

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

The Wilds Customer ID: 2292

14000 International Road Certificate: 31-C-0052 Cumberland, OH 43732

Site: 001

The Wilds

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 16-JUL-2025

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

On October 21, 2024, a 2.5-year-old male Pere David's deer was found dead in the lake near a bubbler. An electrical line was found to be wrapped around the front portion of the neck and once around the antler of the deer. The corresponding necropsy report was submitted to the facility by the pathology lab on January 31, 2025. The report states the death was attributed to "acute pulmonary shock likely due to trauma or drowning". It further notes that this deer was otherwise in "excellent nutritional status with no underlying chronic disease processes". Given that this species is known to be a semiaquatic animal, swims well, and spends long periods of time standing in water up to its shoulders, an incident of drowning would be unusual in an otherwise healthy animal. Entanglement in the electrical cord likely caused this animal to struggle in the water and not swim normally, resulting in the death of this animal. The facility must ensure outdoor housing areas are constructed in a manner to protect animals from injury. Correct by: July 17, 2025

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

Mark Sanderbeck, ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

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17-JUL-2025

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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| Count 000007 000005 000007 000004 000015 000014 000014 000003 000008 000007 000006 000002 000091 | Scientific Name Acinonyx jubatus Cuon alpinus Bos javanicus Lycaon pictus Ceratotherium simum Equus hemionus Equus caballus przewalskii Camelus bactrianus Equus grevyi Oryx beisa Rhinoceros unicornis Cervus nippon Cervus hanglu | Common Name CHEETAH DHOLE BANTENG AFRICAN HUNTING DOG / AFRICAN WILD DOG WHITE RHINOCEROS ASIATIC WILD ASS / PERSIAN ONAGER PRZEWALSKI'S WILD HORSE BACTRIAN CAMEL GREVY'S ZEBRA EAST AFRICAN ORYX INDIAN RHINOCEROS SIKA DEER TARIM RED DEER / BACTRIAN DEER |
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| 000009 000040 000003 000001 000012 000003 000004 000147 | Taurotragus oryx Budorcas taxicolor Naemorhedus griseus Hippotragus niger Oryx dammah Struthio camelus Grus japonensis Bison bison | COMMON ELAND TAKIN CHINESE GORAL SABLE ANTELOPE SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX COMMON OSTRICH RED-CROWNED CRANE / JAPANESE CRANE AMERICAN BISON |
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