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#### **Inspection Report**

JEFFREY LOWE 21619 Jimbo Road THACKERVILLE, OK 73459 Customer ID: 332646

Certificate: 73-C-0230

Site: 002

Jeffrey Lowe- 002

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 20-JAN-2021

2.75(b)(1) Repeat

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

---The disposition records presented during this inspection for the following animals were not complete: Sloth (27 Aug 2020), Grizzly bear, Black Bear, 3 Tigers, 11 Wolves, 11 pigs (3 Oct 2020), 2 Skunks (1 Oct 2020).

---Acquisition and disposition records were missing or unavailable at time of inspection and at least 60 animals could not be accounted for when comparing inventories. The following are examples of the unaccounted animals: tiger, lion, other large felids, hedgehog, wooly opossum, nonhuman primate, raccoon, bobcat, and skunk. Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

The facility representatives must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or ender is or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

3.125(a) Repeat

Facilities, general.

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At least 2 of the cats were observed to have hair loss and thickening of the skin on their elbows (elbow calluses). This usually occurs when the elbows are subjected to continuous trauma from laying on hard surfaces. Elbow calluses can become ulcerated and infected if not addressed early. Most of the floors in these enclosures are constructed of wood or concrete and have no other surfaces for the cats to lay on. Housing facilities must be constructed of materials that protect the animals from injury.

3.127(b) Repeat

#### Facilities, outdoor.

Many of the outdoor enclosures housing the animals do not provide shelter from inclement weather. The facility representatives have added bedding, shelter structures or wind breaks to some of the enclosures, but many are still without shelter from inclement weather. While big cats are generally cold weather tolerant, protections from discomfort due to climatic conditions such as wind, rain, and snow is required. Even animals that are cold weather tolerant may be adversely affected by windy and wet conditions and be uncomfortable. The facility representative must ensure that natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all the animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.

3.128 Repeat

#### Space requirements.

Many of the big cats are still being housed in enclosures that measure 8 feet wide by 14 feet long by 7 feet tall according to the facility representative. During this inspection at least four of the big cats were observed pacing back and forth in their enclosure. There did not appear to be anything distracting these cats to cause the pacing. Also, this pacing did not appear to be excitement in response to our presence. Pacing for no reason can be a stereotypical behavior caused by boredom and stress in large cats.

Adult cats must be able to exhibit normal postural adjustments and require more than 7 feet of height in an enclosure in

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order to freely stand on their rear legs and stretch. The facility representative must ensure that all animals are housed in enclosures that are constructed and maintained so as to provide sufficient space to allow each animal to make normal postural and social adjustments in order to prevent boredom and stress.

3.127(d) Repeat

Facilities, outdoor.

One of the two front gates that are part of the perimeter fence is still less than 8 feet in height. This gate has sides that slope down on each side to a height of approximately 6 feet. The other front gate was altered so that it is compliant at this time. Problems with the perimeter fence can provide unwanted and unauthorized people and animals access to the facility. Based on the animal species maintained within the facility, the facility representative must ensure that the perimeter fence is at least 8 feet high. The perimeter fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized people from going through it or under it and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility.

2.40(b)(2) Critical Repeat

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

---A young tiger named "Bubbles" died shortly after the last USDA inspection. According to the conversation during the inspection with the facility representative, the cub choked on a chicken bone. They explained that they were able to remove the bone, but the cub "never acted right" after that, then choked again and died a couple of days later. The facility representative failed to communicate this to a veterinarian and therefore this cub failed to receive adequate veterinary care in a timely manner (after the first incident of choking). If the facility representative had communicated this immediately to a veterinarian, this cub could have received adequate veterinary care as soon as it was noticed to not be "acting right" and it may not have died.

---During the last USDA inspection, a geriatric wolf hybrid named "Cochise" was observed to be extremely thin (hip bones

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easily visible) and moving very slowly. During this inspection the facility representative explained that the wolf had died. A medical note dated 11/2/2000 addressing only his limping was provided during this inspection. This medical note was dated prior to the last inspection. No medical records were provided indicating that the facility representatives communicated "Cochise's" condition to a veterinarian after the last inspection. He therefore received no medical assessment and care from a veterinarian addressing his condition as instructed on the last inspection report. Weight loss, especially in geriatric animals, can be a result of problems such as, but not limited to, numerous metabolic diseases and other illnesses, changing dietary requirements, and/or intestinal parasites.

--- During the last USDA inspection, a geriatric lion named "Simba" was observed to be thin and have areas of hair loss on his upper back legs. The medical notes that were provided during the inspection did not indicate that the facility representatives communicated "Simba's" condition to a veterinarian. The veterinarian referenced by the facility representatives during the inspection verified that he had not been contacted about this animal's conditions since the last inspection. "Simba" therefore, received no medical assessment and care from a veterinarian for his current conditions as instructed on the last inspection report. Weight loss and hair coat changes, especially in geriatric animals, can be a result of problems such as, but not limited to, numerous metabolic diseases and other illnesses, changing dietary requirements, and/or intestinal parasites.

--- During the last USDA inspection, A liliger named "Django" was observed to be limping. The daily medical documents show that the facility monitored the limping and found it to be improving in the days after the inspection. When the limping returned on 12/21/2020, a prescription medication was given to "Django" for 7 days. The medical notes that were provided during the inspection did not indicate that the facility representatives communicated "Django's" condition to a veterinarian as instructed on the last inspection report. The medical records do not show communication with the veterinarian regarding instructions or approval for the use of any medication for this animal's condition. The veterinarian referenced by

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the facility representatives during the inspection verified that he had not been contacted about this animals since the last inspection. Gait abnormalities can result from problems such as, but not limited to, injury, orthopedic problems, and/or metabolic and diet problems. Limping also indicates the animal is painful. The use of medications not approved by a veterinarian can result in the failure of the condition to be addressed and for unintended side effects from the medication.

The facility representative must ensure that all animals receive adequate veterinary approved nutritional and medical care at all times as directed by a veterinarian which includes appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries.

2.40(b)(3) Direct Repeat

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

---An arctic fox was limping during the inspection. It appears that the right front limb is affected. The facility representatives had not previously observed the limping and had not consulted a veterinarian regarding this animal's condition prior to the inspection. Gait abnormalities can result from problems such as but not limited to injury, orthopedic disease, and other neurologic medical problems. Limping also indicates the animal is painful.

---The black jaguar "Bagheera" had hair loss on the end and sides of his tail. The facility representatives said they have noticed limited tail sucking in the past with Bagheera but were not aware of the extent of the hair loss that is now present. They have not consulted with a veterinarian regarding this animal's condition prior to the inspection. Coat/hair loss can be caused by problems such as but not limited to trauma, parasites, stress/behavior, and other dermatologic medical problems.

Failure to observe medical problems and/or communicate those problems to a veterinarian can result in prolonged pain, suffering, and even death. The facility representative must observe all animals daily and then ensure a mechanism of

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direct and frequent communication with a veterinarian so that tir	nely and accurate information on problems of health,
behavior, and well-being are conveyed.	

\*\*\*The facility currently does not have an attending veterinarian and therefore also does not have a written program of veterinary care or an environmental enhancement plan for nonhuman primates. These are all required by the Animal Welfare Act. According to a court order, the facility has until January 29 to employ an attending veterinarian.

This inspection was conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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## **Species Inspected**

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	Hystrix cristata	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	Puma concolor	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION /
000002	r uma concolor	COUGAR
000001	Lama pacos	ALPACA
800000	Lemur catta	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000003	Vulpes vulpes	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX
000003	vuipes vuipes	& CROSS FOX)
000003	Sheep	SHEEP
000001	Vulpes lagopus	ARCTIC FOX
000006	Lynx rufus	BOBCAT
000001	Camelus dromedarius domestic	DOMESTIC DROMEDARY CAMEL
000005	Caracal caracal	CARACAL
000001	Canis latrans	COYOTE
000001	Capra hircus	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	Lynx canadensis	CANADIAN LYNX
000007	Panthera leo	LION
000001	Panthera onca	JAGUAR
000001	Potos flavus	KINKAJOU
000004	Mustela putorius furo	DOMESTIC FERRET
000060	Panthera tigris	TIGER
000016	Panthera leo X P. tigris	LION X TIGER HYBRID / LIGER /
000010	Tanthera leo X T. lighs	TIGON
000001	Caluromys philander	BARE-TAILED WOOLLY
		OPOSSUM
000002	Atelerix albiventris	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000009	Procyon lotor	RACCOON
000001	Saguinus midas	RED-HANDED TAMARIN
000003	Canis lupus	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF /
	•	TIMBER WOLF
000003	Callithrix jacchus	COMMON MARMOSET
000001	Galago senegalensis	NORTHERN LESSER BUSHBABY
000001	Canis aureus	GOLDEN JACKAL
000001	Macaca mulatta	RHESUS MACAQUE
000001	Macaca nemestrina	PIG-TAILED MACAQUE
000001	Otocyon megalotis	BAT-EARED FOX
000001	Martes pennanti	FISHER
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