



Inspection Report

Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge
105 Santa Rosa Blvd
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Customer ID: **36333**

Certificate: **58-C-1052**

Site: 002

EMERALD COAST WILDLIFE REFUGE

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 23-AUG-2016

2.40(a)(1)

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

** Each exhibitor shall have an attending veterinarian who shall provide adequate veterinary care to its animals in compliance with this section. Each exhibitor shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the dealer or exhibitor; Correct by September 8, 2016

2.131(c)(1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

** There was an incident on July 14, 2016 where the white female adult Bengal tiger escaped its primary enclosure due to an employee leaving all of the gates ajar. At the time of the incident the "Zoo Camp" children were on the premises. An intern noticed after the employee opened the gate that the other gates were not closed and ran to close the gate before the tiger exited the second containment. During public exhibition any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm and to assure the safety of the public. The facility corrected this by dismissing the employees involved and reassessed employee training.

3.125(a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

** In the tigers' and lions' night houses there are roofing issues that allow water to drain into the ceiling. The wood has a whitish growth on it and the boards around the edge of the housing are degraded and needs to be replaced. The roof is flat and it requires repairs to rectify the leaking occurring that can potentially get the animals wet from inclement weather or injury them if it falls on them.

** Also in the tiger and lions enclosure the night house sliding gates that would give the animal's access to the keeper's area are not secured with such strength appropriate for the species contained. There is a pin lock that can easily be removed and the lion's enclosure is not structurally sound and has too much range in its motion.

** In the bobcat's enclosure there was a possum in the corner that had burrowed in. The fencing around the outside

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of the enclosure was not stapled enough and allowed the possum to crawl in. The possum could possibly carry a disease that can be harmful to the animals. The enclosure should be of such strength to contain the animals and to prevent injury.

These deficiencies must be repaired or replaced to properly contain these animals and prevent injury.

3.127(d)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

** The perimeter fence behind the commissary has an abundance of foliage growing through the fence potentially compromising the structural strength which could allow unwanted animals to climb in the perimeter fence and escaped facility animals to climb out. The fence must be maintained to prevent this from occurring for the health and safety of the animals and public. Correct by September 25, 2016

3.131(d)

SANITATION.

** In the ceiling of the tigers' night houses there were pests living amongst the debris that has collected over time. There was also a neonatal rodent crawling in the keeper's area of the tiger's facility.

** In the bobcats enclosure there was a live possum that had found its way in to the enclosure. He dug a hole on the perimeter of the primary enclosure and burrowed out during the inspection.

** The pest control program needs to be reevaluated and revamped to accommodate the needs of the animals and control the insects and mammalian pests on the premises. Correct by September 25, 2016

This was a focused inspection of the tiger and lion enclosure, program of veterinary care, bobcat enclosure and perimeter fence.

The inspection was conducted with the Animal Care Supervisor. The exit briefing was conducted with the Animal Care Supervisor and the Director.

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Species Inspected

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36333	58-C-1052	002	EMERALD COAST WILDLIFE REFUGE	23-AUG-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000004	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	PATAS MONKEY
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000003	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000002	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000001	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000016	Total	