



Inspection Report

Paleontological Research Institution
1420 Taughannock Blvd.
Ithaca, NY 14850

Customer ID: **329831**

Certificate: **21-C-0414**

Site: 001

Cayuga Nature Center Inc

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION

Date: 15-JUL-2022

2.40(b)(3) Critical

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

The facility acquired a porcupine in October 2021 and the lead animal care director at the time made substantial changes to the diet and nutrition without communicating this change to the attending veterinarian. The animal was moved from a rodent based diet suitable to the species to a browser pellet that did not provide adequate nutritive value. Subsequently the animal began to loose weight and dropped from 9.25kg to 6.1kg within 2 months time. Despite the weight loss noted in the records, at no point did the facility communicate with the AV to inform the vet of the animal's weight loss. When the animal was taken to the vet March 30, 2022, it subsequently died. Pathology reports stated the animal was emaciated. Daily observation of all animals must be conducted to assess their health and well being, with mechanisms in place to provide direct and frequent communication to the vet on problems of animal behavior, and health.

Correct by: This facility has taken appropriate steps to correct the situation, by hiring new staff, providing additional training and increasing visits and communication with the attending veterinarian. All animal diets were reviewed and are in the process of approval from AV.

2.131(c)(1)

Handling of animals.

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The current barrier between the public and squirrel enclosure and between the public and rabbit enclosure is not sufficient to keep members of the public from having contact with the animals' enclosures and potentially the animals themselves.

This needs to be addressed to assure the safety of the animals and the public.

Correct by: July 25, 2022

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

*** There is a small section of chicken wire along the front of the red fox enclosure fence that is in disrepair and has sharp wires protruding into the enclosure. This section of wire needs to be removed or repaired to keep the area safe and protect the animals from injury,

Correct by: July 25, 2022

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 60 days counted from today's date or the Applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply.

Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Preliminary Inspection. Conducting regulated activities without a valid USDA license is a violation of the Animal Welfare Act.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
329831	21-C-0414	001	Cayuga Nature Center Inc	15-JUL-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000001	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL
000001	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>	EASTERN COTTONTAIL RABBIT
000002	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000001	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000001	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000000	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000008	Total	