



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **15278**

Certificate:

Site: 001

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Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 27-AUG-2024

3.125(a) Critical Repeat

Facilities, general.

On May 5, 2021, a wild grizzly bear broke into the "moose swamp" enclosure killing two female moose. A perimeter fence variance for the facility had been in place since 2017. Enclosures that are not strong enough or appropriately constructed and maintained to protect the animals contained within can lead to escape, injury, predation and death.

The black heavy plastic flexible drainage tubing that serves as tunnels for the pine martin (1) in the area near the moose trailer has an approximately 2 inch long by ¼-1/3 in wide hole with sharp edges. This hole could allow escape or entrapment and injury to the pine martins.

Several large nails were exposed in the fox (3) pens where outer logs of the climbing structure had rotted off leaving large nail heads and shafts exposed. The exposed nails could lead to puncture, injury or death of the animals.

In one of the lynx pens and two of the fox pens, chain-link anti-dig fencing on the ground was exposed. In one fox pen, the exposed chain link was in the middle of the pen near the climbing structure. In the lynx pen, it was along two full sides extending several feet into the pen and with area of depression where all the underlying soil had washed away. Exposed chain-link on the floor of the pen could cause discomfort or injury to the animals.

The facility must be constructed of such materials and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. They must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and contain the animals.

3.127(d) Repeat

Facilities, outdoor.

In an arctic fox enclosure, the perimeter fence was in contact with the primary enclosure fence. In the perimeter fence near the wolves' enclosures, the porcupine enclosure and the arctic foxes, there were gaps between the upper and lower section of the perimeter fence material, reducing the effective height to under 6 feet and allowing openings large enough for animals to pass through. The perimeter fencing did not meet the ground in numerous spots, including near the porcupine enclosure where the opening was observed being used as access point for humans.

Inadequate perimeter fencing can allow for access of unauthorized persons, other animals and fail to act as secondary containment for the animals in the facility. This could lead to injury, escape or death of the animal.

All outdoor housing must be enclosed by a perimeter fence to keep unauthorized persons and animals out and serve as a secondary containment for the animals within unless the animals are exempt (the reindeer and completely indoor housed). A height of 8 feet or more is required for wolves and bears, and 6 feet or more for other animals. The fence must protect the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and

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having contact with the animals in the facility and function as secondary containment. It must be 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure.

3.129(a)

Feeding.

One freezer in the freezer building had water dripping down the front and accumulating under the lid. A large amount of frost was present in the top of the freezer, and it was so full that the lid did not close and seal. This could lead to spoilage or contamination of the food contained within and lead to illness, disease or death of the animals.

In the food prep building "wolverine cabin", three dirty knives crusted with dried blood and meat were found on a prep table. The applicant stated that the prep area had not been used in a month and diets were prepared in other locations. Dirty knives could lead to contamination of the food as it is prepared and lead to illness, disease or death of the animals. "Kitty", the brown bear as recorded is being daily fed 10-12 marionberry pies and a pot of oatmeal mixed with syrup or honey. During the inspection, remnants of salmon fed the previous night were seen on her enclosure. This diet appears to be heavy in sugars and lacking in base diet requirements (omnivore/dog food and supplemental salmon or meat protein and vegetables) which could cause health problems leading to death.

All food shall be wholesome, palatable and free from contamination. Storage of food and preparation of food shall be done in a manner that prevents contamination or spoilage. The bear diet should be reviewed and approved by the attending veterinarian to ensure that the diet fed is wholesome and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain the animal in good health.

3.131(a)

Repeat

Sanitation.

Inside the moose trailer where feed and water is provided to the moose, the bedding from the access door to the water bucket was wet and dark brown with a strong smell of manure. Inadequate removal of feces and wet bedding material can lead to contamination of the animal and its feed and water leading to discomfort, illness, disease and death.

Fecal material, excreta, and wet bedding shall be removed and clean dry bedding provided as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animal, reduce disease risk, and to reduce odors.

3.131(c)

Sanitation.

Next to the enclosure containing two foxes nearest the snowy owl building in the public area a large accumulation of bark and debris were on the ground next to the enclosure. A second fox enclosure near shipping container had excessive debris and weeds blocking ability to see into the pen. The porcupine enclosure containing two porcupines had excessive branches piled up as snow and visual barrier to prevent any visual access to the enclosure. The accumulation of debris and piles of bark could serve as a home for pests and vermin and prevent adequate daily observation and husbandry, leading to disease, illness, discomfort or death to the animals.

Buildings and grounds shall be clean free of clutter, weeds, and trash to prevent vermin or pest infestations and allow for required daily observation and husbandry practices.

3.154(b)

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

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The bird enclosures (one Red Tail Hawk, two Snowy Owl) only provided minimal physical environmental enrichment limited to a few stumps and different perches. The primary enclosures must be enriched with varied materials and activities that provide the birds with opportunity to express species typical activities. Varied enrichment can still appear natural but provide a variety of stimuli. Lack of environmental enrichment can lead to psychological distress and lack of well-being in the birds.

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 inspections or by October 26, 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.

Conducting regulated activities without a valid USDA license is violation of the Animal Welfare Act.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000007	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000014	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	ERMINE
000011	<i>Mustela vison</i>	AMERICAN MINK
000008	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000003	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	CANADIAN LYNX
000002	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Alces alces</i>	MOOSE
000004	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	REINDEER
000001	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	BROWN BEAR
000008	<i>Martes martes</i>	PINE MARTEN
000001	<i>Gulo gulo</i>	WOLVERINE
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000002	<i>Bubo scandiacus</i>	SNOWY OWL
000065	Total	