



Inspection Report

Trowbridge Creek Zoo LLC
50622 COUNTY HWY 17
VERGAS, MN 56587

Customer ID: **334843**

Certificate: **41-C-0289**

Site: 001

TROWBRIDGE CREEK ZOO LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 11-JUN-2025

2.40(b)(3) Direct

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

The facility is not performing adequate daily observations on animals to accurately assess their health and well-being and/or is not communicating in a timely manner to the Attending Veterinarian (AV) all of their findings.

The following animals had conditions that had not been communicated to the AV:

- A muntjac with three-day old wounds on its side after being attacked by another muntjac in the enclosure. The muntjac also has a swelling under its right eye. The facility isolated the muntjac but has not contacted the AV to see if treatment is needed.
- A lioness with a wound on the back of her neck for approximately two weeks. The facility has been treating this wound by isolating the lioness and applying a topical spray. While the injury has improved, the AV has not been contacted.
- Four ostriches with picking or barbering or fragile feathers. The facility did let the AV know that they were going to supplement the ostriches with vitamin D, because the licensee was concerned about a vitamin D deficiency. No change was seen with the supplementation. The licensee recently switched to alfalfa feed, because someone with a nutrition background told him that this might be a vitamin K deficiency. The AV was not notified about continued feather issues nor the switch to alfalfa. No bloodwork or other diagnostic tests have been done on the ostrich.
- A warthog with a broken right tusk
- An elk with long hooves. All claws are overgrown and the right rear inside claw is curving to the right. The facility has been hesitant to immobilize the animal for trimming because she may be pregnant. However, they have not discussed this with their AV.
- A domestic sheep with a cut wound on its right left leg. The AV had originally seen the sheep when the wound occurred several months ago. However, the wound has not fully healed.

In addition the facility did not observe the following conditions during their daily observations and had not communicated the issues to their AV: a young domestic goat with patchy hair loss on both sides of its body and a coyote with a discolored bottom incisor tooth.

Failure to seek proper diagnosis and treatment for medical conditions may result in pain to the animal, worsening of the conditions, spread of disease to additional animals if the conditions are contagious, or death.

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Correct by ensuring daily observations are performed on all animals to assess their health and well-being, and that a mechanism of direct and frequent communication exists so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the AV. The facility must communicate with the AV about the condition of these animals and the AV must evaluate these animals and determine appropriate plans for diagnosis and treatment.

To be corrected by close of business on June 12, 2025.

A complete routine inspection was conducted on June 11, 2025. This inspection report is limited to the Direct non-compliances identified during that inspection. An additional inspection report will be delivered with the other issues identified during this inspection.

This inspection was conducted with facility representatives. The first exit briefing was conducted on June 11, 2025 with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	WARTHOG
000004	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000001	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	REEVE'S MUNTJAC
000001	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000001	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000011	Total	