



Inspection Report

Kern County Superintendent Of Schools
10500 Alfred Harrell Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93306

Customer ID: **3610**

Certificate: **93-C-0275**

Site: 001

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 16-APR-2019

2.40(b)(3) CRITICAL REPEAT

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

On 11 February, 2019 one of three skunks was found dead in their shared enclosure. The body was submitted to the attending veterinarian for necropsy. The necropsy report stated that the animal had a body condition score of four out of nine and that "Stomach and intestines empty, no ingesta or stool present." Histopathology findings were consistent with a viral infection. An employee at the facility stated that the attending veterinarian had contacted them after the necropsy and commented on the fact that animal caretakers had failed to notice that the skunk wasn't eating. Both the curator and the skunk caretaker on duty at the time of the inspection stated that there was no procedure in place to ensure that all animals in shared enclosures were eating.

Failure to observe animals to assess their health and well-being on a daily basis and failure to adequately communicate health issues to the attending veterinarian can be detrimental to the health of the animals and cause unnecessary pain and distress. Daily observation of all the animals to assess their well-being and direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian regarding health issues is necessary to ensure that the animals receive timely and adequate veterinary care. A system should be in place to ensure that all animals receive adequate daily observation and that the attending veterinarian is notified when necessary.

3.132 CRITICAL

EMPLOYEES.

The records review revealed an uncharacteristically high mortality rate at this facility since 1 January, 2018. Included among the deaths are one skunk that died with no food or feces in the intestinal tract and a fisher with a severe flea infestation that was noticed but not treated, and that ultimately led to the death of the animal. A second fisher living in the same enclosure died shortly before its cage mate (no necropsy was performed) and that death was likely due to the same cause.

During interviews of facility staff members the animal curator stated that she has requested permission to hire

Prepared By: ROSENDALE MARCY, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:
25-APR-2019

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 5039

Received by Title: DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Date:
25-APR-2019



Inspection Report

additional help but has not received permission to do so from the Superintendent of Schools. She stated that with the current staffing level it is difficult for animal caretakers to adequately perform their duties. The attending veterinarian was also contacted regarding the mortality rate and she stated that she agreed with the curator, that staffing levels were not sufficient at times to provide adequate daily observation and care of the animals.

A sufficient number of adequately trained employees are needed to maintain a professionally acceptable level of animal husbandry. The facility should ensure that they have a sufficient number of trained employees to care for their animals.

Correct by May 25, 2019.

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

Prepared By: ROSENDALE MARCY, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:
25-APR-2019

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 5039

Received by Title: DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Date:
25-APR-2019



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3610	93-C-0275	001	KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	16-APR-19
Count	Scientific Name	Common Name		
000001	<i>Ammospermophilus leucurus</i>	WHITE-TAILED ANTELOPE SQUIRREL		
000002	<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>	RINGTAIL		
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE		
000004	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT		
000001	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	AMERICAN BEAVER		
000002	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM		
000001	<i>Dipodomys deserti</i>	DESERT KANGAROO RAT		
000003	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE		
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT		
000002	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK		
000001	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI		
000003	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	MULE DEER		
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT		
000003	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS		
000009	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	BIGHORN SHEEP		
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON		
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR		
000001	<i>Sus verrucosus</i>	JAVAN WILD PIG		
000001	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	BRAZILIAN FREE-TAILED BAT		
000002	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMERICAN BADGER		
000003	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX		
000002	<i>Urocyon littoralis</i>	CHANNEL ISLANDS FOX		
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR		
000004	<i>Vulpes macrotis</i>	KIT FOX		
000002	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)		
000062	Total			