



Inspection Report

Briarwood Ranch
5617 Reinhardt Ln
Knoxville, TN 37924

Customer ID: **39075**
Certificate: **63-C-0247**
Site: 001

BRIARWOOD INVESTMENTS INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 16-JUL-2014

2.40(b)(1)

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

One Great Pyrenees dog named JJ is in need of grooming services. The back half of both his sides are covered by thick mats. Mats may lead to skin irritation and even more serious skin conditions and may cause discomfort to the dog. Regular grooming to prevent matting of the haircoat for the dogs shall be made available as part of an adequate program of veterinary care. Correct by August 16, 2014.

2.131(c)(1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

During today's inspection, the inspectors monitored instructions being given to the public at the admittance kiosk and then monitored interactions of the public with the animals both on the employee driven tractor/trailer and with the public driving their own vehicles through the drive thru portion of the park. Upon paying their admittance fees, the public was instructed not to leave their vehicle. They were then given instructions verbally on how to feed the different species including the instruction to feed the zebras only by dropping feed onto the ground. There were no signs noted anywhere on the premises or on any handouts to advise the public how to interact with the animals. In the drive thru part of the park, numerous instances were observed where there was more than a minimal risk of harm to the animals and/or to the public as a sufficient distance and/or barrier between the animal and the public were not maintained:

*The tractor/trailer with about 20 people on it stopped. Animals surrounded the trailer. Several elk pushed their upper body over a wooden gate at the back of the trailer and into the trailer itself. Several people at this end of the trailer were noted jumping up and pushing further into the interior of the trailer as the elk pushed their heads and upper body into the trailer.

*Private vehicles were noted with windows open and the people inside placing their arms and hands outside of the vehicle to hand feed and pet animals including bison, zebra, elk, deer and llamas. Occasionally a person would put their head outside the window to look at the animals more closely. No responsible, knowledgeable and readily identifiable employee or attendant was present at the time.

*Private vehicles were noted with windows completely open and the animals including llamas, bison, elk and deer placing their entire head and necks into the window openings. No responsible, knowledgeable and readily

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identifiable employee or attendant was present at the time.

*A pickup truck holding two adults in the front seat had two additional teenagers sitting in beach type lounge chairs in the bed of the pickup truck. They were feeding animals from the bed of the pickup truck. Animals were surrounding the bed of the truck.

Lack of sufficient barriers or distance between the animals and the public can lead to injury including potential bites or scratches to the public and injury to the animals. Animals may be injured in open windows especially those species with antlers/horns or by being fed something other than the feed being sold by the facility. During public exhibitions, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the general viewing public or a responsible knowledgeable and readily identifiable attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact in order to assure the safety of animals and the public. Correct by July 30, 2014.

3.127(b) REPEAT

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

There are three donkeys and two goats that share an enclosure which includes one small three sided shelter. This shelter is not large enough for all five animals to be able to fit comfortably in the shelter at the same time if needed. An adequately sized shelter (or shelters) needs to be available to fit all the animals in an enclosure for the protection of the outdoor animals during inclement weather and to prevent discomfort.

3.127(d)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

There are two holes at the bottom of the perimeter fence that surrounds the part of the petting zoo area housing cavy, sheep, and an alpaca. The larger hole measures 9 to 10 inches in height and is approximately a foot wide. The perimeter fence needs to be repaired or replaced in order to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosures and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence, to prevent unwanted animals from entering the area by going under the fence and to act as a secondary containment system for the animals in the area. Correct by July 30, 2014.

3.129(b)

FEEDING.

The alpaca enclosure contains a black plastic food receptacle which has been placed on top of the alpaca 's pile of feces. The receptacle has pelleted feed in it. Spilled feed has mixed in with the feces on the ground adjacent to the receptacle. Flies are present. All food receptacles need to be placed so as to minimize contamination. Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times in order to prevent contamination. Correct by July 20, 2014.

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3.131(c)

SANITATION.

*There is a white electrical cord hanging low across the back fence line of the wallaby enclosure; it appears to have fallen down to a level at which the wallaby can reach the cord from a hook hanging up higher on the fence. This cord then continues to the wallaby shelter and the white socket end of the wire is visible hanging down into the opening of the wallaby enclosure. It is within easy reach of the wallaby. Chewing or pulling on an electrical cord can lead to injury of an animal. Cords need to be secured so the animals cannot access them.

*The enclosure housing the blackbuck and two oryx contains a large number of weeds many of which are over a foot tall. The animals have made some tracks to reach their shelters and along the back fenceline and corner where they like to congregate. Weeds can harbor pests such as ticks, may be toxic and make cleaning difficult. Weeds should be removed or controlled.

Premises shall be kept in good condition/repair and cleared as necessary in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices. Correct by July 30, 2014.

3.132 REPEAT

EMPLOYEES.

The facility currently does not have enough employees to care for all the animals, maintain the animal enclosures and deal with the public related aspects (including monitoring interactions of the public and the animals) of the business. During the inspection today there was one full time employee trying to handle daily observation of over 100 animals, feeding them, supplying clean fresh water and taking care of any enclosure issues. Two other employees and one volunteer (none of whom are trained on direct animal care) were handling the front admission gate and driving the tractors/trailers used to drive the public through the drive thru portion of the park. The caretaker is trained and responsible for feeding and watering but the facility lacks an animal husbandry/curator type person with training and a background in the standards of care for the animals housed at the facility. This is substantiated by the numerous citations on this report and a history similar issues recurring from inspection to inspection (repeat non-compliances). There needs to be a responsible person observing all animals daily for possible issues/problems. Lack of an adequate number of trained employees working under a knowledgeable supervisor can lead to inadequate care of the animals. The facility shall maintain a sufficient number of trained employees working under a knowledgeable supervisor to maintain a professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices.

Exit conducted with undersigned facility representative.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
39075	63-C-0247	001	BRIARWOOD INVESTMENTS INC	16-JUL-14

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	ADDAX
000002	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000001	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000004	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000001	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000003	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000001	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000018	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000012	<i>Cervus c. canadensis</i>	ELK
000006	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	SIKA DEER
000025	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000007	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000003	<i>Elaphurus davidianus</i>	PERE DAVID'S DEER
000003	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000002	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000001	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>	CAPE PORCUPINE
000004	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000005	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Muntiacus muntjak</i>	INDIAN MUNTJAC
000001	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000002	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000008	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000001	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000117	Total	