



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **2942**
Certificate: **31-C-0221**
Site: 002
DAVID EICHER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 04-MAR-2020

2.40(b)(2) DIRECT

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

A female brown bear has a small cut on its lower lip and several areas of blood were observed on the floor of the enclosure. This cut may have been caused by an old metal water receptacle with sharp, jagged edges which the bear was seen to be playing with and chewing on by the inspectors. This bear should be evaluated by the attending veterinarian for treatment of this wound. The water receptacle should be removed from the enclosure.

A male cougar and a female cougar are housed in an enclosure that is approximately 12' by 15'. Their enclosure is situated between an enclosure housing another male cougar on one side and two brown bear cubs on the other side. The male cougar has two open, reddened and raw, approximately 1/2" diameter hairless patches on either side of its face. This cougar should be evaluated by the attending veterinarian for treatment of these wounds.

To be corrected by March 28, 2020.

2.40(b)(3) DIRECT

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The license was unaware of the wounds to both the female brown bear and the male cougar until the inspectors pointed them out. The female brown bear had a cut lip and the male cougar had wounds on both sides of its face.

Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

Daily observations must be completed by the licensee or employees of the licensee. At anytime a problem of animal health or behavior is noted the attending veterinarian must be notified to ensure adequate veterinary care is administered.

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To be corrected from this day forward.

2.131(b)(1) DIRECT

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

The licensee stated to the inspectors that two of the brown bears that he transported from Iowa to his facility in Indiana died shortly after arrival at the Indiana facility. The licensee stated to the inspectors that the cause of the animals' deaths was due to transportation stress. Animals must be handled in a manner that does not cause them physical harm.

A male cougar and a female cougar are housed in an approximately 12' by 15' enclosure that lacks complexity. Their enclosure is situated between an enclosure housing another male cougar on one side and two, approximately 1 year old, active brown bear cubs on the other side. There is no visual separation between these animals. The male cougar has two open, reddened and raw, approximately 1/2" in diameter, hairless patches on either side of its face. This cougar was observed by the inspectors to be repeatedly pacing the sides of the enclosure with its face brushing up against the welded wire panel enclosure fencing. The pacing is a stereotypic behavior, and the rubbing with the pacing is causing injuries to the cougar. This cougar needs to be evaluated by the attending veterinarian for an evaluation of its housing condition stereopathy which is causing the cougar to repeatedly pace its enclosure and cause self-injury.

To be corrected by March 28, 2020.

3.125(a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The two brown bear cubs have dug their dirt substrate underneath the fencing below. This has left large holes under the fencing.

The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury.

The holes must be filled or a different substrate used to ensure bear cubs do not dig holes exposing the fencing below. The bear cubs could catch their legs in this fencing and cause injury.

This inspection was conducted with the licensee. Three attempts to schedule the exit interview, two by text 6MAR20 and 13MAR20 and one by phone 17MAR20, have been made.

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Additional Inspectors

Hammel Kurt, Veterinary Medical Officer

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
2942	31-C-0221	002	DAVID EICHER	04-MAR-20

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000005	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000004	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000005	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	BROWN BEAR
000014	Total	