



Inspection Report

Deer Forest Exotic Animal Sanctuary
6800 Indian Lane
Coloma, MI 49038

Customer ID: **331334**

Certificate: --

Site: 001

DEER FOREST EXOTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 17-JUL-2014

2.1(a)(1) REPEAT

REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION.

The applicant has Bobcats, caviies, goats, Watusi, Whitetailed deer and a rabbit on exhibit to the public at their amusement facility.

Any person operating or intending to operate as a exhibitor, except persons who are exempted from the licensing requirements under paragraph (a)(3) of this section, must have a valid license.

A USDA, APHIS, AC license must be obtained to exhibit animals to the public.

2.40(a)(1) REPEAT

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

The facility employs a veterinarian under part-time or consulting arrangements. The written program of veterinary care does not include guidance on the two Whitetailed deer fawns that are present. Written veterinary guidance for the Whitetailed deer fawns at the facility has not been provided by the applicant. Animals may be mishandled and mistreated without current applicable guidelines for their care and treatment. For example, two Patagonian caviies died last December at the facility when they were housed outdoors without a heated nest box. Each exhibitor shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements, which shall include a written program of veterinary care in the case of a part-time or consulting veterinarian. A written program of veterinary care, including appropriate guidance for each species at the facility, must be documented and implemented.

2.131(a) REPEAT

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Since June, 2013 the applicant has been in charge of animal care at the facility and there have been numerous deaths of animals in their care. The list includes one ringtail lemur, 1 bobcat kitten, 2 adult watusi, 2 cavy, 1 fox, one peacock, one Chinese pheasant and two fallow deer. The applicant has recently acquired 2 Whitetailed deer fawns. The applicant has no experience bottle raising these animals. The applicants husband stated that the technician that was hired this spring supposedly had wild and exotic animal experience but they found out she had only worked at a dog kennel which is also the only experience that the applicants husband has with animals and the

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applicant also has not stated that she has any experience with wild or exotic animals.

All licensees who maintain wild or exotic animals must demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of the species they maintain.

The applicant must gain the appropriate knowledge and experience of any species of animal prior to acquiring the animal or hire someone with the proper knowledge and experience with the species involved.

2.131(d)(2) REPEAT

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

The public is allowed to hand feed animals on exhibit including: five goats, two cavies and a watusi, . The public may contact the animals during feeding. Employees or attendants are not present during these times of public contact. One of the rabbits present at a previous inspection was seen by the attending veterinarian for a back issue that was causing lameness. The care takers are not aware of how the injury happened because there are no attendants present at times of public contact. Unattended public contact may result in physical injury to the animals by trauma or them eating unapproved items. The animals experience mental harm when they are subject to ignorant and inappropriate human contact. A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during public contact.

3.125(a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

There is a rusty, deteriorated piece of metal along the bottom of the shelter for the bobcats.

The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

All animals must be contained in an enclosure that is appropriate for the species to prevent injury and/or death of the animals. Remove or replace the rusty metal at the bottom of the bobcat shelter to prevent injury and maintain the structural strength of the shelter.

3.127(b) REPEAT

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The Watusi is housed in an enclosure that does not have a shelter with 3 sides and a roof .

Shelter from inclement weather. Natural or artificial 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

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discomfort to such animals. Individual animals shall be acclimated before they are exposed to the extremes of the individual climate.

The shelter provided is not a sufficient shelter for the watusi. It does not protect the animal from wind and rain in the summer and wind and snow in the winter. A shelter with at least three sides and a roof must be constructed or walls added to the current structure to protect the animals and prevent discomfort.

3.127(d) REPEAT

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The two cavy are in an enclosure that does not have a perimeter fence.

On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities (i.e., facilities not entirely indoors) must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. Fences less than 6 feet high for other animals must be approved in writing by the Administrator. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It 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.

A perimeter fence must be erected around any enclosure housing a wild or exotic animal to act as secondary containment and to prevent death of the animal by a predator.

3.129(a) REPEAT

FEEDING.

The bag of deer pellets that is being fed to the Whitetailed deer fawns is open and sitting on the floor of the gift shop.

The food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health.

Open bags of feed need to be stored in a way to minimize the possibility of rodent and pest infestation to ensure that the food is wholesome and maintains nutritive value.

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Exit conducted with the applicant.

NO REGULATED ACTIVITIES MAY BE CONDUCTED UNTIL A VALID USDA LICENSE IS OBTAINED.

Additional Inspectors

Hammel Kurt, Veterinary Medical Officer

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000004	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000012	Total	