UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

## OFFICIAL WARNING



## VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

FL 11104

VIOLATOR

Customer # 7052 Certificate # 58-C-0618 Tom Batchelor World of Wildlife Productions

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

14661 S W 124th Place Miami, FL 33186

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **December 20, 2010 - November 8, 2010 - January 15, 2010** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

9 CFR, SECTION

## Failure to

3.125 (a)

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

(\*\*The wooden enclosure housing the white adult raccoons is separating at the seam near the roof in the northwest corner creating a significant gap.

- \*\*A 3 foot high wire enclosure housing 2 squirrels was on the ground. The enclosure is in disrepair and dented on all sides and top. A wooden barrier had been loosely place around the enclosure.
- \*\*The porcupine enclosure interior chain link door has wire protruding from the bottom of the door frame into the enclosure interior.
- \*\*The adult skunk enclosure concrete floor has a gaping crack running the entire length of the floor.
- \*\*The white raccoon enclosure floor is broken and missing a piece in the northeast corner. A rectangular, water logged and rotting piece of plywood is partially covering the missing floor area.
- \*\*The wooden top of the den box in the female cougar enclosure is spintered, pitted and deteriorated along the entire surface.)

3.125 (c)

3.127 (d)

 Adequately protect food and bedding supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin, and refrigeration of perishable foods.

(\*\*An open bag of guinea pig diet fed to the porcupine, was stored outdoors in a plastic container with a lid which was partially open. Live insects were crawling in the feed and clumps of moldy feed were inside the bag. The inside bottom of the plastic container which contained the feed bag had approximately one inch of dirty standing water and dead insects were in the water.

\*\*An open bag of dog food, used for feeding the fox, is currently stored outdoors on the bottom shelf of a cabinet which does not properly close.)

 On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities must be enclosed by perimeter fence of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. Fences less than 8 feet high for potentially dangerous animals, such as, but not limited to, large felines, bears, wolves, rhinoceros, and elephants, or less than 6 feet high for other animals must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

(\*\*The cougar perimeter fence on the east side is separated from the horizontal metal support at the top.

\*\*The otter and jungle cat enclosures in the back section are each approximately 2 feet from the south side of the facility perimeter fence.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

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