



Inspection Report

Gene Wheeler
N1426 Midway Road
Hortonville, WI 54944

Customer ID: **7830**
Certificate: **35-B-0198**
Site: 002
GENE WHEELER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 25-FEB-2016

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EMPLOYEES.

On February 21, 2016 at approximately 11:20 a.m. an employee of the facility was bitten on her hand by a black bear and required stitches. The employee was attempting to lure a bear that had awakened from hibernation out of the den so she could put fresh food in the den. The employee grabbed some vegetation that was growing outside the enclosure and put her hand in the enclosure with the food to lure the bear out. While she was doing this she did not realize that the other bear in the enclosure whom was already out of the den had approached from the other side of her to get the food and she was bitten. The zookeeper stated that they have training procedures in place for all employees and this employee did receive the training. However, there is no documentation to verify that adequate training has been provided to the employee. All employees should receive adequate species specific training for the animals that they are working with. Also, written documentation should be maintained that verifies the employee has received the training.

Correct By: March 25, 2016

This was a focused inspection in response to the February 21, 2016 incident.

Inspection and exit interview conducted with the Zookeeper.

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Date:
25-FEB-2016

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR 6070

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7830	35-B-0198	002	GENE WHEELER	25-FEB-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	Total	