UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING



VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NO.

IN 11008

VIOLATOR

Customer # 16329 Certificate # 32-C-0178 Lavern Yoder Maple Lane Wildlife Farm

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code)

7410 W 700 S Topeka, IN 46571

The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about February 15, 2011 - January 13, 2011 you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

9 CFR, SECTION

2.131 (b)(1)

3.127 (b)

3.129 (a)

Failure to

 Handle all animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

(Three cougar cubs and one tiger cub are housed with other animals (ferrets, dogs, chinchillas, hamsters, rabbits and primates. The ferrets and dogs have not been vaccinated against distemper or rabies.)

 Provide natural or artificial shelter for all animals kept outdoors to protect and prevent discomfort from inclement weather.

(There is a camel held in the pasture without access to the barn.)

 Have food that is wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. All animals shall be fed at least once a day except as dictated by hibernation, veterinary, treatment, normal fasts, or other professionally accepted practices.

(**The cougar cubs and tiger cub are given Nutri-cal containing 0.16 mg of Calcium per teaspoon and does not provide sufficient calcium to meet requirements.)

**A partially eaten calf carcass in the leopard pen is not protected from weather, spoiling, contamination or vermin after intial feeding two days ago.

**Three cougar cubs and one tiger cub was taken from their mothers to be bottle fed at approximately three weeks of age.

**The diet for the tiger cub did not include the addition of meat to increase protein.)

3.130 (a)

 Make pottable water accessible to animals at all time for the health and comfort of the animal.
 (Watering receptacles for most of the pens were dirty and contained solid ice.)

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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