



Inspection Report

ADAM BURCK
518 S ROUTE 31 UNIT 229
MCHENRY, IL 60050

Customer ID: **44448**
Certificate: **33-C-0387**
Site: 002
Adam Burck

Type: NEW SITE INSPECTION
Date: 14-JUN-2021

2.40(b)(2) Direct

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

"Shere Khan", a 15 year old male tiger, is notably thin with prominent hips and vertebral processes. Per the licensee, the tiger has a good appetite and is eating approximately 15-20 lbs. of food per day. However, "Shere Khan" has not been properly evaluated by a licensed veterinarian in over a year. Older tigers are susceptible to a number of health conditions, such as kidney failure and arthritic changes, that can have a significant impact on health and welfare. This tiger must be examined by a licensed veterinarian, and treated appropriately for any underlying health condition that might be affecting him.

Correct by: 20 June 2021

3.126(a)

Facilities, indoor.

The tigers are being held inside a barn, with no climate control other than opening the outer roll up doors. The doors were closed as the inspection began, and then opened to allow access. Temperature inside the building, near the tiger cages, was then recorded as 92.3 F. With the animals being held in travel cages, there is really no opportunity for them to cool themselves. Temperature extremes can have a significant impact on the health and well being of animals. The indoor temperature must be maintained at a level conducive to health.

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3.126(b)

Facilities, indoor.

The tigers are being held in a barn, with very poor ventilation unless outside doors are opened. During the inspection, even with the roll up doors open, there was a very strong rancid odor present. Poor ventilation has a negative impact on respiratory health and general comfort of the enclosed animals. Indoor facilities must have sufficient ventilation to maintain health and prevent discomfort of the animals.

3.127(d)

Direct

Facilities, outdoor.

There is no perimeter fence at this facility. The tigers are being kept inside a barn with roll up doors. Access to the barn is through the roll up doors or side door, and the only effective method to ventilate the barn is to raise the doors. When the doors are up there is no fence or other security measure to prevent unauthorized access to the animals. If an animal were to escape its cage, there would be nothing to prevent it escaping into the surrounding area. The current setup is just not at all appropriate to house and care for dangerous animals. The lack of security and the absence of any secondary containment measure is a constant, ongoing potential threat both to the animals and to the surrounding community.

Correct by 25 June 2021

3.128

Direct

Space requirements.

The tigers are being held in travel cages. Per the licensee, this is the manner the animals have been housed since at least March 2020. The licensee has a temporary exercise pen which can be raised and used to provide periods of exercise, but this pen was not up at the time of inspection. The tigers were pacing and appeared agitated during the inspection, which can be an indication of stress. Travel cages do not provide sufficient space for the animals to move comfortably, exercise, or make normal postural adjustments. This can have a dramatic, negative impact on the health

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and well being of the animals. These effects can range from physical impairment to mental/emotional distress.

Appropriate, permanent housing must be available for the animals.

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3.131(d)

Sanitation.

There were numerous flies in the barn, with no obvious methods of pest control. The floor beneath and around the cages had many live maggots. Pest control is essential to maintain the health of the animals. Flies and other insects are a source of contamination of feed, enclosures, and the animals themselves. A proper and effective pest control program, including thorough cleaning and sanitation, must be implemented.

This inspection was a site approval inspection.

This site is not ready for approval to conduct activity covered under your current Animal Welfare Act License.

Conducting regulated activities at a non-approved site is a violation of the Animal Welfare Act.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with licensee.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000004	Total	