night house poses a potential hazard to the animal's safety and well-being. Primary enclosures must be designed and constructed of suitable materials so that they are structurally sound for the species of nonhuman primates contained in them. They must be kept in good repair. Correct by December 22, 2023

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

Many enclosures are in need of repair.

**The outdoor enclosure housing the male Tayra had multiple sharp metal screws pointing into the enclosure from wooden platforms throughout the enclosure. The wooden platforms were also deteriorating and damaged.

**The outdoor enclosure housing the fish cat had sharp metal screws pointing into the enclosure from a wooden platform located above the enclosure's pool. The wooden platform also contained multiple deteriorating and damaged wood sections.

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**The outdoor enclosure housing the coatimundi contained wooden platforms with large areas of deteriorating and damaged wood sections. The damaged sections were raised and splintered, posing a potential injury risk to the animal.

**The outdoor enclosure housing the male camel contained a wooden shelter with large holes in the wood towards the back wall. The remaining wood in the shelter was damaged and deteriorating. The camel had a second, larger stall in the enclosure which contained a large wooden side door leading to the outside of the enclosure. The wooden door was warped and did not close properly.

**The wooden gazebo within the cow's enclosure was leaning and appeared structurally unstable. The gazebo could collapse if the cow attempted to stand on it, resulting in substantial injuries. Additionally, the top of the metal wire -filled gate in front of the enclosure was bent downward and damaged.

**The outdoor enclosure for the wallaby contained a wooden shelter with a large hole and deteriorating wood located at the lower back corner of the shelter. The damaged wood had multiple jagged edges, which could potentially injure the animal.

**The outdoor enclosure housing 2 civets contained a metal roof which was severely damaged and rusted, leaving a large open defect in the roof. The damaged roof posed a risk of exposing the animals to rain and other weather conditions.

**The enclosure housing 2 racoons contained a deteriorated wooden beam at the upper right corner, leaving a substantially sized hole leading directly to the outside of the enclosure. This hole could allow vermin to enter the enclosure or serve as an escape route for the animals housed within.

Sharp points and deteriorating wood within an animal's primary enclosure increase the risk of animal injury. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain them. These areas should be repaired or replaced. Correct by February 2, 2024.

3.125(c)

Facilities, general.

** The top of the deep freezer's door in the commissary kitchen contained excessive rust, and there was a large cinder block on the top right side of the freezer door. A staff member stated that the cinder block was used to close the freezer because the inside rubber seal was broken, causing the door not to close properly. The facility also lacks the means to monitor freezer temperature. Inside the freezer there was an excessive amount of ice built up on the side of the walls, which could indicate a door seal failure and fluctuations in temperature. Improperly stored food may become contaminated, and when fed to animals, it can cause sickness and disease. The facility must ensure that supplies of food shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect supplies against deterioration. Correct by December 29,2023.

3.127(b)

Facilities, outdoor.

There is inadequate shelter from inclement weather in the enclosure housing a single cow. The lack of proper shelter can adversely affect the animal's health and wellbeing. Shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species

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concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals. Correct by January 5, 2024.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

The facility's perimeter fence has multiple areas that require attention due to disrepair.

**On the east side of the premises, several horizontal metal support beams are no longer connected to the top of the chain-linked fence, making it easy to move the fencing significantly when pushed.

**Two large sections of the perimeter fence were damaged and/or missing behind the commissary kitchen and along the east side of the facility. These large gaps in the fencing could allow unauthorized individuals or animals to enter the facility.

**Much of the perimeter fence line surrounding the facility, is not maintained in a manner that prevents the accumulation of weeds and dense vegetation. The extent of the weeds and vegetation prevents assessment of the perimeter fence line's integrity, and it cannot be determined if the fence needs repairs.

A perimeter fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. These areas need prompt attention to maintain the structural integrity of the perimeter fencing. Correct by January 5, 2024.

3.153(a)

Primary enclosures.

Several bird enclosures are in need of repair.

**The electrical cords for the air conditioner and light fixtures are located inside the enclosure of an eagle owl. The cords were plugged in at time of the inspection and contained no protective coverings. These cords pose a danger to the animal if bitten into. Electrical cords must be inaccessible to the animal to prevent electrocution or other injuries.

**The wood in the enclosure housing 2 adult Macaws has multiple areas where it is chewed and splintered, leaving large missing sections. Rough, splintered wood poses a risk of injury to animals as they move throughout the enclosure. The wood must be repaired or replaced when worn.

**The cage housing 52 adult parakeets is not large enough to allow all birds to make normal postural and social adjustments and provide adequate freedom of movement. Additionally, the cage does not contain enough perches; as a result, several birds were observed perching on the wires on the side of the cage. The lack of ability to make normal postural and social adjustments can lead to malnutrition, poor condition, stress, or abnormal behaviors. Each bird must be able to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement and the freedom to escape from aggression demonstrated by other animals.

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These areas must be addressed for the safety and welfare of the birds. Correct by December 22, 2023.

3.154(c)(2)

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

The facility has created an avian enrichment plan, but the plan does not consider the special needs of the birds that show signs of being in psychological distress through behavior or appearance. The facility houses multiple birds which include Macaws, Cockatoos, and an African grey parrot which have evidence of feather destructive behavior. These birds have been identified by the facility, but their additional enrichment needs have not been documented for additional enrichment. These birds must be provided special attention regarding enhancement of their environment, based on the needs of the individual species and/or individual bird and in accordance with the instructions of the attending veterinarian. Correct by December 22, 2023.

3.155(b)

Feeding

******Most of the food receptacles within the Macaw enclosures have been chewed excessively along the top rim and need replacement. Excessively chewed food receptacles are challenging to sanitize and create sharp points.

******The food receptacle for 52 parakeets was located on the bottom of the cage, resulting in contamination of the bird seed with excreta. Contaminated feed can cause illness or health problems for the animals and may prevent them from obtaining necessary nutrition.

Food receptacles must be made of a durable material that can be easily cleaned and sanitized or be replaceable when worn or soiled. Food and any food receptacles must be located so as to minimize any risk of contamination by excreta, precipitation, and pests. Food receptacles and feeding areas must be kept clean. Correct by December 22, 2023.

This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "C" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspection(s) or by February 4, 2024, or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

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Species Inspected

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27537	58-C-0813	001	NATURE PARK AT THE SHELL FACTORY	06-DEC-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000007	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000003	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000001	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000002	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	COMMON PALM CIVET
000001	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000002	<i>Prionailurus viverrinus</i>	FISHING CAT
000014	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT
000002	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000003	<i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>	BRAZILIAN AGOUTI
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000001	<i>Eira barbara</i>	TAYRA
000003	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000018	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000001	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000001	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000001	<i>Notamacropus agilis</i>	AGILE WALLABY
000001	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>	MOUNTAIN COATI
000002	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000001	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000001	<i>Aotus trivirgatus</i>	THREE-STRIPED NIGHT MONKEY / OWL MONKEY
000001	<i>Caracal caracal</i>	CARACAL
000001	<i>Tolypeutes tricinctus</i>	BRAZILIAN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000003	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
000001	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	CRESTED PIGEON
000001	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	LITTLE CORELLA / BARE-EYED COCKATOO
000002	<i>Goura cristata</i>	WESTERN CROWNED-PIGEON / BLUE CROWNED-PIGEON
000013	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000002	<i>Amazona oratrix</i>	YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON / DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON
000002	<i>Cacatua sulphurea</i>	YELLOW-CRESTED COCKATOO / LESSER SULPHUR- CRESTED COCKATOO
000005	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000001	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	AMERICAN CROW
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL
000003	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW
000003	<i>Psittacula krameri</i>	ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET
000001	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN
000001	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	LAUGHING KOOKABURRA
000001	<i>Ara militaris</i>	MILITARY MACAW
000001	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000077	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000001	<i>Amazona autumnalis</i>	RED-LORED PARROT / RED-LORED AMAZON



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000005	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>		INDIAN PEA FOWL / COMMON PEA FOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK	
000005	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000002	<i>Ara macao</i>		SCARLET MACAW	
000001	<i>Ara severus</i>		CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW / SEVERE MACAW	
000003	<i>Cacatua alba</i>		WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO	
000002	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>		VIOLET TURACO	
000001	<i>Nasua narica</i>		WHITE-NOSED COATI	
000001	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC TURKEY	
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>		CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI	
000013	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)	
000001	<i>Gallicolumba luzonica</i>		LUZON BLEEDING-HEART	
000001	<i>Amazona aestiva</i>		TURQUOISE-FRONTED PARROT / TURQUOISE-FRONTED AMAZON / BLUE-FRONTED AMAZON	
000001	<i>Ara ambiguus</i>		GREAT GREEN MACAW / BUFFON'S MACAW	
000002	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>		MACAW HYBRID	
000008	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE	
000006	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>		MOURNING DOVE	
000252	Total			