



## **Inspection Report**

Roberta A Kirshner

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Customer ID: 3769

Certificate: 93-C-0504

Site: 002

ROBERTA KIRSHNER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 07-JUN-2017

#### 2.40(b)(3) DIRECT

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

A female lion cub named "Lucie", approximately 8 months old, was found to be severely lame, uncomfortable, and unwilling to stand at the time of inspection. At the time of the last inspection on 4/27/17 the cub was exhibiting some lameness in its hindquarters, and had a history of intermittent lameness in the front as well. The exhibitor was asked to have a diagnostic work up completed by a veterinarian who is experienced with this species, by 5/1/17. Radiographs and blood work were completed by that date, but the results were inconclusive. The animal is currently unwilling to stand, and clearly in discomfort. The animal is currently on pain medication, but its condition has not improved, and at the time of the inspection the animal had not been observed by the veterinarian since 5/31/17.

The licensee must have a consultant veterinarian with more experience with big cat nutrition and medicine review every aspect of this case and to determine an appropriate treatment plan including specific guidance about medical care, treatment, diagnostics, diet and nutritional supplements for this animal. The licensee must immediately follow the exact recommendations of the expert veterinarian. The outcome of this consultation must be provided, in writing, to the inspector upon request. This documentation should include the veterinary diagnosis, any diagnostic tests and the outcome of those tests that were performed, any medications or supplements prescribed along with the dosing instructions, the treatment plan, and entries on a log and/or calendar and/or animal health record that list when the medication or supplement is administered to the animals, showing the amounts, and who administered it.

All animals should be observed on a daily basis, with any problems conveyed to the attending veterinarian, or his/her designee, in a timely manner. Failure to consult with a veterinarian, and provide appropriate diagnostics and treatment can result in a poor outcome for animals.

The licensee must ensure all animals at the facility are provided with adequate care to include ensuring that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by 6/21/17.

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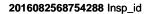
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#### 3.129(a) REPEAT

#### FEEDING.

Although the exhibitor now has a feeding plan which shows the correct level of supplements to be added to a muscle meat diet for big cats, in order to ensure optimal bone growth and development in growing cubs, the diet plan was not being correctly followed for an 8 month old lion cub named "Lucie", which was found to be severely lame and in discomfort at the time of inspection.

The exhibitor had not determined how many scoops of the powdered calcium carbonate and calcium gluconate supplements would be equal to the specified number of grams required. It was discovered that over the past week the exhibitor has been giving the animal about 30 grams of calcium gluconate daily when the dose it actually needed was 100 grams daily.

Failure to provide an appropriate diet can lead to serious medical problems for the animals, especially growing cubs, which are susceptible to metabolic bone disease, which can cause lameness and fragile bones. The exhibitor must ensure that diets have sufficient nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet should be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. The exhibitor must comply with the written diet plan, and document which calcium supplement is given, and how many grams per feeding, and maintain these records for inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the exhibitor / licensee.

#### **Additional Inspectors**

Gage Laurie, Big Cat Specialist

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# **Species Inspected**

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3769	93-C-0504	002	ROBERTA KIRSHNER	07-JUN-17

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	Bassariscus astutus	RINGTAIL
000002	Canis latrans	COYOTE
000001	Caracal caracal	CARACAL
000004	Lemur catta	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	Leopardus pardalis	OCELOT
000001	Leptailurus serval	SERVAL
000002	Lynx lynx	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000002	Nasua nasua	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000002	Neofelis nebulosa	CLOUDED LEOPARD
000002	Notamacropus rufogriseus	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000002	Odocoileus hemionus	MULE DEER
000004	Panthera leo	LION
000003	Panthera leo x p. tigris	LION X TIGER HYBRID / LIGER / TIGON
000001	Panthera pardus	LEOPARD
000007	Panthera tigris	TIGER
000002	Prionailurus viverrinus	FISHING CAT
000002	Puma concolor	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	Uncia uncia	SNOW LEOPARD
000003	Ursus americanus	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	Ursus arctos	BROWN BEAR
000002	Vulpes vulpes	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000002	Vulpes zerda	FENNEC FOX
000049	Total	