



Inspection Report

Wildlife Science Center
22830 Sunrise Road NE
Stacy, MN 55079

Customer ID: **2758**

Certificate: **41-C-0277**

Site: 001

WILDLIFE SCIENCE CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 12-JUN-2024

3.81(c)(4)

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

A female lemur was being individually housed in an indoor housing facility. While reviewing the facilities environment enhancement plan for NHP it does not appropriately address special considerations for individually housed NHP that cannot see or hear NHP of its own or compatible species. The environment enhancement plan was approved by the AV when there were 2 lemurs being housed together but has not been updated since the 2nd lemur was removed. Failure to provide special attention to individually housed NHPs could result in psychological distress which could negatively affect their well-being. Facilities must develop, document, and follow an appropriate plan as directed by the attending veterinarian for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. Correct by 7/12/24.

3.125(a)

Repeat

Facilities, general.

Multiple maintenance issues were observed during inspection. An elevated shelter/den box (approximately 5.5 feet off the ground) that a gray fox was sleeping in had flooring that was coming loose and a corner of the flooring was separating from the walls with the corner flapping/moving as the fox was breathing. The side of a wolf shelter in an enclosure containing 3 wolves had the back wall coming off. The underground fencing in the arctic fox enclosure was washed out underneath and there was a gap between the fencing and the ground underneath. The same enclosure also had rabbit wire with sharp points protruding from it into the enclosure. Screwheads/nailheads were sticking out on the flooring of various wooden resting platforms in multiple fox and bobcat enclosures. An igloo shelter for an enclosure containing 6 wolves was cracked and had a hole in it.

These maintenance issues create various safety hazards for the animals. The fox could potentially fall through the flooring of its shelter as its sleeping. Shelter with holes in it or the walls coming off doesn't properly protect the animals from the elements of the weather. The underground fencing with the gap underneath could potentially cause injury if the arctic fox stepped through the fencing and got its leg stuck. Sharp points in an enclosure can also cause injury.

All shelter or resting platforms being provided to the animals need to be fixed and maintained so no screwheads/nailheads or sharp points are sticking out, no walls or floors are falling off of the provided shelters, and no animals can stick their limbs through the underground fencing as they walk through their shelter.

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3.125(c)

Facilities, general.

The walk-in freezer used to store fresh meat products for the carnivores' showed signs of significant structural damage that prevented the freezer from fully closing. There was excessive ice buildup within the freezer further preventing proper closure and potentially exposing the food products to temperature fluctuations. Failure to provide adequate refrigeration to perishable food can result in spoilage of food which can cause serious food borne illnesses in the animals. Supplies of food shall be provided adequate refrigeration by the facility to prevent spoilage and maintain it's wholesomeness.

At the food donation drop-off site there were three white-tailed deer carcasses in various stages of decomposition. There were too numerous to count flies on and around the carcasses with two of the carcasses having visible maggots and exposed body cavities. These donated deer carcasses are intended as food for the carnivores and the facility is not following their SOP for donated deer meat which requires the carcasses to be cut and immediately stored under refrigeration. Failure to store the deer carcasses appropriately is allowing for contamination by flies which can contaminate the meat and spread disease to the animals. The facility shall store food in a manner which adequately protects such supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by flies.

Correct by 6/14/2024

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

Perimeter fencing along the southwest corner of the property only goes up a maximum of 7.5 feet. The structural integrity of the fence has been compromised in sections causing the top of the fence to droop in areas and not meet the 8 foot requirement that this facility needs to have because of the type of animals housed at the facility. Not having the perimeter fence meet the 8 foot requirement for the potentially dangerous animals they have could result in those animals not being properly contained if they were to escape from their primary enclosure. The perimeter fence needs to be fixed so all the outdoor housing facilities containing dangerous animals are completely enclosed by a perimeter fence no less than 8 feet in height. Correct by 7/12/24.

3.153(b)(2)(v)

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Primary enclosures.

A tethered peregrine falcon was observed to have its tether tangled to the point that it could not move further than two inches off the floor. The falcon was tethered to a bow perch and the tether was wrapped around the base of the stand. The bird was perching on the metal base and appeared to have been in this position for an extended period of time evidenced by the amount of droppings present on the floor in a semi-circular pattern behind the bird. Due to the entanglement, the bird was forced to perch on the hard surface of the metal base or on the floor. During the inspection, the bird was seen lifting its legs to pull at the tether and at times flapped its wings and vocalized. The bird was unable to reach the water dish and therefore did not have access to water for the period of time it was entangled. Entanglement of tethered birds could result in injury to the bird. Birds must not be tethered unless the tether does not entangle the bird. Correct by 6/13/24.

3.154

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The facility does not have an environment enhancement plan in place for the birds. Not having an environment enhancement plan in place doesn't ensure the psychological well-being of the birds. The facility must develop, document, and follow a species-appropriate plan for all birds in its care. The plan must be approved by the Attending Veterinarian. Correct by 7/12/24.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representative.

End of report.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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2758	41-C-0277	001	WILDLIFE SCIENCE CENTER	12-JUN-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000008	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000002	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000009	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000005	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000104	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000008	<i>Canis rufus</i>	RED WOLF
000004	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000003	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000003	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000003	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000001	<i>Corvus corax</i>	COMMON RAVEN
000002	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000001	<i>Buteo platypterus</i>	BROAD-WINGED HAWK
000002	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000001	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000001	<i>Strix varia</i>	BARRED OWL
000001	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	NORTHERN GOSHAWK
000001	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000001	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	TURKEY VULTURE
000001	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>	GREAT HORNED OWL
000001	<i>Falco rusticolus</i>	GYRFALCON
000001	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	PEREGRINE FALCON
000001	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000170	Total	



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