



Inspection Report

Sue Pearce
5001 S W Rucks Dairy Road
Okeechobee, FL 34974

Customer ID: **322131**
Certificate: **58-C-1011**
Site: 001
SUE PEARCE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 19-OCT-2016

3.75(c)(3)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The brown lemur enclosure had a build up of feces and food waste/debris that needs to be clean more frequently to prevent food contamination. The baboon's primary enclosure had old and fresh excreta that was attracting a large amount of flies. The baboon's enclosure must be raked with sufficient frequency to ensure all animals the freedom to avoid contact with excreta. Contaminated material needs to be removed daily to eliminate the potential for disease, insects, pests or vermin infestation. The baboon's enclosure needs to be cleaned daily/often to satisfy the generally accepted husbandry standards and practices for non-human primates.

Correct by: October 21, 2016

3.84(c)

CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

The area and building housing the brown lemur is dirty and contains miscellaneous clutter, power tools, cleaning chemicals, motor oil and motor vehicles stored in close proximity to the animal enclosure. To reduce disease hazards, insects and pests the dirty floors and area near the lemur enclosure need to be thoroughly cleaned, and all clutter and miscellaneous items need to be picked up and organized.

Correct by: October 24, 2016

3.125(a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Excessive worn or damaged wooden surfaces are not been routinely repaired or replaced.

The wooden framework for the lock out enclosure in Diamond and Shakira's enclosure is severely damaged exposing nails and splintered edges. This may compromise the use of the lockout preventing normal maintenance of the enclosure. A post attached to the shelter in the same enclosure is extremely worn and thin and its structural strength in compromised.

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The shelter for the first enclosure on the left containing one tiger (middle/second section) is severely damaged and broken on one side. A support post within the same enclosure is also worn.

The roof wood boards of a tiger's shelter house located at the second enclosure section is rotted, warped and extremely damaged containing protruding/exposed screws that could potentially cause injury to the animals. All wood structures at the facility must be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect animals from injury. The damaged wood must be replaced or repaired and routinely maintained.

3.125(d) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Several boxes of inedible food and vegetable wastes and trash were piled up in close proximity to the food storage and preparation trailer. These boxes were observed to be attracting many flies in the area and could potentially attract other vermin. To minimize vermin infestation, odors, and disease hazards to regulated animals, the facility needs to make provision for the quick removal and disposal of animal/food wastes, trash and debris.

3.130

WATERING.

The water receptacle at the black leopard enclosure contained yellowish-greenish water and excessive algae growth. To ensure the health and comfort of regulated animals, all water receptacles need to be cleaned and should be kept clean and sanitary at all times.

Correct by: October 26, 2016

3.131(a) REPEAT

SANITATION.

Most primary enclosures at the facility had old and fresh excreta that were attracting large amount of flies. All affected enclosures needs to be cleaned more often to reduce pest problems and to minimize disease hazards to regulated animals.

3.131(c)

SANITATION.

The area around the big cat enclosures is excessively overgrown with tall grass and or weeds. The facility has previously had problems with venomous snakes entering the animal enclosures. The excessive growth also covers ditches and other hazards, including snakes, that cannot be clearly seen when inspecting the animal enclosures and poses a hazard to USDA inspectors when trying to inspect the facility. Failure to adequately control tall grass prevents adequate control of snakes which could result in injury or death to the animals. Tall grass or weeds must

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be adequately controlled to minimize hazards to the animals and to allow adequate access to the premises for inspection.

The pools for the single housed black bear are dirty and must be cleaned. Bears generally utilize pools to meet their physiological needs and the pools must be cleaned often enough to allow use of these pools.

The pools for the two juvenile tigers and Diamond are dirty and must be cleaned. Additionally, the dirty pool used by the juvenile tigers was attracting an excessive amount of flies.

Correct by: October 26, 2016

3.131(d)

SANITATION.

An excessive amount of flies was observed throughout the facility. The juvenile tiger enclosure was particularly noted with swarms of loudly buzzing flies hovering the pool and on fecal matter deposits. The facility needs to revamp its current pest control program and cleaning/housekeeping practices so that fly control is safe and implemented effectively throughout the premises.

Correct by: October 26, 2016

3.132

EMPLOYEES.

Several of the big cat enclosures have damaged and worn shelter structures, the areas around the big cat enclosures are extremely overgrown with tall grass. Excreta is not being removed from animal enclosures often enough to meet generally accepted husbandry practices and to reduce fly problems. The lack of facility compliance indicates there are not enough employees present to maintain the required husbandry practices or maintain the facility in good repair.

Correct by: November 19, 2016

Also present during this inspection were two Florida FWCC Investigators.

This inspection was conducted with a designated facility representative. The inspection's exit interview was conducted with Ms. Sue Pearce, Licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
322131	58-C-1011	001	SUE PEARCE	19-OCT-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Eulemur fulvus</i>	BROWN LEMUR
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	BROWN-NOSED COATI
000003	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	LEOPARD
000009	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Papio anubis</i>	OLIVE BABOON
000002	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000025	Total	