



Inspection Report

Kern County Superintendent Of Schools
10500 Alfred Harrell Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93306

Customer ID: **3610**

Certificate: **93-C-0275**

Site: 001

KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 13-JUN-2016

2.40(b)(3)

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

Four San Joaquin kit foxes housed together burrowed under the cement pool in their enclosure. Beginning in January 2016 facility staff failed to observe two of the foxes for days or weeks at a time. The decomposed bodies of the two animals were found in the burrow in late May 2016. According to the daily caretaker logs one of the two hadn't been observed for a month as of 5/18 and an unspecified, longer period of time since the other animal had been observed.

Incidences of delay in reporting health concerns to the attending veterinarian were found in facility records.

On 1/21/2016 staff noted a kit fox walking on three legs. The curator took radiographs of the leg and said that the fox had either a bone spur or a broken toe and gave the animal an injection of a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory for pain. It is unclear from the records when the injury resolved and the veterinarian was not contacted.

On 1/22/2016 a kit fox being treated with eye medication developed apparent inflammation of the eye and was observed pawing at the eye. The curator was notified who said to continue the eye medication. The veterinarian was not notified. The drops continued to be administered and on 2/5 one of the caretakers noted that the fox's eye looked enlarged and asked the curator to look at the eye. The same concern was noted on 2/7 and the curator was emailed. The veterinarian saw the animal on 2/9 and prescribed medication.

On 5/15/2016 staff noticed a deer with injuries from fighting including a swollen hock and broken hoof. Staff was told by management to clean the wounds and administer antibiotics. The curator examined the animal the following day and ordered wound cleaning and pain medication. Staff stated that the animal was very sore. On 5/17 no improvement was noted in the animal's walking and staff stated they were waiting for the veterinarian to return a call regarding a different pain medication.

Failure to observe animals on a daily basis and failure to communicate promptly with the attending veterinarian can be detrimental to the health of the animals and cause unnecessary pain and distress. Daily observation of all the animals to assess their well-being and direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian regarding health issues is necessary to ensure that the animals receive timely and adequate veterinary care. A system should

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be in place to ensure that all animals are observed daily and the attending veterinarian is notified when necessary.

Correct immediately for all regulated species housed at the facility.

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

A kit fox enclosure housing four animals was not kept in good repair. The foxes burrowed under a cement pool and two of the foxes were eventually found dead in the burrow under the pool. A staff member stated that it appeared that one of the animals was entangled in pipes leading to the pool. The curator speculated in an incident report that the burrow may have collapsed on the animals. Staff had reported being unable to find the animals in the deep burrow on several occasions but repairs were never made to the enclosure.

Failure to keep enclosures in good repair can lead to animal injury or escape. In this case failure to keep the enclosure in good repair resulted in the inability to monitor the animals and likely contributed to the deaths of the foxes.

The remaining animals had been removed from this enclosure before the bodies were located, thus this non-compliant item had been corrected at the time of the inspection.

3.133

SEPARATION.

Three San Joaquin kit foxes were housed with a fourth aggressive fox for several months. Staff repeatedly noted incidents in the caretaker logs of injuries to less dominant animals, difficulties in ascertaining individual animal food consumption, the dominant animal blocking animals inside a burrow, and temporarily moving the dominate animal for brief periods so the others could come out of the burrow to eat and move around.

Animals housed in the same primary enclosure must be compatible. In this instance two of the three less dominate animals were found dead in their burrow after approximately five months of being housed with the aggressive animal. The presence of the aggressive fox may have contributed to the deaths of the two other foxes.

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An exit briefing was conducted with the licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3610	93-C-0275	001	KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	13-JUN-16
Count	Scientific Name	Common Name		
000001	<i>Ammospermophilus leucurus</i>	WHITE-TAILED ANTELOPE SQUIRREL		
000003	<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>	RINGTAIL		
000002	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE		
000004	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT		
000002	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	AMERICAN BEAVER		
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM		
000002	<i>Dipodomys deserti</i>	DESERT KANGAROO RAT		
000001	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	BIG BROWN BAT		
000004	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE		
000001	<i>Geomys arenarius</i>	DESERT POCKET GOPHER		
000005	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT		
000002	<i>Martes pennanti</i>	FISHER		
000002	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK		
000001	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI		
000001	<i>Neotoma lepida</i>	DESERT WOODRAT		
000004	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>	MULE DEER		
000003	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT		
000003	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS		
000004	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	BIGHORN SHEEP		
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON		
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR		
000001	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>	WESTERN GREY SQUIRREL		
000001	<i>Sus cebifrons</i>	VISAYAN WARTY PIG		
000001	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>	DESERT COTTONTAIL RABBIT		
000002	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	BRAZILIAN FREE-TAILED BAT		
000002	<i>Tamias speciosus</i>	LODGEPOLE CHIPMUNK		
000002	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMERICAN BADGER		
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX		
000002	<i>Urocyon littoralis</i>	CHANNEL ISLANDS FOX		
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR		
000004	<i>Vulpes macrotis</i>	KIT FOX		
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)		
000073	Total			