



Inspection Report

Zoological Wildlife Foundation Inc
16225 SW 172nd Ave
Miami, FL 33187

Customer ID: **11292**

Certificate: **58-C-1275**

Site: 001

ZOOLOGICAL WILDLIFE
FOUNDATION INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 17-DEC-2025

2.40(b)(3)

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

The facility acquired two ferrets about two months ago. One ferret is missing most of the fur on its body. Fur is missing completely from its back, hind end, and rear legs. An employee stated that is how they received the ferret. Both ferrets appear to be itchy as they scratched themselves multiple times during observation by the inspectors. The licensee was asked if these ferrets had been seen by the attending veterinarian and his response was no because he doesn't want to keep them and has been trying to rehome them.

Animals can lose hair due to a variety of conditions that can be itchy, painful, or uncomfortable. Animals must be observed daily and any abnormal conditions communicated to the attending veterinarian in a timely manner.

Correct by: December 24, 2025

2.75(b)(1)

Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

At the time of the inspection, the licensee was missing acquisition and disposition paperwork for several animals. The acquisition of one hedgehog, two ferrets, and one llama had not been documented. The disposition of one red kangaroo, one monk parakeet, one umbrella cockatoo, and one skunk had not been documented. The death of one southern tamandua, one emu, one turkey, and six chickens had not been documented.

Complete and accurate records are necessary to facilitate the tracking of animals and maintain compliance with other aspects of the AWA. The licensee shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully disclose the information concerning animals, purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized, or otherwise disposed of by that dealer or exhibitor.

3.80(a)(1)

Repeat

Primary enclosures.

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An outdoor enclosure housing five brown capuchins is not being maintained in good repair. There are four horizontal metal rods running the perimeter of the enclosure that are excessively rusty. Holes are present in different locations of the rods creating sharp jagged edges.

Sharp points and jagged edges within enclosures can injure animals and excessive rust can impede proper cleaning and sanitization. Primary enclosures must be designed and constructed of suitable materials so that they are structurally sound for the species of nonhuman primates contained in them. They must be kept in good repair.

3.84(d)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

The facility does not currently have an effective pest control program evidenced by the large number of rodent droppings throughout the food storage room. Droppings are present on the floor, on the wood pallets, and on some of the feed bags. One of the feed bags has a hole on the side of it that appears to have been chewed on. A live rat was seen walking alongside an enclosure housing five brown capuchins.

Pests such as rats can spread disease and contaminate food, surfaces, and animal housing areas. An effective program for control of insects, external parasites affecting nonhuman primates, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

Correct by: January 14, 2026

3.126(b)

Facilities, indoor.

An indoor enclosure housing two adult servals has a strong odor of ammonia. The enclosure is a solid room containing 3 doors and a window. The window was closed and there was no other means of providing ventilation. The enclosure had not been cleaned yet at the time of inspection. The inspectors could not stay inside the enclosure for more than 30 seconds due to discomfort from the strong ammonia odor.

A lack of ventilation and strong odors within an enclosure can have a negative impact on the health and well-being of the animals. Indoor housing facilities shall be adequately ventilated by natural or mechanical means to provide for the health and to prevent discomfort of the animals at all times.

Correct by: End of the day on December 17, 2025

3.127(b)

Repeat

Facilities, outdoor.

An outdoor enclosure housing one adult leopard lacks appropriate shelter to protect the animal from inclement weather. The thatched roof of the enclosure had previously been removed due to severe damage leaving the top of the enclosure open. A tarp was placed over the roof but has deteriorated. No natural or artificial shelter has been added to the enclosure for the leopard.

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A lack of shelter to protect an animal from the elements can adversely affect the animal's health and well-being. Shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.

3.127(d)

Repeat

Facilities, outdoor.

The backside of an enclosure housing 2 adult servals remains 19 inches from the perimeter fence.

Enclosures that are not of a sufficient distance from the perimeter fence could allow the regulated animal(s) to be physically harmed by other animals or people outside of the perimeter fence. The perimeter fence must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence. Such fences less than 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

3.129(b)

Feeding.

A chest freezer (top-opening) located in the food storage room contains an open package of chicken wings. The chicken wings are in contact with other packages of frozen meat. The inside walls of the freezer have areas of dried brownish red residue. Another chest freezer located outside the food storage room, across from the sink has a strong odor of rotting meat. The inside walls of the freezer also have areas of dried brownish red residue. Both freezers are full with frozen meat.

Food receptacles that are not kept clean, and improperly stored food can lead to food becoming contaminated. Food shall be placed so as to minimize contamination. Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times.

Correct by: January 1, 2026

3.132

Employees.

At the time of the inspection, there were two employees and one volunteer present to feed and clean enclosures for 103 regulated animals and 22 reptiles. At the start of the inspection, around 11:30am, majority of the enclosures had not been cleaned as staff were still trying to feed all of the animals. The pools in the enclosures of the capybaras, otters, and marabou stork had been drained but not cleaned and refilled. The licensee stated that a lot of his employees had quit recently and that having three more employees would be sufficient for the operation of the facility. Several hours later, at the end of the inspection, staff were still trying to complete feeding and cleaning. Non-compliances identified on this inspection report as well as those identified on past inspection reports are consistent with shortages of personnel.

Insufficient personnel can lead to a failure in maintenance of the facility, delayed care for the animals, and ultimately, unnecessary suffering and health concerns for the animals. The licensee must ensure a sufficient number of adequately trained employees are utilized to maintain the professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices set forth in this

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subpart. Such practices shall be under a supervisor who has a background in animal husbandry or care.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	LEOPARD
000002	<i>Canis lupus X C. familiaris</i>	WOLF/DOG HYBRID
000001	<i>Panthera leo X P. tigris</i>	LION X TIGER HYBRID / LIGER / TIGON
000004	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000002	<i>Canis lupus hallstromi</i>	NEW GUINEA SINGING DOG
000004	<i>Cebus capucinus</i>	WHITE-HEADED / WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN
000001	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA
000002	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON
000003	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000002	<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>	SOUTHERN TAMANDUA
000003	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000002	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000005	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
000002	<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>	CLOUDED LEOPARD
000007	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000012	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Cebus olivaceus</i>	WEEPER CAPUCHIN
000008	<i>Sapajus appella</i>	BROWN CAPUCHIN / TUFTED CAPUCHIN
000002	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000001	<i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>	SPECTACLED OWL
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>	EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL
000001	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO / GREATER SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO
000002	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	CHILEAN FLAMINGO
000002	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000001	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN
000001	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	LAUGHING KOOKABURRA
000001	<i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC TURKEY
000007	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000002	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	MARABOU STORK
000002	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	EASTERN SPOTTED SKUNK
000001	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000001	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>	MACAW HYBRID
000002	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000001	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
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