



Inspection Report

Seacrest Wolf Preserve
3449 Bonnett Pond Road
Chipley, FL 32428

Customer ID: **11505**
Certificate: **58-C-0748**
Site: 001

SEACREST WOLF PRESERVE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 15-MAY-2017

2.40(b)(2) DIRECT

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

A number of animals had conditions that required veterinary medical assessments and treatment. There were several animals exhibiting lameness, many with ear lesions suggestive of fly-strike, one animal with a large open sore on its hip, one animal with severe hair loss on her tail, and one animal who had ear tip lesions but was also flicking his ears, shaking his head, and holding his head slightly tilted to the right. The following is a list of animals and their associated conditions:

** Limping animals included: 1) British Columbian wolf ("Baby Chaco") – right front leg limp. The foreman stated that this was due to an old injury/infection that the veterinarian said was not going to heal any further. There were no records on hand verifying what veterinary treatments or assessments were done. The limp indicates a possible painful condition. 2) Arctic wolf ("Inuk")- Appears to have a stiff gait on rising and a left hind limp. The foreman indicated this animal often seemed to be stiff initially on getting up but would loosen up after walking around for a little while. 3) Arctic wolf ("Celeste")- left front limp. This animal was frequently holding it's left front foot off the ground and often appeared reluctant to put weight on that foot, sometimes hopping a little to avoid using it. 4) Arctic fox ("Lucy") –severe non-weight bearing left hind leg lameness. This animal also had large clumps of hair that were matted and dangling as its winter coat was shedding. It was moving around on three legs with the left hind tucked up under one of the dangling mats of hair. The foreman said he hadn't noticed "Celeste" or "Lucy" limping before and thought it was new since Saturday (two days prior to the inspection). When asked he said a veterinarian had not seen them yet.

** Many of the wolves, including all six white Arctic wolves ("Inuk", "Spirit Prince", "Yeti", "Mishka", "Celeste", and "Sakima") and at least two Gray wolves ("Minquah" and "Sage"), had wounds on their ear tips that appeared to be consistent with fly strike. At the time of the inspection only a few flies were observed actually landing on the ears but several large flies were heard buzzing in the vicinity. The ear tips exhibited hair loss, had varying degrees of redness, swelling, sores, scabbing, and in some cases a very dark reddish to black discoloration that raises concern about the vascular supply to the tissue. The foreman said that they were treating the ears with Vetericyn and TRicare but that the veterinarian had not looked at the ears. Fly control was discussed. At the time of the exit interview the licensee presented a new ointment from the veterinarian (VIP clear fly repellent ointment).

** "Sakima", one of the Arctic wolves, also had a large open sore or wound on the left hip area. The foreman and the licensee both stated that it was a "hotspot" but this wound was quite large, had black crusting/scabbing and thickened margins. It appeared very red as if the wound had split open to reveal bright red inflamed tissue

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underneath. Several flies were seen landing on this wound. The foreman said it was being treated but he didn't think the veterinarian had seen it.

** A grey wolf, "Minquah", had ear tip lesions but was also exhibiting very frequent ear flicking and head shaking as well as a slight head tilt to the right. These signs may possibly indicate some other problem such as an ear infection. This animal is also missing most of his left ear, which is apparently an old injury, but the remnants of the pinna had some of the fly-strike lesions on it also.

** The gray wolf "Sage", in addition to the flystrike-type ear sores, had severe hair loss on her tail and some possible underlying redness. The hair loss gave it a rattail-like appearance.

**The attending veterinarian must be notified of animal health problems so that they can provide appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries. Health records are needed to convey necessary information to all people involved in an animal's care. Every facility should have system of health records sufficiently comprehensive to demonstrate the delivery of adequate health care.

At the exit interview the licensee indicated that she has an appointment for the veterinarian to come out in the afternoon to have them look at these issues.

Correct by: 5/18/2017

2.126(a)(2)

ACCESS AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS AND PROPERTY; SUBMISSION OF ITINERARIES.

Required records were not accessible for inspection. When the records were requested staff members contacted the owner/licensee and went to the on-site residence where the files are apparently stored. After some time the licensee came to the visitor center where I was waiting and continued to look for the records. She stated that she had just had the file out recently when a Fish and Wildlife Commission officer had inspected but now could not find where she had placed it. The licensee departed in an agitated state. The Foreman returned a little while later with a few pieces of information including a page with the attending veterinarian's signature indicating recent visits and a receipt showing the veterinarian had provided vaccinations for most of the animals during the last visit in mid-April 2017. Records on animal acquisition and disposition, the plan of veterinary care, and records demonstrating adequate veterinary care for sick or injured animals were not available at the time of the inspection. The a new copy of the veterinary plan an disposition records were provided at the time of the exit interview. Licensee must ensure that required records are accessible for inspection. Correct from this point forward.

3.127(d)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

Enclosure housing a grey wolf ("Grey Cloud") was flooded in the lower portion. The water trough had a constant inflow of fresh water, but it was overflowing and creating a large pool of water that covered about a third of the enclosure floor including part of the ground where the den box was located. The excessive water prevents the wolf from using the den box and also limits the effective amount of dry floor space where it can get out of the water.

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Constantly wet feet can potentially be detrimental to the health and well-being of the animal. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water from the enclosure.

Correct by the exit interview.

The inspection of the animals and enclosures was conducted on May 15, 2017 with the Foreman. The Licensee was not initially available. After records were requested the Licensee arrived for a very short while and indicated that her records had apparently been misplaced and she could not find them. She left again to continue looking for the records.

The exit interview was initially conducted on May 16, 2017 with the Foreman. When the Licensee returned from the veterinary clinic, the exit interview was repeated with her.

A copy of Animal Policy #3 Veterinary Care was provided to the licensee.

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Species Inspected

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11505	58-C-0748	001	SEACREST WOLF PRESERVE	15-MAY-17

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000033	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000003	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000001	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000041	Total	