



Inspection Report

W V DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
324 4TH AVENUE
SOUTH CHARLESTON, WV 25303

Customer ID: **2280**

Certificate: **54-C-0007**

Site: 001

WEST VIRGINIA STATE
WILDLIFE CENTER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 28-JUL-2021

2.40(b)(3)

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

A male black bear "Reed" was observed with patchy hair loss and thinning of hair on the neck and back. The facility stated this was a seasonal occurrence for this bear and since it does not seem to impact the other 2 bears in the enclosure, they have not communicated his condition to the AV for assessment and possible treatment options.

A geriatric black bear "Grizz" was placed at the facility with previously identified mobility issues approximately a year ago. Despite the animal exhibiting limited mobility and stiffness in his gait, no additional communication with the AV has occurred for reassessment of his condition. Additionally, this animal is in an enclosure that has a concrete floor and limited space, that can worsen his mobility issues.

A fisher was observed to have hair loss beginning at the base of the tail to nearly the end of the tail. The facility stated that this was normal for this animal and has not communicated his condition to the AV for proper diagnosis and treatment options.

A geriatric Coyote approximately 14 years old was observed to be stiff and moving slowly when moving from a laying to

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standing body position. The Coyote was also observed to have lameness in the rear left leg when walking. The facility has not communicated his worsening mobility issues to the AV for potential treatment options.

Although daily observation is occurring, the facility employees considered the above mentioned animal conditions "normal" for that particular animal and therefore these issues have not been conveyed to the AV in a timely manner. The facility needs to put mechanisms in place to not only observe animals daily but also recognize when animal health or well-being is compromised. That information should be communicated in a timely and accurate manner to the attending veterinarian so determinations on appropriate methods of preventative care and treatment under 2.40(b)(2) are implemented.

Correct by 08/02/2021.

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

The buried chain link in the Boar and Red fox enclosures are in disrepair. There are areas that protrude out of the ground exposing sharp ends of the chain link and holes in the exposed wire. There are various areas in the enclosures with damaged areas that measure less than a foot to approximately 3 feet.

The exposed sharp points on the chain link can lead to lacerations on the animals. The bent loops that have formed could lead to entrapment.

The indoor and outdoor housing facilities must be maintained in good repair for the safety of the animals and to keep the enclosures structurally sound.

Correct by 08/05/2021.

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Space requirements.

The facility acquired a geriatric male black bear "Grizz", he is being kept in an approximately 10-foot-wide and 20-foot-long concrete shifting area to the left of the main enclosure. A small wooden pallet is also in the holding area. This bear has limited mobility made worse by the concrete floor of the enclosure. This den area does not provide sufficient space to allow him to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement which is displayed by his lack of movement and poor condition. They are unable to introduce him to the trio of younger bears being housed in the large main exhibit where the trio is displayed.

A three-year-old female coyote was locked in a shifting area to the right of her main enclosure. Inspectors were told this is because she had been aggressive to the older male coyote. At the time of the inspection, she was frantically running around the enclosure, jumping on the back ledge and as the inspectors came closer, she froze in the left back corner. This holding area is in full view of the guest walkway and she has no place to hide in this area. Her current behavior pattern indicates high levels of stress likely due to the small size and her inability to engage in normal postural movements and social adjustments including hiding.

Despite the generally large exhibition enclosures provided for the species, the facility does not have enough space for when animals become incompatible. Due to the incompatibility of these groups of animals with the female Coyote and "Grizz", these individuals are now housed in den areas that do not meet space requirements for the species.

The facility must have a plan for how these animals can be provided adequate space that reduces stress and meets their needs.

Correct by: Aug 15, 2021

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

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000006	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000003	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000003	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000004	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000005	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000004	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	WILD BOAR
000004	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000004	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Martes pennanti</i>	FISHER
000003	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000011	<i>Cervus elaphus canadensis</i>	ELK
000057	Total	



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