

**From:** Sean Rehurek  
**To:** Digesualdo, Cynthia L - APHIS  
**Subject:** Complaint Initiated  
**Date:** Monday, June 28, 2021 6:53:43 PM

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## Task

To: CYNTHIA DIGESUALDO

Sean Rehurek has assigned you the following task:

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Account: NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS  
Due Date: 6/28/2021  
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**From:** Digesualdo, Cynthia L - APHIS  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** print  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 10:46:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [AC21-171.pdf](#)

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January 15, 2021

USDA/APHIS/Animal Care

Via e-mail: [animalcare@usda.gov](mailto:animalcare@usda.gov)

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cc: Dr. Laurie Gage, Big Cat and Marine Mammal Specialist  
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January 1 at 7:11 AM ·

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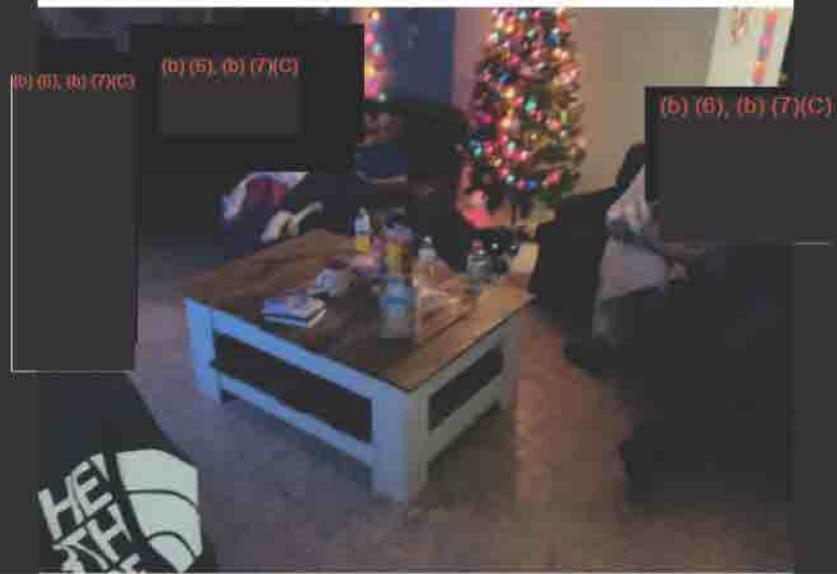
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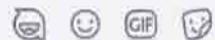
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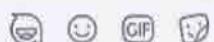
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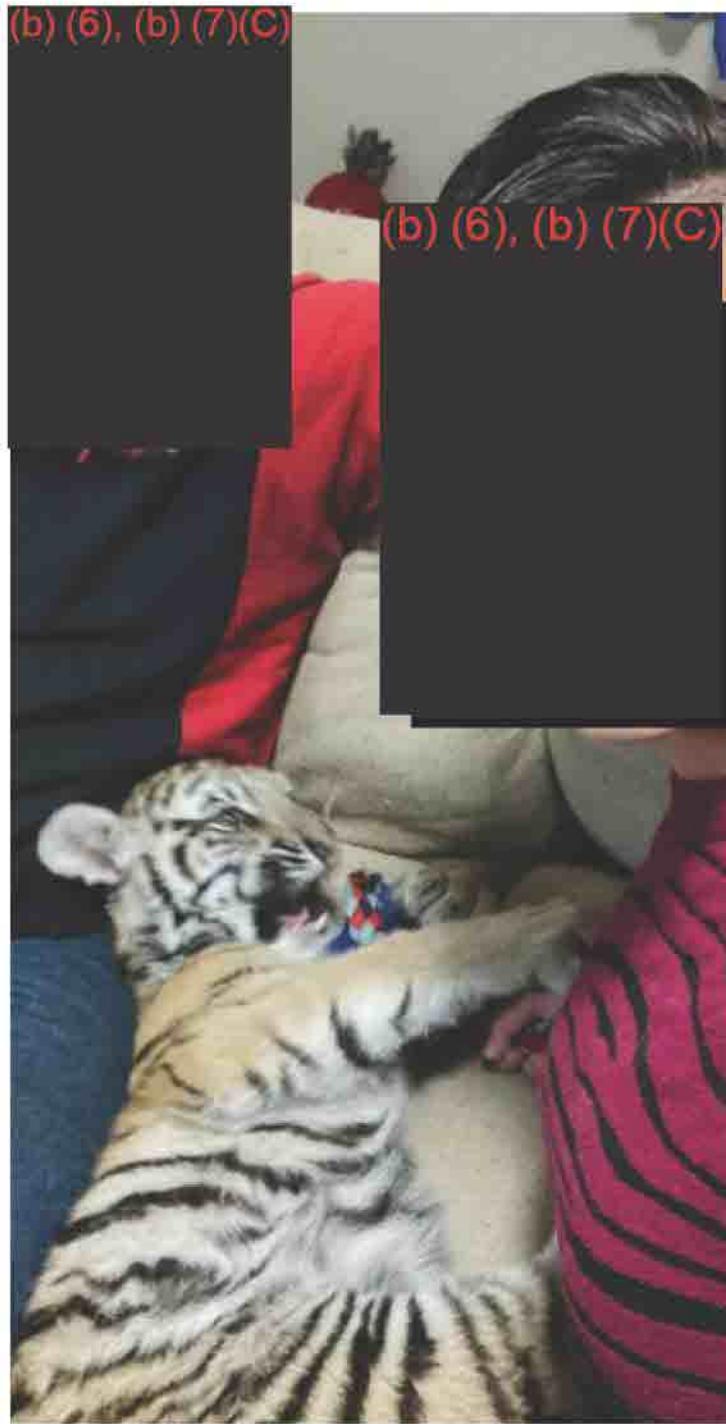
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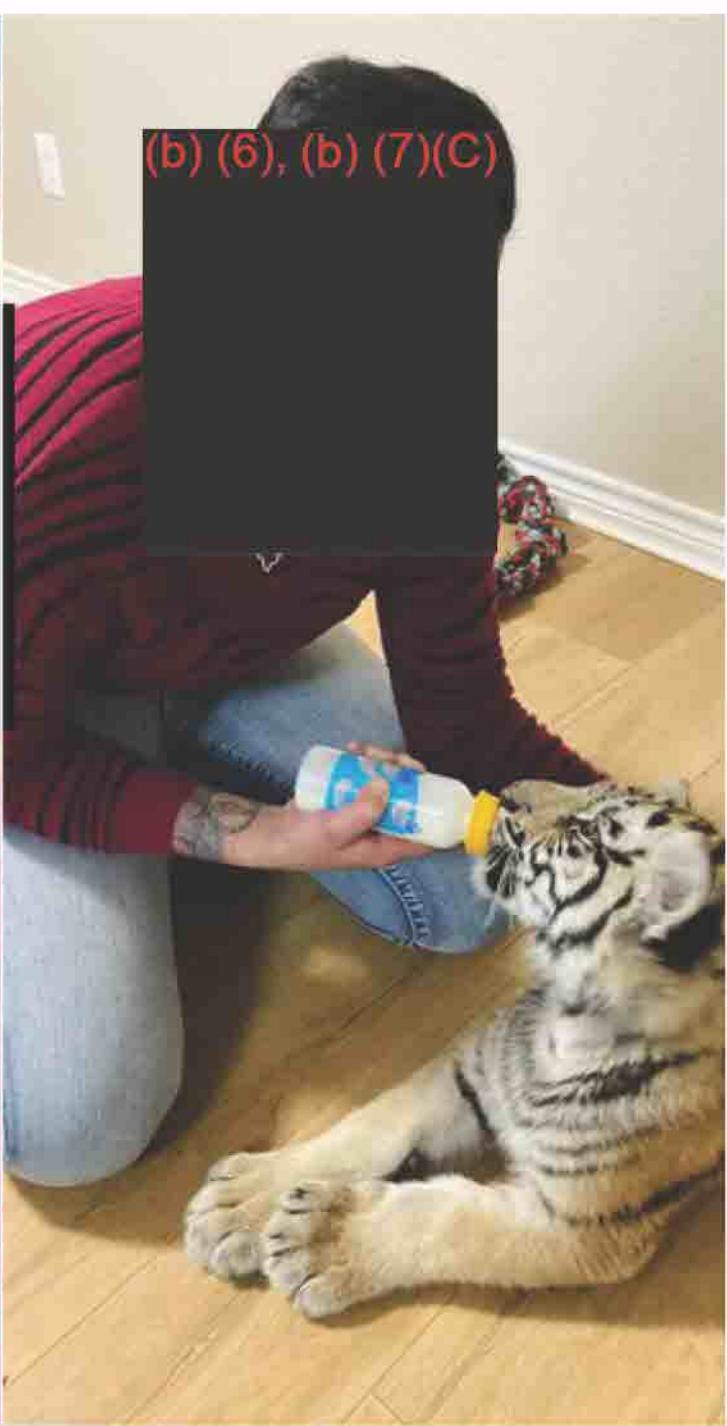
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**To:** [Gage, Laurie J - APHIS](#)  
**Subject:** tiger cub  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 22, 2021 9:36:00 AM  
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Hi Laurie

Can you take a look at these photos and tell me how old you think this tiger cub is?

Thanks!

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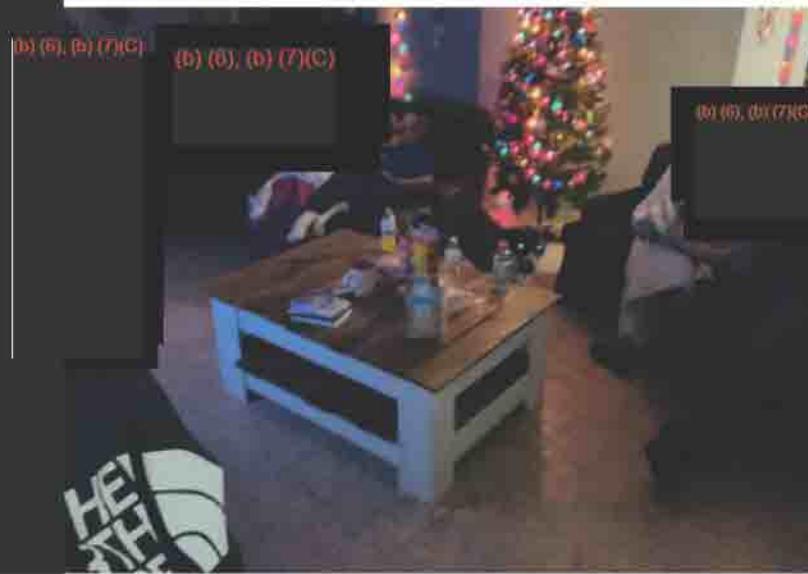
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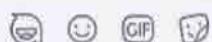


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**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Inspection reports  
**Date:** Monday, June 7, 2021 9:01:00 AM  
**Attachments:** Great Cats in Crisis 503949.pdf  
National Foundation for Rescued Animals 7538.pdf

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Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Inspection reports are attached. Passwords are the same as last time:

Great Cats: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
National Foundation: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Please confirm that you did receive them and were able to open them.

Thank you!!

Cynthia L DiGesualdo DVM  
Veterinary Medical Officer  
301-547-1711  
Cynthia.l.digesualdo@usda.gov



United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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## Inspection Report

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GREAT CATS IN CRISIS  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
STE 1000  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 03-JUN-2021

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No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Prepared By: CYNTHIA DIGESUALDO Date:  
07-JUN-2021  
Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL  
OFFICER

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Received by Title: Licensee Date:  
07-JUN-2021



### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
503949	10-C-0002	001	GREAT CATS IN CRISIS	03-JUN-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000001	<i>Rabbits</i>	RABBITS
000042	<b>Total</b>	



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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS  
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TYLER, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538  
Certificate: 74-C-0418  
Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 03-JUN-2021

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**Subject:** FW: [External Email]Amended inspection reports  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:04:00 AM  
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Good Morning Cindy,

Please see the attached documentation covering the issues noted during our routine inspection last month. The attached documents contain text message communications between Tiger Creek Staff and our primary veterinarian, medical history including phone conversations and in-person visits as kept by our primary veterinarian, and records of acquisition. I noticed on the amended report that Sitaara was not removed after our discussion that we renamed her after Grand Prairie Animal Control dropped her off as "Nova", but that documentation is also included here.

Please let me know if there are further documents needed.

Thank you,

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Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary  
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**2.40(b)(3)              Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

\* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.

\* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.

\* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.

\* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.

\* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.

\* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari ( serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

- \* Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)
- \* Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)
- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
- \* Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)
- \* Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)
- \* Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
503949	10-C-0002	001	GREAT CATS IN CRISIS	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	Serval
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000039	<b>Total</b>	

1/29/2018	USDA Vet Check: BAR, need slight increase to weight. Dental check in the future.
2/1/2018	Diet Change: Feed 14# grd SunWF, 13# TS, 1/2# chunk TWVR.
2/14/2018	Fed extra 1# chunk.
4/11/2018	Short 5# from diet. Replaced with beef chunk.
4/11/2018	Patch of hair missing on L lateral side of tail.
5/4/2018	<b>Diet Change:</b> Feed 14# grd MTWFS, 12# R.
5/9/2018	Left 3.3# food. (S) Left 2.8# p.m.
5/10/2018	Left 2.4# food. Not saved.
5/14/2018	Left 8.4# food. (S) Finished P.M.
5/29/2018	Left 4.6# food. (S) Finished P.M.
5/30/2018	Left 4.5# food. (S) Finished P.M.
5/31/2018	Left 4.9# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/1/2018	Left 5.5# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/2/2018	Left 6# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/4/2018	Left 9# food. (S) finished P.M.
6/6/2018	Left 4.2# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/7/2018	Took 1# grd from diet.
6/8/2018	Left 7.9# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/9/2018	Left 2.9# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/11/2018	Left 14# food. (S) Left 12.5# P.M.
6/12/2018	Left 13.7# food. (S) Left 11.1# P.M.
6/13/2018	Left 14# food. Not touched P.M.
6/14/2018	Left 11# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/15/2018	Left 12.1# food. (S) Left 5.1# P.M.
6/16/2018	Left 13.7# food. (S) Left 3.4# P.M.
6/18/2018	Left full diet. (S) Finished P.M.
6/19/2018	Found deceased in his yard. Necropsy elected, see chart.

## “Amir” Necropsy Notes

BD 8-6-1999, IM, Siberian Tiger *Panthera tigris altaica*

Broken Left canine at gumline, tip of Right canine broken

Cyanotic, Immediately pale after death

Submandibular mass 2-3" in diameter. Small amount of edema associated with mass.

No lymph node enlargement

Eyes sunken

No nasal discharge

No lingual ulcers

No lingual ulcers or food stuffs in mouth

BCS normal, muscling normal for age

No limb edema, no joint enlargement

Ears NSF

Larynx looks symmetrical, no tumors

No froth or food stuff

Vocal fold NSF

Small amount of clear liquid in esophagus

Ventral-mediastinal serosal mass noted

Minimal fluid in thorax

Right lung (down side post mortem) still air in periphery of lung, dependent blood congestion

No pleural effusion

Cranial Thoracic esophagus is clear

Pericardial fluid normal

No froth in larynx, no petechia on heart indicating agonal state

No edema at tracheal bifurcation

Diaphragm intact

Good intra-abdominal fat layer

Observed GI tract NSF

Not clearly observed adrenals, felt through fat layer

No stones noted in ureters

No tumors on penis, testes bilaterally symmetrical

Fecal result Negative

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Address: 17552 FM 14	Age: 5 Yrs. 7 Mos.
Tyler, TX 75706	Color:
	Breed: Serval
	Sex: Male

Date	Type	Staff	History
3/28/2021	TC	[REDACTED]	Misc Medical Notes - TENTATIVE - Misc. Medical Notes
2/25/2021	R	[REDACTED]	1 - Phone Message/call - FINAL Mar 04/2021 - 1 - Phone Message/Call
			Phone Conversation/Message: Please put time at the end of the message:
			TVMDL FINAL REPORT. Attached below
			HV 2/25 @ 12:28pm
2/12/2021	L	[REDACTED]	<p>Miscellaneous results from IDEXX Reference Laboratory Requisition ID: 148612731 Posted Final Ascn: 4606037647</p> <p>RE: 999 CANCELLED TESTS</p> <p>CANCELLED TESTS</p> <p>Due to extensive transportation delays, one or more of the specimens received arrived at the laboratory past the recommended storage/stability. As a result, we are unable to complete the test(s) requiring that sample(s). Resubmission of a fresh specimen is recommended. Your account will be adjusted for the cost of the requested test. Please call Reference Laboratory Customer Support at 1-888-433-9987 if you have any questions.</p>
2/12/2021	CB	[REDACTED]	Callback - Call Back (CB1D) ---- Note from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 2/12/2021 at 06:56:10 ---- This patient is deceased.
2/11/2021	L	[REDACTED]	Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 19686 Posted Final Test Result Reference Range ALB = 2.8 g/dL 2.2 - 4.0 ALKP < < 10 U/L L 14 - 111 ALT = 122 U/L 12 - 130

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AMYL =	693 U/L	500 - 1500
BUN/UREA =	114 mg/dL H*	16 - 36
Ca =	8.6 mg/dL	7.8 - 11.3
Chloride =	111 mmol/L L	112 - 129
CHOL =	78 mg/dL	65 - 225
CREA =	--.--- mg/dL	0.8 - 2.4
GGT =	0 U/L	0 - 4
GLU =	125 mg/dL	74 - 159
LIPA =	240 U/L	100 - 1400
PHOS =	3.7 mg/dL	3.1 - 7.5
Potassium =	2.7 mmol/L L	3.5 - 5.8
TBIL =	0.8 mg/dL	0.0 - 0.9
TP =	7.0 g/dL	5.7 - 8.9
Sodium =	147 mmol/L L	150 - 165
GLOB =	4.2 g/dL	2.8 - 5.1
OSM Calc =	326 mmol/kg	
ALB/GLOB =	0.7	
Na/K =	54	
SDMA =	18 ug/dL H	0 - 14
Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4 < 0.8 ug/dL		
Subnormal	0.8 - 4.7 ug/dL	Normal 2.3 - 4.7 ug/dL
Grey zone in old or symptomatic cats > 4.7 ug/dL		
Consistent with hyperthyroidism Cats with subnormal T4 values are almost exclusively euthyroid sick or over treated for their hyperthyroidism. Older cats with consistent clinical signs and T4 values in the grey zone may have early hyperthyroidism or a concurrent non-thyroidal illness.		
Hyperthyroidism may be confirmed in these cats by adding on a freeT4 (fT4) or by performing a T3 suppression test.		
Following treatment with methimazole, T4 values will generally fall within the lower to middle end of the reference range.		

SDMA: SDMA is increased, no CREA result: likely impaired GFR and kidney function. Recommended next step: evaluation of other renal function tests, and complete urinalysis. For information on recommended actions visit: [www.idexx.com/sdmaalgorithm](http://www.idexx.com/sdmaalgorithm).

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Immunoassay results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
Laboratory Requisition ID: 19686 Posted Final  

Test	Result	Reference Range
TT4 =	1.5 ug/dL	0.8 - 4.7
Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4 < 0.8 ug/dL		
Subnormal	0.8 - 4.7 ug/dL	Normal 2.3 - 4.7 ug/dL
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2/11/2021 L [REDACTED]

Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
Laboratory Requisition ID: 19686      Posted      Final  

Test	Result	Reference Range
BASO =	0.01 K/uL	0.01 - 0.26
EOS =	0.08 K/uL L	0.17 - 1.57
HCT =	33.3 %	30.3 - 52.3
HGB =	10.3 g/dL	9.8 - 16.2
LYMPHS *	* 5.67 K/uL	0.92 - 6.88
MCH =	18.7 pg H	11.8 - 17.3
MCHC =	30.9 g/dL	28.1 - 35.8
MCV =	60.5 fL H	35.9 - 53.1
MONOS *	* 1.31 K/uL H	0.05 - 0.67
MPV =	15.9 fL	11.4 - 21.6
RBC =	5.50 M/uL L	6.54 - 12.20
WBC =	29.93 K/uL H	2.87 - 17.02
%LYMPHS *	* 18.9 %	
%MONOS *	* 4.4 %	
NEUT *	* 22.86 K/uL H	2.30 - 10.29
%NEUT *	* 76.4 %	
%EOS =	0.3 %	
%BASO =	0.0 %	
PLT =	240 K/uL	151 - 600
Retics =	95.1 K/uL H	3.0 - 50.0
%Retics =	1.7 %	
RDW =	19.6 %	15.0 - 27.0
PCT =	0.38 %	0.17 - 0.86
Band *	* Suspected	
RETIC-HGB =	20.8 pg	13.2 - 20.8

\* Confirm with dot plot and/or blood film review.  
Immature and/or toxic neutrophils likely present - Consider inflammation.  
Reticulocytosis without anemia - Consider occult hemolytic or blood loss disease.

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2/11/2021 C [REDACTED] HACH Recheck Medical Exam - CLOSED Feb 18/2021

How is the patient doing at home? \_\_

Physical Exam today: \_\_

Plan: \_\_

Add Diagnosis Description

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2/11/2021 CK [REDACTED] havings seizures  
Reason for Visit: Lab Testing  
Date Patient Checked Out: Mar 30/2021 Practice 1

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2/8/2021 C [REDACTED] SX NOTES - CLOSED Feb 16/2021

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2/7/2021 C [REDACTED] Surgery General Report - CLOSED Feb 16/2021  
Surgery Report

Date: 2/7/2021

Technician: \_\_

Doctor: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Temp: __	RR: __	RR: __
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Anesthesia	Pre-Medication				Induction				Maintenance	
	Drug	Dose	Route	Time	Drug	Dose	Route	Time	Drug/Fluid	Dose/Rate
Quality of Sedation	<input type="checkbox"/> Profound	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Quality of Induction	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Fluid TVI		

Monitor	Time									
	HR/BP									
	Time									
	HR/BP									

Time	Start Surgery	Start Anesthesia	ET Tube	IVC
	End Surgery	End Anesthesia	Post-Op Temp.	
	Total Surgery Time	Extubation		
		Total Anesth. Time	Quality of Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Surgical Description	Procedure(s): <u>exploratory sx</u>
	Complications: <u> </u>
Medications:	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>
Biopsy Taken	<u> </u>
Biopsy Submitted	<u> </u>
Lab	<u> </u>

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<b>Patient Information</b>		Release Date/Time _____	
Owner Name:	Tiger Missing Link Foundation	Client phoned on completion _____	
Pet Name:	Dakari	Medications prepared _____	
Age:	5 Yrs. 6 Mos.	Charges entered _____	
Phone Number:	(903) 858-1008	Discharge instructions completed _____	
Vaccine Current?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 19635      Posted      Final  
 Test      Result      Reference Range  
 Chloride =      114 mmol/L      112 - 129  
 Potassium =      4.3 mmol/L      3.5 - 5.8  
 Sodium =      152 mmol/L      150 - 165  
 Na/K =      35

2/4/2021 C



Ultrasound Notes - CLOSED Feb 11/2021

Solid structure noted in the small intestine of the mid abdomen; r/o mass, foreign body (solid foreign body vs hair ball/food wad, etc.)

2/3/2021 C



HACH Radiograph Findings - CLOSED Feb 10/2021 - Radiograph Findings

2/3/2021 C



Misc Medical Notes - CLOSED Feb 10/2021 - Misc. Medical Notes

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2/3/2021 C [REDACTED] HACH Radiograph Findings - CLOSED Feb 10/2021 - Radiograph Findings

2/3/2021 C [REDACTED] HACH Preventive - Basic - CLOSED Feb 16/2021 - Annual Exam Notes  
**Examination:** [REDACTED]  
**Technician:** [REDACTED]

**Subjective:** [Add Problem Description](#)

Temp:	Pulse:	Respiration:	
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Objective:	Normal	Abnormal	Did Not Examine	Comments
Abdomen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cardiovascular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eyes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gastrointestinal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mouth / Teeth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Membranes/Nodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Musculoskeletal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nervous System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Respiratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skin / Hair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Urogenital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fecal Results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Heartworm Test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Assessment:	<a href="#">Add Diagnosis Description</a>
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Plan:	
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Feb 3, 2021 02:19 PM Staff:

Weight : 19.20 pounds

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2/3/2021 TC

Misc Medical Notes - TENTATIVE - Medical Notes - Sick Visit Timeline HACH

2/3: Patient presented for dehydration and anorexia of 1 week's duration. Tiger Creek has been treating at their facility with subcutaneous fluids. We were called yesterday to make an appointment for today as he is not better with staff treating.

SO: see above; anorexic for about a week; on presentation, patient is severely dehydrated; weak, and lethargic. Has lost weight and appears very thin. No history of eating anything abnormal; in the past, has had digestive issues. On abdominal palpation, patient is painful and a hard "knot" is noted mid abdomen.

on abdominal ultrasound - "mass" or "foreign" body noted in the small intestine. radiographs are WNL; no abnormalities noted

Offered exploratory vs supportive care for 24 hours to see if wad/mass/hairball would move with rehydration; TC elects supportive therapy for 24 hours; rehydration on fluids, anti-emetics and antibiotics. If not improvement in 24 hours, will discuss exploratory.

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## Patient History Report

**Client:** Link Foundation, Tiger Missing  
(3981)  
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Tyler, TX 75706

**Patient:** Dakari (42920)  
**Species:** Feline  
**Age:** 5 Yrs. 7 Mos.  
**Color:**

**Breed:** Serval  
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Patient did well 12-18 hours after starting IV fluids and medications. Patient eating well after fluids; Will keep here for the weekend to monitor and on IV fluids. (Friday)

On Sunday, patient became anorexic, lethargic, and dehydrated again despite IV catheter and fluids. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) called TC and let them know we were doing exploratory Sunday AM. On exploratory, patient had a "wad" of leaves and sticks/hair/grass that was in the small intestine causing a hard obstruction. The obstruction was easily removed with a simple enterotomy. The material was removed and placed in a jar. The enterotomy site was closed with 4-0 Monocryl on a taper needle, and checked for leaking. The remainder of the abdomen was explored with no other abnormalities noted. Patient recovered successfully.

Patient eating well day after surgery - send home Monday or Tuesday.

Patient presented back to the clinic the Friday of going home; complaint: seizures. Patient was started on an IV, given anti-seizure medication, but passed shortly after.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - did autopsy as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did the surgery and preferred and unbiased opinion. He did not note any gross abnormalities other than an excessive amount of spinal fluid obtained during spinal tap. Spinal fluid as well as organs were submitted for histopathology and those results are pending.

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2/3/2021 L

Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 19608		Posted	Final
Test	Result		Reference Range
ALB =	3.0 g/dL	2.2 - 4.0	
ALKP <	< 10 U/L L	14 - 111	
ALT =	109 U/L	12 - 130	
AMYL =	500 U/L	500 - 1500	
BUN/UREA =	49 mg/dL H	16 - 36	
Ca =	8.5 mg/dL	7.8 - 11.3	
Chloride =	103 mmol/L L	112 - 129	
CHOL =	89 mg/dL	65 - 225	
CREA =	1.0 mg/dL	0.8 - 2.4	
GGT =	46 U/L H	0 - 4	
GLU =	145 mg/dL	74 - 159	
LIPA =	235 U/L	100 - 1400	
PHOS =	5.5 mg/dL	3.1 - 7.5	
Potassium =	2.4 mmol/L L	3.5 - 5.8	
TBIL =	0.3 mg/dL	0.0 - 0.9	
TP =	6.4 g/dL	5.7 - 8.9	
Sodium =	147 mmol/L L	150 - 165	
GLOB =	3.4 g/dL	2.8 - 5.1	
OSM Calc =	303 mmol/kg		
ALB/GLOB =	0.9		
BUN/CREA =	49		

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Na/K = 61  
 SDMA = 10 ug/dL 0 - 14  
 Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4 < 0.8 ug/dL  
 Subnormal 0.8 - 4.7 ug/dL Normal 2.3 - 4.7 ug/dL  
 Grey zone in old or symptomatic cats > 4.7 ug/dL  
 Consistent with hyperthyroidism Cats with subnormal T4 values are almost exclusively euthyroid sick or over treated for their hyperthyroidism. Older cats with consistent clinical signs and T4 values in the grey zone may have early hyperthyroidism or a concurrent non-thyroidal illness. Hyperthyroidism may be confirmed in these cats by adding on a freeT4 (fT4) or by performing a T3 suppression test. Following treatment with methimazole, T4 values will generally fall within the lower to middle end of the reference range.

SDMA: SDMA and CREA within reference interval: impairment of GFR is unlikely.  
 Recommended next step: evaluate complete urinalysis.

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Immunoassay results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 19608 Posted Final  
 Test Result Reference Range  
 TT4 = 2.2 ug/dL 0.8 - 4.7  
 Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4 < 0.8 ug/dL  
 Subnormal 0.8 - 4.7 ug/dL Normal 2.3 - 4.7 ug/dL  
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Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 19608 Posted Final  
 Test Result Reference Range  
 BASO \* \* 0.01 K/uL 0.01 - 0.26  
 EOS \* \* 0.05 K/uL L 0.17 - 1.57  
 HCT = 56.6 % H 30.3 - 52.3

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HGB =	18.3 g/dL H	9.8 - 16.2
LYMPHES *	* 2.39 K/uL	0.92 - 6.88
MCH =	18.5 pg H	11.8 - 17.3
MCHC =	32.3 g/dL	28.1 - 35.8
MCV =	57.2 fL H	35.9 - 53.1
MONOS *	* 1.09 K/uL H	0.05 - 0.67
MPV =	14.9 fL	11.4 - 21.6
nRBC *	* Suspected	
RBC =	9.90 M/uL	6.54 - 12.20
WBC *	* 35.89 K/uL H*	2.87 - 17.02
%LYMPHES *	* 6.7 %	
%MONOS *	* 3.0 %	
NEUT *	* 32.35 K/uL H	2.30 - 10.29
%NEUT *	* 90.2 %	
%EOS *	* 0.1 %	
%BASO *	* 0.0 %	
PLT =	366 K/uL	151 - 600
Retics =	20.8 K/uL	3.0 - 50.0
%Retics =	0.2 %	
RDW =	22.8 %	15.0 - 27.0
PCT =	0.55 %	0.17 - 0.86
RETIC-HGB =	23.0 pg H	13.2 - 20.8

\* Confirm with dot plot and/or blood film review.

Increased HCT - Polycythemia.

2/3/2021 CK

██████████ constipated/ not eating much about an oz a day

Reason for Visit: Exam-Sick/Injured

Date Patient Checked Out: Feb 10/2021 Practice 1

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6/20/2018	E	[REDACTED]	Feline Geriatric: 2 Abnormal(s): Musculoskeletal, Overall Health EMAIL <b>Recipients:</b> TO: Tiger Missing Link Foundation (Client) CC: [REDACTED] Other <b>Attachments:</b> Coco-9685_ph.pdf (Patient History) <b>Subject:</b> Patient History from Henderson Animal Care Hospital <b>Message:</b> Noted/etc attached.
8/10/2017	CM	[REDACTED]	HACH Anesthesia Monitoring w/ graphs - CLOSED Aug 16/2017 - Anesthesia Monitoring

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#### Drugs / Fluids / Agents Used

Preanesthetic Drugs			Dose / Rate	Initials	Time Given
Telazol 1.5 mL + dexd 0.5 mL	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		7:06 AM
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Induction					
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> Mask	<input type="checkbox"/> Chamber		
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Maintenance					
Isoflurane	<input type="checkbox"/> Epidural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intubation			

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Epidural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Intubation			
<b>Reversal Drugs</b>							
	<input type="checkbox"/>	IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	IM	<input type="checkbox"/>	SQ	
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<b>Fluids</b>							
LRS	<input type="checkbox"/>	IV		<input type="checkbox"/>	SQ		
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<b>Pain Medications</b>							
Banamine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral	<input type="checkbox"/>	IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	IM	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Other Drugs / Fluids / Agents</b>							
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Fluids

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R = Respirations      X = Pulse      D = Diastolic      S = Systolic  
Surgery Start Stop

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8/9/2017 V		Aug 9, 2017 07:43 AM Staff: [REDACTED]																																				
		Weight : 120.00 pounds																																				
8/2/2017 P		4.00 mL of Tolazine Inj 100mg/ML (7764) Rx #: 57304 Exp. Aug 02/2018 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by [REDACTED] Administer 2 mL via IV SLOW. do not administer more than 1 mL per minute. Give the other 2 mL if needed after 10-15 minutes.																																				
5/30/2017 V		May 30, 2017 11:58 AM Staff: [REDACTED]																																				
		Weight : 110.00 pounds																																				
5/26/2017 L		<p>Urinalysis results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic      Laboratory Requisition ID: 9242      Posted      Final</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Test</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Result</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Reference Range</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>Collection</td><td>Cystocentesis</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Color</td><td>Straw</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Clarity</td><td>Clear</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Sp Gravity</td><td>1.004</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>pH</td><td>7.0</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>PRO</td><td>Negative</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>GLU</td><td>Negative</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>KET</td><td>Negative</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>BLD</td><td>25 Ery/uL</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>BIL</td><td>Negative</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>UBG</td><td>norm</td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>5/26/17 5:16 PM: no RBC or WBC, NSF</p>	Test	Result	Reference Range	Collection	Cystocentesis		Color	Straw		Clarity	Clear		Sp Gravity	1.004		pH	7.0		PRO	Negative		GLU	Negative		KET	Negative		BLD	25 Ery/uL		BIL	Negative		UBG	norm	
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Induction			
D/T/K at 2.5/2.5/2.5 IM	<input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> IM <input type="checkbox"/> SQ	IM	[REDACTED] 2:30 PM
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> IM <input type="checkbox"/> SQ		
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Maintenance			
Isoflurane 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> Epidural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intubation		4:00 PM
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Reversal Drugs			

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<b>Fluids</b>					
NaCl	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IV		<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
Hetastarch as needed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IV		<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
		<input type="checkbox"/> IV		<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
<b>Pain Medications</b>					
Gabapentin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oral	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ
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125		S	
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8			
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2			
Temp	97.5		
Time	4:00 PM		6:00 PM

### FluidsNaCl

### Start Hetastarch

Rate	10 ml/k g/hr								15 mL/ kg/h r						
Total															

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**Age:** 15 Yrs. 0 Mos.  
**Color:** brown

**Breed:** Puma  
**Sex:** Male

**Date** **Type** **Staff** **History**

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R = Respirations      X = Pulse      D = Diastolic      S = Systolic  
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5/26/2017 V [REDACTED] May 26, 2017 11:52 AM Staff: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Weight : 110.00 pounds

5/26/2017 C [REDACTED] General Surgery Report - FINAL Dec 11/2017 - Tuber Olecrani Fracture

### General Surgery Report

Surgeon: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Surgery: 5/25/2017

Diagnosis: Fractured Ulna

Recumbency: left lateral

Procedure: Open fracture reduction

Surgery Report: \_The right forelimb was clipped from midhumerus to mid ulna. The area was aseptically prepared for surgery. An incision was made on the caudal aspect of the elbow, extending proximally to the distal third of the humerus, and distally to approximately one third of the proximal ulna. The subcutaneous tissue was incised. The fascia and retinaculum covering the lateral aspect of the ulna. The proximal tuber olecrani was isolated via an incision lateral to the triceps brachii tendon. Two, 1/8th inch, intramedullary pins were placed in the tuber olecrani. Both extended from the tuber olecrani into the proximal third of the ulna to reduce the fracture. To prevent rotational forces of the fracture, a drill bit was used to drill into the mid radius. A 20 gauge circlage wire was passed through to radius and around the intramedullary pins. The wire was tightened, and secured. The surgery site was lavaged with sterile saline and gentomycin. Intra-operative radiographs were

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taken to insure proper reduction of the fracture. The incision was then closed. The retinaculum and fascia were closed with 0 Monocryl in a simple continuous pattern. The subcutaneous tissue was closed in a simple continuous pattern. The skin was closed in an intradermal pattern using 0 Monocryl. The bladder was expressed and the patient was extubated in the stainless steel cage of Tiger Creek Rescue.

Recovery Method: Uneventful

Recovery: Excellent

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5/25/2017 P

45.00 capsule of Cephalexin 500mg (5972)

Rx #: 54622 Exp. May 25/2018 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by [REDACTED]  
Give 3 capsule(s) by mouth every 12 hours as directed.

5/25/2017 L

Urinalysis results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic

Laboratory Requisition ID: 9242 Posted Final

Test	Result	Reference Range
pH =	7.0	
PRO =	Negative	
GLU =	Negative	
KET =	Negative	
BLD =	25 Ery/uL	
BIL =	Negative	
UBG =	norm	
S.G. =		

5/25/2017 L

Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic

Laboratory Requisition ID: 9241 Posted Final

Test	Result	Reference Range
ALB =	2.6 g/dL	2.3 - 3.9
ALKP <	< 10 U/L L	14 - 111
ALT =	46 U/L	12 - 130
AMYL =	581 U/L	500 - 1500
BUN/UREA =	38 mg/dL H	16 - 36
Ca =	8.2 mg/dL	7.8 - 11.3
Chloride =	121 mmol/L	112 - 129
CHOL =	152 mg/dL	65 - 225
CREA =	2.4 mg/dL	0.8 - 2.4
GGT =	0 U/L	0 - 4
GLU =	107 mg/dL	71 - 159
LIPA =	131 U/L	100 - 1400
PHOS =	4.3 mg/dL	3.1 - 7.5
Potassium =	3.4 mmol/L L	3.5 - 5.8

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TBIL =	0.3 mg/dL	0.0 - 0.9
TP =	7.2 g/dL	5.7 - 8.9
Sodium =	162 mmol/L	150 - 165
GLOB =	4.6 g/dL	2.8 - 5.1
OSM Calc =	327 mmol/kg	
ALB/GLOB =	0.6	
BUN/CREA =	16	
Na/K =	48	

5/25/2017 L

Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
Laboratory Requisition ID: 9241      Posted      Final

Test	Result	Reference Range
BASO =	0.00 K/uL L	0.01 - 0.26
EOS =	0.00 K/uL L	0.17 - 1.57
HCT =	37.7 %	30.3 - 52.3
HGB =	14.1 g/dL	9.8 - 16.2
LYMPHS =	1.20 K/uL	0.92 - 6.88
MCH =	15.9 pg	11.8 - 17.3
MCHC =	37.4 g/dL H	28.1 - 35.8
MCV =	42.5 fL	35.9 - 53.1
MONOS =	0.31 K/uL	0.05 - 0.67
MPV =	16.4 fL	11.4 - 21.6
RBC =	8.87 M/uL	6.54 - 12.20
WBC =	8.69 K/uL	2.87 - 17.02
%LYMPHS =	13.8 %	
%MONOS =	3.6 %	
NEUT =	7.18 K/uL	1.48 - 10.29
%NEUT =	82.6 %	
%EOS =	0.0 %	
%BASO =	0.0 %	
PLT =	231 K/uL	151 - 600
Retics =	2.7 K/uL L	3.0 - 50.0
%Retics =	0.0 %	
RDW =	24.6 %	15.0 - 27.0
PCT =	0.38 %	0.00 - 0.79

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Juda &lt;

## Animal Care

S



Fri, 5:18 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

A couple things from today:

1. Jack-Jack has the same irritation spots on his neck as Blackhawk and Cinder. Should we give him the depomedrol shot as well?
2. Juda is completely incontinent, he is constantly peeing down the back of himself. Obviously that's an issue in and of itself but I don't see anything else wrong with him (no breathing issues, no bloating or swelling, he walks with his back legs straight but he's done that since I've known him)
3. Bagheera looks like he has a little pooch under his belly (she photo after message) I'm not sure if it's normal/just fat build up but it looked odd while he was laying.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Send Message...



12:14

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Mon, Jun 22, 4:16 PM

Yes to jack jack

What is Juda and how old?

Bagheera looks like fat

Juda is a lion and he be old 18+  
would have to look up exact  
number

Ok. Sounds like spine  
issues...arthritic spine pressing  
on nerves that innervate the  
bladder...try meloxicam. One  
7.5 once daily to see if that will  
relieve enough inflammation to  
help.

Tue, Jun 23, 2:54 PM

We did not have enough blood  
from Bo. I will need more at  
some point. Also, reminder to  
thaw Gunther for necropsy.  
Other than site visit and that, is  
there anything else?



iMessage



2:38

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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Group MMS



7/1/20 4:17 PM

Juda, male lion 20 years old, is urinating dark red/brown. He's the one who is incontinent, and that has not resolved either.



Type a message...



2:38

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Group MMS



7/1/20 5:56 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Anyway you can pull some in a syringe  
in the AM ? He's got an infection, but  
need to check urine for crystals and  
cancer cells

I'll let animal care know to do so



Type a message...



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Group MMS



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need to check urine for crystals and  
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7/1/20 6:12 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

What antibiotics do you have on hand?

Cephalexin for sure. Amoxicillin I  
believe, but I'll have to have someone  
check tomorrow.

7/2/20 9:49 AM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is correct cephalexin and mox  
500 on both

7/2/20 10:07 AM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Amoxicillin 2 capsules twice daily, but  
get urine before starting antibiotics



Type a message...



12:41

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Kumari <

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Jun 18, 2019, 1:05 PM



Let's play a game...what could  
be the cause of that belly?



I'll bring my ultrasound Friday



It's not an impaction...promise u  
that



iMessage



12:40



Jun 21, 2019, 9:09 PM

Progesterone is unreliable for pregnancy in big cats...but cystic endometriosis is very common 😕. Going to run one more lab in the AM to double double check for no infection, but if no infection, we will start antibiotics to calm down the endometriosis. The zoo doc said that I would have "known" for sure if she was pregnant if I ultrasound pregnancies often (and I do...daily)...so, we will make sure again no infection, then start antibiotics to prevent one...I will CALL you guys in AM after I run this last test...

Was that not also a spine?

Lol yes I know, but, it does not look like spines I have ultra-sounded in other species ...if the test tomorrow is good, we could check a fecal sample for progesterone...never heard of this but apparently fecal hormones are more reliable



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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

We are checking. Should know  
by end of day...can we do  
surgery Tuesday AM?

Yes, what time

If y'all could be here around 8.  
Meds are \$198...will last his life  
most likely.

Is that a cancer joke?

You want this fecal on Kumari

Sort of lol...yes to kumari. I've  
got to get a price for the fecal  
progesterone

How fresh does it need to be?  
The "kids" have one stored in  
the fridge 😊

Let me check

Fresh sample placed  
immediately into freezer and  
kept frozen.

Jul 2, 2019, 6:27 AM



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12:45

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b BLINK

now

Motion Alert from NE Corner camera.

LOL >

point it might be torture 😊

Jul 23, 2019, 8:47 PM

Must be having one of them  
"I'm never taking vacation  
again" days

Yes I am. I just walked into my  
front door...

If we can't hydro him, and he's  
re-opened the incision twice,  
chances of healing with  
stainless and a mesh are about  
50%. The histopath came back  
today and we got good margins  
on the tumor...but have to heal  
the incision

Ok, what about Kumaris labs  
they in yet? Last question for  
tonight.

Jul 24, 2019, 7:13 AM

I have emailed the head lab dr  
there to see what is going on  
and I haven't heard back. I will  
try to actually call him today.



iMessage



12:40



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Jun 24, 2019, 12:23 PM

Yes. I will have to check on  
chemo price.

How is Kumasi?

Kunari

She is acting normal, happy.  
She's been eating about half of  
her diet in the morning and  
then finishing in the afternoon.

Should we have you cut out  
what you can and do the  
chemo?

Yes. Chemo won't touch it  
unless the cells are  
microscopic.

Ok. I'll get antibiotics for  
kumari.

I'll head that way shortly

K

Jun 24, 2019, 5:42 PM



iMessage



## Patient History Report

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<b>Phone:</b> (903) 858-1008	<b>Species:</b> Feline
<b>Address:</b> 17552 FM 14	<b>Age:</b> 0 Yrs. 0 Mos.
Tyler, TX 75706	<b>Color:</b>
	<b>Breed:</b> Tiger
	<b>Sex:</b> Spayed Female

Date	Type	Staff	History
9/24/2019 C	[REDACTED]	HACH Spay Discharge Instructions - CLOSED Sep 26/2019 - Discharge Instructions and Anesthetic Report	

9/24/2019 C [REDACTED] HACH Spay Discharge Instructions - CLOSED Sep 26/2019 - Discharge Instructions and Anesthetic Report

HENDERSON

ANIMAL CARE  
HOSPITAL

### Spay Discharge Instructions

Admission Date: 7/2/2019

Date of Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: Post Op Spay

Re-check/Suture removal Appointment Date: None  
Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Surgeon: **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
Nurse: [REDACTED]

Comments: Your pet has just undergone a procedure to prevent her from having offspring. This surgical procedure involves entering the abdominal cavity and moving the viscera in order to find and isolate the reproductive tract. Your pet may vomit once and may have diarrhea for no more than 24 hours after they return home. If these symptoms persist for longer than 24 hours, please call our office.

Medications:

Aftercare Instructions:

- Please keep Kumari confined to a kennel for the next 10 days. She can go outside for leash walks only to the bathroom.
- Please do not allow Kumari to run up stairs or to jump on and off the couch.
- No roughhousing or playing of any sort.
- **The sutures will dissolve on their own.**
- Feed and water at your normal schedule/rate.

If you see any swelling or draining from the incision site, please call our office.  
Please call with any questions or concerns.

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Thank you for bringing Kumari to Henderson Animal Care Hospital.

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HACH Feline Spay - Surgery Report - CLOSED Sep 30/2019

### Feline Spay Surgery Report

**Kumari (36883)** Feline Tiger Female 0  
**Tiger Missing Link Foundation (3981)** (903) 858-1008

9/24/2019 15:24 Technician:

Presurgical Risk Assessment:

Minimal Risk  Slight Risk  Moderate Risk  High Risk  Grave Risk

Duration: 15 minutes

Comments: An approximate 3 inch ventral midline incision was made using a # 15 blade. The abdomen was entered and the left ovary was isolated. A hemostat was placed below the ovary and the ovarian artery was ligated using 3-0 Monocryl. The ovary was removed and the artery was placed into the abdomen. The right ovary was then isolated and removed in a similar manner. The uterus was then clamped just caudal to the cervix. The uterus was ligated with 3-0 Monocryl using an encircling pattern. The clamp was then moved distally and another ligature was placed. The uterus was then removed and the ligated portion was placed back into the abdomen. The abdominal wall was closed using 2-0 Monocryl in a simple interrupted pattern. The subcutaneous tissue was closed in a simple continuous pattern. The skin was closed using 4-0 Monocryl in a subcuticular pattern. The surgical site was cleaned and iced for five minutes after surgery.

Additional Comments: The uterus was filled with clear fluid. The uterus was enlarged and distended and weighed about 40 pounds.

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9/24/2019	P	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	40.00 capsule of Amoxicillin 500mg (6152) Rx #: 97412 Exp. Sep 24/2020 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by [REDACTED] Give 2 capsules by mouth twice daily. fecal/dropped off
7/2/2019	CK	[REDACTED]	Reason for Visit: Lab Testing Date Patient Checked Out: Sep 24/2019 Practice 1
6/25/2019	C	[REDACTED]	ANESTHESIA RECORD - FINAL Jun 25/2019
6/24/2019	P	[REDACTED]	50.00 capsule of Amoxicillin 500mg (6152) Rx #: 92149 Exp. Jun 24/2020 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by [REDACTED] Give 2 capsule every 12 hours until finished.
6/24/2019	E	[REDACTED]	Small Animal: 2 Abnormal(s): Abdomen and Abdominal Organs, Urogenital
6/22/2019	L	[REDACTED]	Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 15130 Posted Final Test Result Reference Range CRP < 0.1 mg/dL L
6/21/2019	C	[REDACTED]	Misc Medical Notes - CLOSED Jun 28/2019 - Misc. Medical Notes Fluid filled uterus. soft tissue opacities noted in the ventral portion of round "sacs". Possible lobulated mass as well. r/o infection or pregnancy
6/21/2019	L	[REDACTED]	Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 15122 Posted Final Test Result Reference Range ALB = 3.0 g/dL 2.3 - 3.9 ALKP < 10 U/L L 14 - 111 ALT = 59 U/L 12 - 130 BUN/UREA = 31 mg/dL 16 - 36 Chloride = 122 mmol/L 112 - 129 CREA = 3.7 mg/dL H 0.8 - 2.4

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GLU = 118 mg/dL 71 - 159  
 Potassium = 3.4 mmol/L L 3.5 - 5.8  
 TP = 8.1 g/dL 5.7 - 8.9  
 Sodium = 159 mmol/L 150 - 165  
 GLOB = 5.1 g/dL 2.8 - 5.1  
 OSM Calc = 320 mmol/kg  
 ALB/GLOB = 0.6  
 BUN/CREA = 8  
 Na/K = 47  
 PROG = 1.1 ng/mL

6/21/2019 L

Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 15122 Posted Final  
 Test Result Reference Range  
 BASO = 0.20 K/uL 0.01 - 0.26  
 EOS = 0.00 K/uL L 0.17 - 1.57  
 HCT = 34.0 % 30.3 - 52.3  
 HGB = 12.0 g/dL 9.8 - 16.2  
 LYMPHS = 1.81 K/uL 0.92 - 6.88  
 MCH = 20.2 pg H 11.8 - 17.3  
 MCHC = 35.3 g/dL 28.1 - 35.8  
 MCV = 57.1 fL H 35.9 - 53.1  
 MONOS = 0.46 K/uL 0.05 - 0.67  
 MPV = 16.9 fL 11.4 - 21.6  
 RBC = 5.95 M/uL L 6.54 - 12.20  
 WBC = 8.99 K/uL 2.87 - 17.02  
 %LYMPHS = 20.1 %  
 %MONOS = 5.1 %  
 NEUT = 6.52 K/uL 2.30 - 10.29  
 %NEUT = 72.6 %  
 %EOS = 0.0 %  
 %BASO = 2.2 %  
 PLT = 210 K/uL 151 - 600  
 Retics = 10.1 K/uL 3.0 - 50.0  
 %Retics = 0.2 %  
 RDW = 19.4 % 15.0 - 27.0  
 PCT = 0.35 % 0.00 - 0.79  
 RETIC-HGB = 21.5 pg H 13.2 - 20.8  
 Consider hemolysis (including sample collection/handling),  
 lipemia, Heinz bodies, and agglutination

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Group MMS



5/27/20 1:06 PM

Kenya

Also, Kenya (female lion, 21 years old) has inflamed, swollen, red gums and might have an exposed root on her upper left canine tooth. The pic doesn't really show how red her gums are.



Type a message...



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Group MMS



We do have cephalexin 500mg, if that would be helpful.

5/27/20 3:15 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Do you have amoxicillin or clindamycin?  
That would be better for her mouth.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Can you get an injection in Gunther?



Type a message...



**From:** Digesualdo, Cynthia L - APHIS  
**To:** [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: [External Email]Amended inspection reports  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 10:04:00 AM  
**Attachments:** usda2.pdf

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @tigerlink.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 12:14 PM  
**To:** Digesualdo, Cynthia L - APHIS <cynthia.l.digesualdo@usda.gov>  
**Subject:** [External Email]Amended inspection reports

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Good Morning Cindy,

Please see the attached documentation covering the issues noted during our routine inspection last month. The attached documents contain text message communications between Tiger Creek Staff and our primary veterinarian, medical history including phone conversations and in-person visits as kept by our primary veterinarian, and records of acquisition. I noticed on the amended report that Sitaara was not removed after our discussion that we renamed her after Grand Prairie Animal Control dropped her off as "Nova", but that documentation is also included here.

Please let me know if there are further documents needed.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary  
National Foundation for Rescued Animals

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Group MMS



6/9/20 12:05 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Thought on this breathing pattern

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

?

6/9/20 2:58 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Is the Abdomen bloated? It appears that way. Could be pain, could be asthma/allergic bronchitis

Yes, she's bloat



Type a message



2:37



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

LTE



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The bloated abdomen is pushing on the diaphragm/chest and making it difficult to breathe

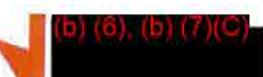


I felt that way too



And wondered if it was a tumor or fluid

6/9/20 3:17 PM



Sounds / looks like one or the other



Is there anything we can do to help her until your visit next Wednesday?

6/11/20 9:16 AM



Can we do afternoon if the 17th instead?



Type a message...



2:37

⌚ ⚡ LTE 0

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Group MMS



6/11/20 9:16 AM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Can we do afternoon if the 17th instead?

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What time

6/11/20 9:45 AM

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U2:30 or 3

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Ok

6/11/20 1:06 PM

We're looking at getting a donation of chicken liver... How much of that would be healthy to feed and still maintain dietary requirements? Mix with our normal feed?



6/11/20 1:27 PM



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6/11/20 1:27 PM

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Yes. Mix with normal feed. I'll have to do calculations as to how much

6/15/20 8:22 AM

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If you can get me a list of things together that we may need to do/look at, I can make sure I have everything I need for Wednesday

6/16/20 8:43 AM

Inspection on all animals including Mammoth Jacks, blood tests and TB test for Bo, sedation and reversal meds for Luna, and potential euthanasia for one or two big cats (lion and tiger) pending your examination and recommendation.

6/16/20 9:12 AM

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## Patient History Report

<b>Client:</b> Link Foundation, Tiger Missing (3981)	<b>Patient:</b> Kenya (40447)
<b>Phone:</b> (903) 858-1008	<b>Species:</b> Feline
<b>Address:</b> 17552 FM 14 Tyler, TX 75706	<b>Age:</b> 20 Yrs. 0 Mos.
	<b>Breed:</b> Lion
	<b>Color:</b> Female

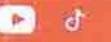
Date	Type	Staff	History
6/22/2020	C	[REDACTED]	Misc Medical Notes - CLOSED Jun 29/2020 - Misc. Medical Notes

Kenya was examined for quality of life. On examination, Kenya was laying on her left side. She had mild dyspnea and was urinating as she layed. Her abdomen was distended and obviously pressing on the chest cavity. She had bilateral nuclear sclerosis and did not want to stand for longer than one or two minutes. Euthanasia was elected due to the probability of an abdominal mass with possible mets to the chest.

6/22/2020 V [REDACTED] Jun 22, 2020 09:38 AM Staff: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Weight : 300.00 pounds

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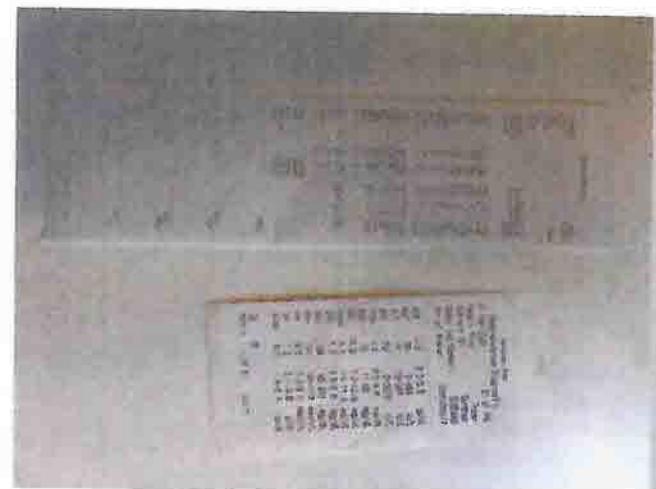


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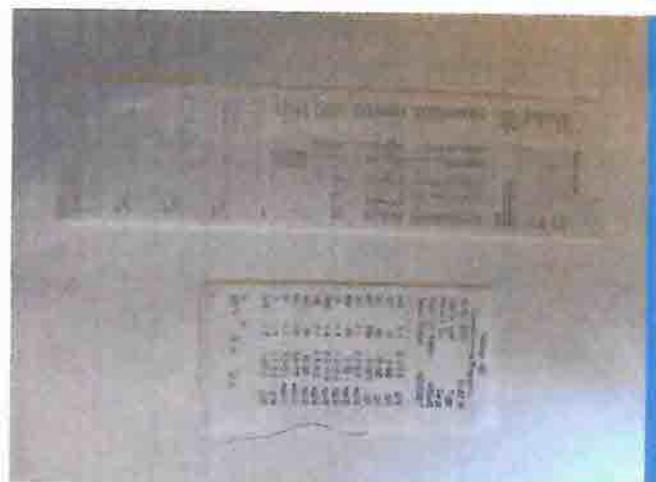


3/31/20 3:14 PM

Sarge

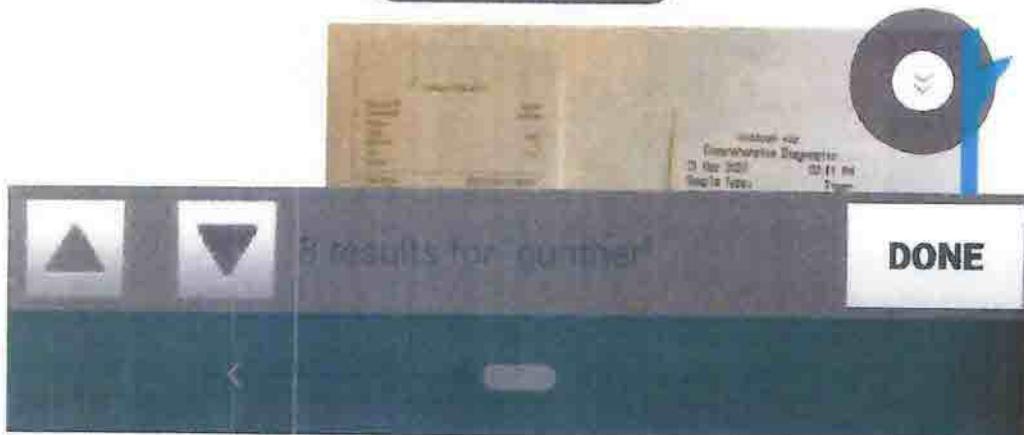


Gunther bloodwork



Sarge Bloodwork

3/31/20 3:23 PM



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Who do you have? We just left.

Lantz

Tue, Aug 18, 1:39 PM

Sarge is leaving a lot of food

Can we try ondansetron

Yes

Can you call some in

And dose?

Tue, Aug 18, 2:55 PM

Girls called it in. Dose I. Bottle.  
Also called in mirtazapine as an  
appetite stimulant

Thank you

Is sarge a lion?

Tiger

Wed, Aug 19, 4:20 PM



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Mon, Sep 7, 11:07 AM

The battery on the plane is dead 😞 won't be able to get back until late tonight

Also, Sarge is peeing on himself what should we do?

Oh no!! No is good. We are having fun.

Decrease the amount of lasix given (half the dose).

The tiger

Not the dog lol

HA HA

Oh shit. You got so many



Renaming Tc the infirmary

Is the tiger ataxic in the hind end? Is he the one that was not eating ?



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12:08



Oh shit. You got so many

Renaming To the infirmary

Is the tiger ataxic in the hind end? Is he the one that was not eating ?

Yes

Is he on any meds right now?  
Did he start eating?

Yes

What meds is he on?

Mon, Sep 7, 12:28 PM

He on ondansetron 2x a day  
Meloxicam and mira-something  
1x a day  
Sorry don't remember the full  
name of the 3rd one

Ok. Take him off the third one.  
It's an appetite stimulant. It  
could cause relaxation of the



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1x a day  
Sorry don't remember the full  
name of the 3rd one

Ok. Take him off the third one.  
It's an appetite stimulant. It  
could cause relaxation of the  
urethral sphincter. If that does  
not help in about 48 hours, we  
may have a kidney issue or  
spinal compression like Judah (I  
believe that's the one).

Tue, Sep 8, 6:54 AM

You want me to bring bo to  
clinic or leave at house ?  
Doesn't matter to me

Sorry just seeing this. What did  
you decide?

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Mobile



9/15/20 2:02 PM

Hey, we ran out of meds for Sarge and Brookshires said our vet hasn't responded to the refill request... Could you please look into that when you get a chance?

9/15/20 3:59 PM

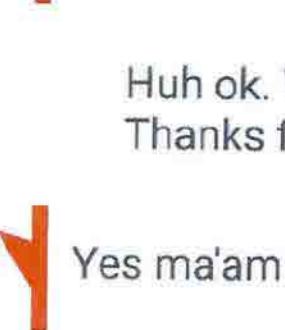


9/15/20 8:17 PM



Staff said they approved script (before you sent text ) but who knows.

May check with pharmacy again.



Huh ok. We'll call again tomorrow.  
Thanks for checking!



Yes ma'am



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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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10/28/20 4:35 PM

Hey [REDACTED] we need to schedule a time for you to come out next week... It's time for us to say goodbye to Sarge. He's a 19 year old tiger, and he's pretty much gone off food for about a week now, but he's the one we've given ondansetron to in the last few months, as well as 1 Meloxicam (7.5 mg) in AM and 1 Gabapentin (300 mg) in PM . He'll eat meals here and there but not the whole thing. We'd like to schedule for next week, just to give him one more chance to see if he'll turn this around.

At the same time, we'd like you to check out Nishchala. She's the 12 year old tiger who got in a fight with her yard mate and was cut up. She was on antibiotics and hydro while she healed, which we're finished with now, and she's been on 7.5mg meloxicam since the 8th for limping, which really isn't getting better. We're somewhat concerned it's her back, instead of her leg now. At least a visual exam with her, and of course we'll go with your recommendation from there.



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Then yes

11/3/20 6:50 PM

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Sarge had acute kidney failure. Surprised he survived the first anesthesia injection as his potassium was so high it could have stopped his heart.

Oh wow. I guess that explains why he didn't take much fatal plus to pass.

11/4/20 10:22 AM

Skanda is still having nose bleeds, but they are less severe and are not as frequent. He is currently getting 4 20mg prednisone tabs every other day and 5 500mg metronidazole twice a day. He's almost out of pred and we will need a refill if we continue it. He is 14 years old, roughly 350lbs.

11/4/20 11:48 AM

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## Patient History Report

<b>Client:</b> Link Foundation, Tiger Missing (3981) <b>Phone:</b> (903) 858-1008 <b>Address:</b> 17552 FM 14 Tyler, TX 75706	<b>Patient:</b> Sarge (42084) <b>Species:</b> Feline <b>Age:</b> 12 Yrs. 0 Mos. <b>Color:</b>	<b>Breed:</b> Tiger <b>Sex:</b> Female
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11/3/2020 C [REDACTED] Misc Medical Notes - CLOSED Nov 10/2020 - Misc. Medical Notes  
 Patient has been inappetant for a few weeks. Did okay on mirtazipine at first, then appetite started to decline again. Patient only eating 7 pounds of food per day. During initial exam, patient was drinking a ton of water and urinating frequently. Labs revealed severe acute renal failure. Organization elected euthanasia.

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11/3/2020 L [REDACTED]

**Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 18996**

Test	Result	Posted	Final Reference Range
ALB =	3.7 g/dL		2.3 - 3.9
ALKP <	< 10 U/L L		14 - 111
ALT =	139 U/L H		12 - 130
BUN/UREA =	34 mg/dL		16 - 36
Chloride =	111 mmol/L L		112 - 129
CREA -	--- mg/dL		0.8 - 2.4
GLU =	24 mg/dL L		71 - 159
Potassium >	> 10.0 mmol/L H*		3.5 - 5.8
TP =	6.6 g/dL		5.7 - 8.9
Sodium =	135 mmol/L L		150 - 165
GLOB =	2.9 g/dL		2.8 - 5.1
ALB/GLOB =	1.3		
SDMA =	7 ug/dL		0 - 14

SDMA: IF BOTH SDMA AND CREATININE ARE WELL WITHIN THE REFERENCE INTERVAL, then kidney function is likely good. Evaluate a complete urinalysis and confirm there is no other evidence of kidney disease. IF SDMA IS INCREASED BUT CREATININE IS WITHIN THE REFERENCE INTERVAL. Catalyst SDMA Test is a more reliable indicator of kidney function than creatinine because SDMA detects declining kidney function earlier and is not impacted by muscle mass. Creatinine can miss early function loss and be falsely decreased in patients with poor muscle mass. SDMA increases in acute and active injury as well as chronic kidney disease. A complete urinalysis should be performed to evaluate for inappropriate specific gravity, proteinuria and other evidence of kidney disease. For information on recommended actions visit: [idexx.com/SDMAalgorithm](http://idexx.com/SDMAalgorithm) (U.S.), [idexx.ca/AlgorithmSDMA](http://idexx.ca/AlgorithmSDMA) (Canada) or [idexx.eu/SDMAalgorithm](http://idexx.eu/SDMAalgorithm) (EU). IF SDMA IS WITHIN THE REFERENCE INTERVAL AND CREATININE IS INCREASED. This combination of results is uncommon. SDMA and creatinine can both be affected by biologic and assay variability resulting in fluctuations around the upper end of the reference

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(3981)  
**Phone:** (903) 858-1008  
**Address:** 17552 FM 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

**Patient:** Sarge (42084)  
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**Age:** 12 Yrs. 0 Mos.  
**Color:**

**Breed:** Tiger  
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interval; this can be seen with well-managed stable CKD and results will likely align as disease progresses. Creatinine can exceed the reference interval in muscular dogs with normal kidney function. Creatinine can be artifactually increased postprandially. If kidney disease is still suspected, a complete urinalysis should be performed on all patients to evaluate for inappropriate specific gravity, proteinuria or other evidence of kidney disease. IF BOTH SDMA AND CREATININE ARE INCREASED, then kidney disease is probable and action should be taken. A complete urinalysis should be performed to evaluate for inappropriate urine specific gravity, proteinuria or other evidence of kidney disease. For information on recommended actions visit: [idexx.com/SDMAalgorithm](http://idexx.com/SDMAalgorithm) (U.S.), [idexx.ca/AlgorithmSDMA](http://idexx.ca/AlgorithmSDMA) (Canada) or [idexx.eu/SDMAalgorithm](http://idexx.eu/SDMAalgorithm) (EU).

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Tara

## Animal Care



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[REDACTED] said that Gunther had the meloxicam this morning and he looked like he was doing much better this afternoon.

10:54 AM

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[REDACTED] How is everyone this morning?

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[REDACTED] said that tara had another poop that looks exactly how the other ones recently have looked.

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[REDACTED] also says we need more of the ondansetron, we only have six left



A virtual keyboard is displayed at the bottom of the screen. It features a standard QWERTY layout with letters A-Z and numbers 123. There are additional keys for punctuation, a smiley face, a space bar, a return key, a globe icon for language selection, and a microphone icon for voice input.

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we're all leaving now

Feb 18, 2020, 2:04 PM



what dose should I give them?

8 mg each. Twice daily if needed

ok this is for the cats with the vomiting issues correct

okay, i'm gonna bump tara up to 2x a day and see if that helps



Has she been eating?

Sorry you probably said that but lots on my mind



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okay, i'm gonna bump tara up  
to 2x a day and see if that helps



Has she been eating?

Sorry you probably said that  
but lots on my mind

she has but she's just vomiting  
it up.

no worries, same 😊

Saturday 10:59 AM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

I have a cat vomiting a lot. she  
been eating grass. I dont know  
what's going on. she poops and  
pees fine. her behavior is  
normal. everything is norm  
except she has been vomiting  
frequently. How do we  
proceed? If I get blood I would  
need to sedate her. Our CBC  
machine is fixed.

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The rain brings out eggs from  
the soil. Use the second dose  
of dewormer that you have for  
Sakima and I'll get you more.  
Do you have ondansetron? Or  
famtididine? I would do one of  
those as well - opposite time of  
day from dewormer



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Feb 20, 2020, 4:25 PM



Ugh from the Tiger that's been  
vomiting

Wtf is this?

Scope?

Geez that's a lot. Yeah, scope  
would be good. Know anyone  
with a scope?



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Only

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That's the easiest if there is something blocked up high...I would need to do rads and if suspicious enough, exploratory like we did Sunday. Is this one of the ones with worms?

Has been vomiting worms?

Well found out today she's been vomiting bile

Undigested meat

How long vomiting bile?

He told me one was vomiting worms a few days ago or last week...

5 days

He's an idiot



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at LTE



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Got to cocky and assumed he knew shit from the other diagnosis

Labs would be good too but have to sedate for that so might as well either xray or scope at same time

comma DVM

I have the rso registration update...

We can do on site?

comma terminated

Yeah but if surgery needed, that's another anesthesia...so up to u

True

Ok when

Well, the problem is I'm leaving town in the morning and won't be back until Sunday eve. Has



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[REDACTED] comma terminated

Yeah but if surgery needed,  
that's another anesthesia...so  
up to u

True

Ok when

Well, the problem is I'm leaving  
town in the morning and won't  
be back until Sunday eve. Has  
he lost weight? Keeping  
anything down?

Oh no 😔

Well I believe that came out of  
the business end but idk, no  
bile vomit today just that

Is there anything I can do to try  
and get her through?

Is she eating? You guys have  
some ondansetron for vomiting  
and metronidazole for diarrhea  
if u can get her to eat it



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Is she eating? You guys have some ondansetron for vomiting and metronidazole for diarrhea if u can get her to eat it

I have her on the ondansetron 2x per day

Has helped with the vomiting

But now this

I marked myself off for Monday afternoon if needed.

Mineral oil?

Just thinking it could be useful if there is blockage

You could, but if she's passing diarrhea, she's likely not blocked and bowel is over active...I bet she has some sort of dietary issue and isn't blocked, BUT it won't hurt.

Feb 21, 2020, 10:13 AM

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LTE



Feb 23, 2020, 7:22 PM

When can I pickup drugs

Feb 23, 2020, 9:18 PM

I will get to clinic around 8.  
They will be ready soon after.  
Do u want ondansetron as well  
or would you like me to call that  
in? If tera is eating and not  
vomiting, I will add some  
probiotics to her meds and see  
if that helps...no need to do  
more than labs if she continues  
to eat and not vomit...can do  
labs on site.

Feb 23, 2020, 10:35 PM

I can pick everything up

See you around 8



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The lab confirmed small cell lymphoma in Tara.

3/3/20 12:15 PM

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Liked "The lab confirmed small cell lymphoma in Tara."



3/4/20 9:30 AM

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All decals on tigers were negative

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Liked "All decals on tigers were negative"

3/10/20 10:19 AM

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7:48 AM



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## Patient History Report

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<b>Phone:</b> (903) 858-1008	<b>Species:</b> Feline
<b>Address:</b> 17552 FM 14 Tyler, TX 75706	<b>Age:</b> 19 Yrs. 0 Mos. <b>Breed:</b> Tiger <b>Color:</b> Female

Date	Type	Staff	History
3/4/2020	CM	[REDACTED]	<p style="margin: 0;"><b>EMAIL</b></p> <p><b>Recipients:</b> TO: Tiger Missing Link Foundation (Client), Animal Care (Other)</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b> Tara-39004_ph.pdf (Patient History)</p> <p><b>Subject:</b> Patient History from Henderson Animal Care Hospital</p> <p><b>Message:</b> No message entered.</p>
3/4/2020	C	[REDACTED]	<p style="margin: 0;">Pathologist Correspondence - FINAL Mar 04/2020</p> <p>[REDACTED] spoke with histopathologist about Tara and biopsy results and provided with the clinical history and clinical signs, lymphoma is most likely in her case. Opted not to send for special staining.</p>
2/27/2020	L	[REDACTED]	<p>Miscellaneous results from IDEXX Reference Laboratory Requisition ID: 131861794      Posted      Final</p> <p>Ascn: 4605749276</p> <p>RE: BXSI BIOPSY SOURCE</p> <p>BIOPSY SOURCE</p> <p>LYMPH NODE</p> <p>RE: BXTyp1 BIOPSY TYPE</p> <p>BIOPSY TYPE</p> <p>EXCISIONAL</p> <p>RE: BXHX1 CLINICAL HISTORY</p> <p>CLINICAL HISTORY</p> <p>Professional Interest</p> <p>RE: 65001 PATHOLOGIST REPORT</p> <p>PATHOLOGIST REPORT</p> <p><b>MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:</b></p> <p>2 lymph nodes are submitted and evaluated. Throughout the cortex there are follicles with germinal centers. Increased numbers of small lymphocytes expand the the paracortex. Less than one mitotic figure is observed in 10 high power fields (total viewing area 2.37mm2).</p> <p><b>MICROSCOPIC INTERPRETATION:</b></p> <p>Lymph nodes (2): Atypical lymphoid proliferation</p> <p><b>COMMENTS:</b></p> <p>There is an atypical small lymphocyte proliferation within the paracortex.</p> <p>Immunohistochemical staining for clonality is recommended to differentiate between lymphoid hyperplasia and emerging lymphoma. There is no clinical information provided with which to correlate these findings</p>

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Phone: (903) 858-1008	Species: Feline
Address: 17552 FM 14	Age: 19 Yrs. 0 Mos.
Tyler, TX 75706	Color:
	Breed: Tiger
	Sex: Female

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therefore careful correlation with clinical findings is recommended. If you wish to pursue immunohistochemical staining for clonality for an additional fee, please contact our customer support. This test can be performed on the formalin-fixed paraffin embedded tissues we already have; no further tissue submission is necessary.

**For Lab Services:**

Option 1, immunohistochemistry: US test code 6972, Canada test code IHC2, CD3, CD20, block A, feline.

Option 2, clonality: Clonality: Test Code 2862; Block A, Feline.

**PATHOLOGIST:**

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The patient clinical history provided on the submitted requisition was reported. Veterinarians, please contact the pathologist with any questions. Pet owners need to contact their veterinarian for case advice.

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2/24/2020 C [REDACTED] HACH Preventive - Basic - FINAL Feb 27/2020 - Annual Exam Notes  
Examination: [REDACTED]  
Technician: [REDACTED]

Subjective:	Vomiting, Acute		
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Temp:	101.0	Pulse:		Respiration:	
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Objective:	Normal	Abnormal	Did Not Examine	Comments
Abdomen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	very bloated and doughy.
Cardiovascular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Tyler, TX 75706

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**Species:** Feline  
**Age:** 19 Yrs. 0 Mos.  
**Color:**

**Breed:** Tiger  
**Sex:** Female

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Ears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eyes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gastrointestinal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> patient has diarrhea - very liquidy; stains her legs and anus
Mouth / Teeth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> severe dental tartar; calculus noted
Membranes/Nodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Musculoskeletal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> muscle mass appears to have diminished over the past week;
Nervous System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respiratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> patient appears normal
Skin / Hair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urogenital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> could not ultrasound bladder on exam
Fecal Results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> negative
Heartworm Test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Assessment:</b>	r/o IBD and lymphoma
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<b>Plan:</b>	trial of steroids; patient stopped breathing after being loaded onto the truck. Patient was non - responsive with no heart beat. Necropsy revealed enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes, small intestinal inflammation and atonic; very stiff and pale with no pliability. stomach was full of feed stuffs; lung lobe had several nodules noted and the right kidney was lacking a medulla and contained a cyst. On cytology, the lymph nodes contained 85% large lymphoblasts with malignant characteristics. DX: intestinal lymphoma
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## Patient History Report

**Client:** Link Foundation, Tiger Missing (3981)      **Patient:** Tara (39004)  
**Phone:** (903) 858-1008      **Species:** Feline  
**Address:** 17552 FM 14      **Age:** 19 Yrs. 0 Mos.      **Breed:** Tiger  
Tyler, TX 75706      **Color:**      **Sex:** Female

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2/24/2020 PB [REDACTED] Vomiting, Acute (Minor, Active)

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2/24/2020 C [REDACTED] Ultrasound Notes - FINAL Feb 27/2020  
large stomach with food inside; pancreas is hyperechoic; right kidney lacks medulla and appears to have a cyst.

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2/24/2020 C [REDACTED] HACH Radiograph Findings - CLOSED Mar 02/2020 - Radiograph Findings  
stomach is full of food; small amount of gas in colon; otherwise unremarkable

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2/24/2020 C [REDACTED] HACH Fecal Results - FINAL Feb 25/2020 - Fecal Results  
Fecal Results for: Tara

- No parasites seen today.  
 Hookworms:  
 Roundworms:  
 Whipworms:  
 Coccidia:  
 Tapeworms:  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials of person reading the fecal: [REDACTED]

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2/24/2020 P [REDACTED] 60.00 tablet of Prednisone 20 Mg (5598)  
Rx #: 104868 Exp. Feb 24/2021 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by: [REDACTED]  
Give 2 tablets by mouth twice daily for 7 days, then decrease to 1 tablet twice daily.  
30.00 each of Ondansetron 8 mg (2842)  
Rx #: 104867 Exp. Feb 24/2021 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by: [REDACTED]  
Give 1 tablet by mouth twice daily for vomiting.  
60.00 tablet of Metronidazole 500 Mg (6391)  
Rx #: 104866 Exp. Feb 24/2021 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by: [REDACTED]  
Give 2 tablets by mouth twice daily.

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 Tyler, TX 75706

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2/24/2020 L [REDACTED]

Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 16895      Posted      Final

Test	Result	Reference Range
ALB =	3.4 g/dL	2.3 - 3.9
ALKP =	14 U/L	14 - 111
ALT =	65 U/L	12 - 130
AMYL =	2385 U/L H	500 - 1500
BUN/UREA =	39 mg/dL H	16 - 36
Ca =	8.9 mg/dL	7.8 - 11.3
Chloride =	119 mmol/L	112 - 129
CHOL =	177 mg/dL	65 - 225
CREA =	2.7 mg/dL H	0.8 - 2.4
GGT =	0 U/L	0 - 4
GLU =	118 mg/dL	71 - 159
LIPA =	117 U/L	100 - 1400
PHOS =	6.8 mg/dL	3.1 - 7.5
Potassium =	3.4 mmol/L L	3.5 - 5.8
TBIL =	0.3 mg/dL	0.0 - 0.9
TP =	7.7 g/dL	5.7 - 8.9
Sodium =	157 mmol/L	150 - 165
GLOB =	4.3 g/dL	2.8 - 5.1
OSM Calc =	319 mmol/kg	
ALB/GLOB =	0.8	
BUN/CREA =	14	
Na/K =	46	
SDMA =	8 ug/dL	0 - 14

SDMA: SDMA IS WITHIN THE REFERENCE INTERVAL AND CREATININE IS INCREASED. This combination of results is uncommon. SDMA and creatinine can both be affected by biologic and assay variability resulting in fluctuations around the upper end of the reference interval; this can be seen with well-managed stable CKD and results will likely align as disease progresses. Creatinine can exceed the reference interval in muscular dogs with normal kidney function. Creatinine can be artificially increased postprandially. If kidney disease is still suspected, a complete urinalysis should be performed on all patients to evaluate for inappropriate specific gravity, proteinuria or other evidence of kidney disease.

2/24/2020 L [REDACTED]

Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 16895      Posted      Final

Test	Result	Reference Range
BASO =	0.02 K/uL	0.01 - 0.26
EOS =	0.00 K/uL L	0.17 - 1.57
HCT =	31.0 %	30.3 - 52.3
HGB =	11.7 g/dL	9.8 - 16.2
LYMPHS =	1.07 K/uL	0.92 - 6.88

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MCH = 18.0 pg H 11.8 - 17.3  
 MCHC = 37.7 g/dL H 28.1 - 35.8  
 MCV = 47.7 fL 35.9 - 53.1  
 MONOS = 0.51 K/uL 0.05 - 0.67  
 MPV = 18.4 fL 11.4 - 21.6  
 RBC = 6.50 M/uL L 6.54 - 12.20  
 WBC = 16.96 K/uL 2.87 - 17.02  
 %LYMPHS = 6.3 %  
 %MONOS = 3.0 %  
 NEUT = 15.36 K/uL H 2.30 - 10.29  
 %NEUT = 90.6 %  
 %EOS = 0.0 %  
 %BASO = 0.1 %  
 PLT = 328 K/uL 151 - 600  
 Retics = 10.4 K/uL 3.0 - 50.0  
 %Retics = 0.2 %  
 RDW = 22.3 % 15.0 - 27.0  
 PCT = 0.60 % 0.17 - 0.86  
 RETIC-HGB = 20.5 pg 13.2 - 20.8  
 Increased MCHC or MCH-consider hemolysis (including sample collection/handling), lipemia, Heinz bodies, and agglutination

2/24/2020 CK



Reason for Visit: Exam-Sick/Injured

Date Patient Checked Out: Mar 24/2020 Practice 1

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National Foundation for Rescued Animals  
 Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary  
 17552 FM 14  
 Tyler, TX 75706

## Record of Animals On Hand

USDA license # 74-C-0418

Name/Identifying Marks	Species	DOB/ Approx. Age	M/F	Date Arrived	Transferred From Name, Address, USDA license #	Date Transferred Off Site Name, Address, USDA license #	Date Died
Cleo	Serval	7wks	F/S	8/4/15	Conservators Center 676 E. High Mill Rd Berlington, NC 27217		
Dakari	Serval	7wks	IM	8/4/15	Conservators Center 676 E. High Mill Rd Berlington, NC 27217		2/12/21
Zuri	Serval	2.5yrs	F/S	3/1/17	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		11/5/19
El Jefe	Geoffroy's Cat	8-4-15	IM	9/15/15	Lynn Culver 141 Polk Rd 664 Mena, AR 71953		
Tin Cup	Puma	11-20-07	M	1/5/08	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Katie	Puma	11-18-07	F	10-2-08	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Coco	Puma	11-19-03	IM	4-26-14	Augusta Conservation Education 2750 Stag Antler Rd Appling, CA 30802		6-8-18
Bosco	Bobcat	4-13	IM	12-28-13	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		

Boudreaux	Bobcat	4-13	IM	11-21-13	Town & Country Vet Hosp. 505 E. Elms Rd Killeen, Tx 6542
Juda	African Lion	4-1-00	IM	11-18-12	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Kenya	African Lion	4-1-99	F/S	3-6-03	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Max	African Lion	10-1-13	IM	8-18-14	Donald Reinhardt 12376 Prim Rd King George, VA 22485
Ngala	African Lion	2002	F	4-22-09	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Pepe	African Lion	9-01	IM	3-27-01	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Scrunches	African Lion	11-01	F/S	3-27-01	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Amara	B. Tiger	8-7-98	F/S	10-28-98	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Amir	A. Tiger	8-6-99	IM	8-16-99	Chris McDonald Rt. 1 Box 61 Peabody, KS 66866
Arula	B. Tiger	7-8-07	F	11-11-07	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Bengali	B. Tiger	8-31-95	F	11-30-00	Ron Whitfield P.O. Box 594 Suisun City, CA 94585

Bon	B. Tiger	10-17-12	IM	7-2-13	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd (851 Folly Ranch Ln) Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
China	A/S Tiger	6-22-01	F/S	7-6-01	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Greg	B. Tiger	10-8-98	M	2-7-03	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Gunther	A/I Tiger	6-8-01	IM		Tiger Creek Tyler, Tx (Born on-site)
Ishon	B. Tiger	10-18-00	IM	2-7-03	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Jasmine	B. Tiger	4-8-01	F	8-6-04	Ringling Bros. Circus
Kumari	B. Tiger	7-8-01	F	11-11-07	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Lily	A. Tiger	5-24-02	F/S	6-13-02	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Mustang	B. Tiger	10-17-12	F/S	7-2-13	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
Padma	B. Tiger	2-15-06	F/S	6-30-08	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 1310 Horseshoe Crk Rd. Davenport, FL 33837 (Horseshoe Crk Wildlife Fdn)
Raja	B(?) Tiger	12-1-16	IM	10-26-16	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sakima	B. Tiger	6-9-04	IM	6-19-04	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sargent	A. Tiger	5-24-04	IM	6-20-02	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
					11/2/20

					(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Sierra	B. Tiger	9-14-98	F	6-28-99	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	8-18-18
Skanda	B. Tiger	3-19-06	IM	6-30-08	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Horseshoe Crk Rd Davenport, FL 33837 (Horseshoe Crk Wildlife Fdn)	
Tara	B. Tiger	4-2-03	F/S	6-2-03	Robert Castillo 202 Flores Oaks Floresville, TX 78114 (Tiger Pawz Enterprises)	2-24-20
Nishchala	B. Tiger	4-5-08	F/S	5-8-08	TIGERS 21210 Folly Rd C851 Folly Ranch LN Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	
Simba	Serval	11-15-11	M	5-31-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	3-9-19
Luna	African Lion	6wks	F	7-3-18	Jason Clay 4324 W. Hwy 79 Franklin, Tx 77856	74-C-0939
Alema	Puma	12wks	F	8-3-18	Jason Clay 4324 W. Hwy 79 Franklin, Tx 77856	74-C-0939
Bagheera/Tigger	Leopard/Black	17yrs	M	8-1-18	Joe Maldonado 25863 N. CR 3250 Wynnewood, OK 73098	7360139 7/6/20
Pomfret	B. Tiger	2yrs	F	12-14-18	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	
Singer	B. Tiger	2yrs	F	12-14-18	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	
Nati	B. Tiger	2yrs	F	12-14-18	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd.	

Ava	B. Tiger	3-14-19	F	7-15-19		Myrtle Beach, SC 29588
Rosie	B. Tiger	3-14-19	F	7-15-19	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	
Elouise	B. Tiger	3-14-19	F	7-15-18	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	
Sheba	B. Tiger	9yrs	F	2-24-20	Exotic Cat Refuge&Wildlife Orphanage Kirbyville, Tx 75956	74-C-0424
Bellatrix	Bobcat	9-24-19	F	2-24-20	Exotic Cat Refuge&Wildlife Orphanage Kirbyville, Tx 75956	74-C-0424
Ember	Bobcat	4-15-20	F	5-9-20	Found abandoned, public drop off	
Bindi	Bobcat	1yr	F	11-30-19		Released 7/27/20
Sitaara/Nova	Tiger	3mo	F	12-22-20	Grand Prairie Animal Services #1544	
WR Blackhawk II	Equine (American Mammoth Jackstock)		IM	7-25-15	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
WR Marcela	Equine AMJ		F			
WR Cinnamon	Equine AMJ		F			
WR Bart's Babydoll	Equine AMJ		F			

WR Bart's Betsy	Equine AMJ	6-3-02	F				
Surprise	Equine (Standard Donkey)	1-1-12	M	8-5-15	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	6-18
Stellar	Equine AMJ	9yrs	F	1-28-16	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Sinder	Equine AMJ	5mos	F	1-28-16			
Nathan	Equine AMJ	8yrs	M	7-17			
Betty (Cinnamon's baby)	Equine AMJ	5-17	F	Born On-Site	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Minnie (Betsy's Baby)	Equine AMJ	4-17	F	Born On-Site			
Jewel	Equine Mini-Donkey		F				
Connie (Jewel's Mother)	Equine MD		F				
Hershey	Equine MD	11-19-09	M	11-27-17	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	1-25-19
Ace (Mini-Horse)	Equine						
Carl,Curl,Earl	Caprine			M			
Sampson	Caprine			Summer'17	M		
Penguin	Caprine			M			1-27-19

Izzy	Caprine		IM					1-27-19
Momma Goat (brown/black)	Caprine	F						(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Momma Goat (black/white)	Caprine	F						
Billy	Caprine	IM						1-27-19
Ren (Momma Goat #1)	Caprine	12-23-17	F	12-23-17				(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Sir Honkington	Goose	Unk	IM					
Kevin Bacon	Porcine	8-16-17	IM	10-2-17				
Diesel	Equine		M					4-11-19 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Roo (Connie's Foal)	Equine MD	1-15-19	M	1-15-19				
John	Equine AMI	3-19	M					
Spice	Equine AMI	6-20-19	F	6-20-19				
Moolatte	Goat	4-8-19	M	4-8-19				
Dark Roast	Goat	4-8-19	M	4-8-19				
Patrick Swayze	Wild Hog	10-5-19	M	10-12-19				
Lion Puff	Rabbit	10-27-14						4-6-15 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Snap	Rabbit	M					
Crackle	Rabbit	M					6-18
Machu	Chinchilla	4-11-16	M	4-11-16	Born On-Site		
Pichu	Chinchilla	4-11-16	F	4-11-16			
Chile	Chinchilla	3-31-15	M	5-14-15	Mini S Exotic Zoo 3050 FM 1799 Mineola, Tx 75733		
Peru	Chinchilla	3-31-15	F	5-14-15	Mini S Exotic Zoo 3050 FM 1799 Mineola, Tx 75733		
Draco	Bearded Dragon	3-16	F	6-28-16	Donated, Info not given		
Lt. Dan	Ball Python	2.5yrs	IM	4-17	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Sticky	White's Tree Frog	Unk.	Unk.	2016	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Leonard	Ringtailed Lemur	12-11-17	F	1-21-18	Best Exotics LLC 1717 CR 3211 Naples, Tx 75568		
Momma Cat (Tinda)	Feline DSH	Unk	F/S	Summer'16	Dumped on TCWR property with kittens		
Nate	RT Lemur	1yr	IM	1-6-18	Dominique Ferrero	6-7-20 Transferred back to Dominique Ferrero	
Natlie	RT Lemur	1yr	F		350 VZ CR 1906 Fruitvale, Tx	6-7-20 Transferred back to Dominique Ferrero	

Pinkie	RT Lemur	2yr	F		Dominique Ferrero	6-7-20 Transferred back to Dominique Ferrero
Cupcake	RT Lemur	2yr	F		350 VZ CR 1906 Fruitvale, Tx	6-7-20 Transferred back to Dominique Ferrero
Dunkin	Raccoon	3yr	M	8-29-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Sweet Pea	Raccoon	2yr	F	8-29-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Boomer	Blue&Gold Macaw	23	F			
Toogie	Sulcata Tort.	8yr	M	10-5-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Tootsie/Century	Sulcata Tort.	8yr	F	10-21-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Rocket (Dunkin&Sweet Pea offspring)	Raccoon	5-28-19	M	5-28-19	Born On-Site	3/20/21
Kantu	Rhesus Macaque	15yr	M	2-24-20	Exotic Cat Refuge & Wildlife Orphanage Kirbyville, Tx 75956	74-L-0424
Julienne	Barred Owl	10yr	?	2-24-20	Exotic Cat Refuge & Wildlife Orphanage Kirbyville, Tx 75956	
Whiskey	Red Fox	4-5-20	F	5-19-20	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Tango	Red Fox	4-5-20	M	5-19-20	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Lily	RT Lemur	3-19-20	F	3-19-20	Born On-Site	

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & FORESTRY**  
**CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION**

2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105 • (405) 522-6141 • Fax (405) 522-0756

Permit Number

Name of Consignee / Owner	Premises ID #	State	Tn	Physical Address:	City	State	Zip	Premise ID #
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary 1552 FM 14	Tyler	TX	75706	903 343 9061
Destination Address (if different from above)								

NUMBER IN SHIPMENT =	Herd Numbers			Purpose of Movement (check all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERSTATE <input type="checkbox"/> INTRASTATE					
	Area Status	Breed	Sex	Age	EIA	TB	Buccellosis	PRV	Other Test
Mexican Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog/Cat	<input type="checkbox"/> TB Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Accredited #	<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> Slaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Sale
Beef Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Swine	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry	<input type="checkbox"/> TB MAA	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified #	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Dairy Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep/Goat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> BR Free	<input type="checkbox"/> VQ #	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Please do not extend mark beyond appropriate box for scanning readability.			<input type="checkbox"/> Herd Test Dates			<input type="checkbox"/> Lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Injection Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Lab	<input type="checkbox"/> Lab
OFFICIAL/USDA EARTAG NUMBER OR OTHER OFFICIAL ID	BREED	SEX	AGE	VACCINATION	Negative Test Date	Accession #	Date of Negative Results (72 hrs)	Negative Test Date	Negative Test Date
1. Fox	Red Fox	M	8W						
2. Fox	Red Fox	F	8W						
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6.									
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APPROVED BY STATE OR FEDERAL OFFICIAL

Owner/Agent Statement  
The animals in this shipment are those certified to and listed on this certificate.

USDA Accreditation #

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Certifying Veterinarian (Signature)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

ISSUE DATE

Phone  
06/19/20

PINK - COMPANY SHIPMENT

Owner/Agent Signature

GOLD - VETERINARIAN

VETERINARY CERTIFICATION: I certify, as an accredited veterinarian, the above described animals have been inspected by me on (date) 5/9/08 and they were not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable disease (except where noted). The vaccinations and results of test are as indicated on this certificate. To the best of my knowledge, the animals listed on this certificate meet the state of destination and federal interstate requirements. No warranty is made or implied.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Certifying Veterinarian (Print or Type)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

2254643

Address  
125 Sand Creek St, OKC, OK 73109

Phone  
06/19/20

Owner/Agent Signature

GOLD - VETERINARIAN

This certificate is valid for 6 months

Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary  
Animal Transfer Form

Transferred From:

Transferred To:

Name	CXOTC Cat Refuge
Address	2561 Private Drive 7025 Kirbyville TX 75956
USDA License #	74-C-04-424

If not USDA License, please include the following:

Vehicle License #	
Driver's License # and State	

Name	Not Foundation for Rescued Animals
Address	Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary 17552 FM 14 Tyler, Texas 75706 www.tigercreek.org
USDA License #	74-C-0418

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Species	Name or Identifying Marks	Date of Birth or Approximate Age	Male/Female
Bob Cat	L.I. Bit + Belatrix	12 weeks 4/2/18	F
Boyle's Tiger	Sheba	9y/o	F
Barred Owl	Charming	11y/o	Z
Reeves Marm	Kanty	12y/o	M

Additional Comments:


Date of Transfer: 7/24/2020 Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** [Digesualdo, Cynthia L - APHIS](#)  
**To:** [\(b\) \(6\), \(b\) \(7\)\(C\)](#)  
**Subject:** print  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:43:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [PST\\_Inspection\\_Report\\_NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS \(1\).pdf](#)

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## Inspection Report

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS  
17552 F M 14  
TYLER, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538  
Certificate: 74-C-0418  
Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

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**2.40                    Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian

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examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

- \* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.
- \* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.
- \* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.
- \* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.
- \* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.
- \* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

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\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian. All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)(vi)

#### **Records: Dealers and exhibitors.**

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)

Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)

Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)

Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)

Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)

Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by: May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7538	74-C-0418	002	TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000017	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000038	<b>Total</b>	

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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Good Morning Cindy,

Please see the attached documentation covering the issues noted during our routine inspection last month. The attached documents contain text message communications between Tiger Creek Staff and our primary veterinarian, medical history including phone conversations and in-person visits as kept by our primary veterinarian, and records of acquisition. I noticed on the amended report that Sitaara was not removed after our discussion that we renamed her after Grand Prairie Animal Control dropped her off as "Nova", but that documentation is also included here.

Please let me know if there are further documents needed.

Thank you,

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Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary  
National Foundation for Rescued Animals

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Group MMS



6/9/20 12:05 PM

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Thought on this breathing pattern

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6/9/20 2:58 PM

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Is the Abdomen bloated? It appears that way. Could be pain, could be asthma/allergic bronchitis

Yes, she's bloat



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Group MMS



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The bloated abdomen is pushing on the diaphragm/chest and making it difficult to breathe

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I felt that way too

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And wondered if it was a tumor or fluid

6/9/20 3:17 PM

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Sounds / looks like one or the other

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Is there anything we can do to help her until your visit next Wednesday?

6/11/20 9:16 AM

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Can we do afternoon if the 17th instead?

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6/11/20 9:16 AM

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Can we do afternoon if the 17th instead?

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What time

6/11/20 9:45 AM

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U2:30 or 3

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Ok

6/11/20 1:06 PM

We're looking at getting a donation of chicken liver... How much of that would be healthy to feed and still maintain dietary requirements? Mix with our normal feed?

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6/11/20 1:27 PM



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6/11/20 1:27 PM

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Yes. Mix with normal feed. I'll have to do calculations as to how much

6/15/20 8:22 AM

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If you can get me a list of things together that we may need to do/look at, I can make sure I have everything I need for Wednesday

6/16/20 8:43 AM

Inspection on all animals including Mammoth Jacks, blood tests and TB test for Bo, sedation and reversal meds for Luna, and potential euthanasia for one or two big cats (lion and tiger) pending your examination and recommendation.

6/16/20 9:12 AM

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## Patient History Report

<b>Client:</b> Link Foundation, Tiger Missing (3981)	<b>Patient:</b> Kenya (40447)
<b>Phone:</b> (903) 858-1008	<b>Species:</b> Feline
<b>Address:</b> 17552 FM 14 Tyler, TX 75706	<b>Age:</b> 20 Yrs. 0 Mos.
	<b>Breed:</b> Lion
	<b>Color:</b> Female

Date	Type	Staff	History
6/22/2020	C	[REDACTED]	Misc Medical Notes - CLOSED Jun 29/2020 - Misc. Medical Notes

Kenya was examined for quality of life. On examination, Kenya was laying on her left side. She had mild dyspnea and was urinating as she layed. Her abdomen was distended and obviously pressing on the chest cavity. She had bilateral nuclear sclerosis and did not want to stand for longer than one or two minutes. Euthanasia was elected due to the probability of an abdominal mass with possible mets to the chest.

6/22/2020 V [REDACTED] Jun 22, 2020 09:38 AM Staff: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]-----  
Weight : 300.00 pounds

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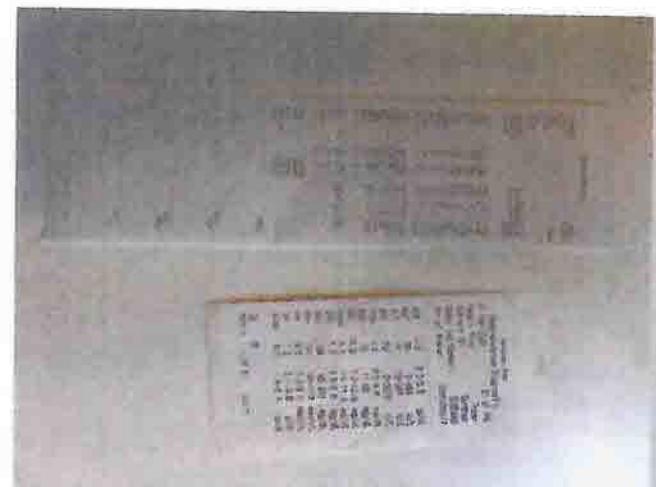


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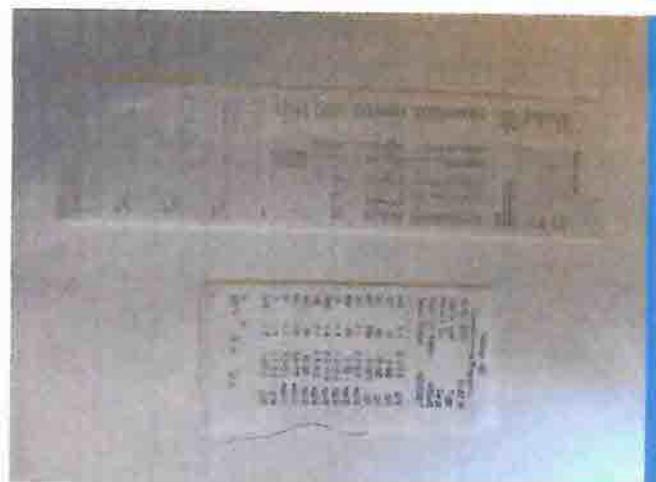


3/31/20 3:14 PM

Sarge

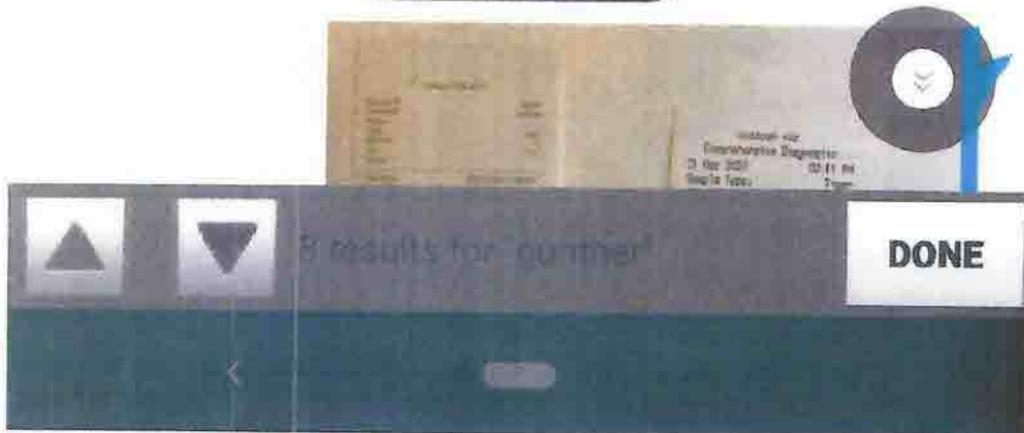


Gunther bloodwork



Sarge Bloodwork

3/31/20 3:23 PM



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Who do you have? We just left.

Lantz

Tue, Aug 18, 1:39 PM

Sarge is leaving a lot of food

Can we try ondansetron

Yes

Can you call some in

And dose?

Tue, Aug 18, 2:55 PM

Girls called it in. Dose I. Bottle.  
Also called in mirtazapine as an  
appetite stimulant

Thank you

Is sarge a lion?

Tiger

Wed, Aug 19, 4:20 PM



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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Mon, Sep 7, 11:07 AM

The battery on the plane is dead 😵 won't be able to get back until late tonight

Also, Sarge is peeing on himself what should we do?

Oh no!! No is good. We are having fun.

Decrease the amount of lasix given (half the dose).

The tiger

Not the dog lol

HA HA

Oh shit. You got so many



Renaming Tc the infirmary

Is the tiger ataxic in the hind end? Is he the one that was not eating ?



iMessage



12:08



Oh shit. You got so many

Renaming To the infirmary

Is the tiger ataxic in the hind end? Is he the one that was not eating ?

Yes

Is he on any meds right now?  
Did he start eating?

Yes

What meds is he on?

Mon, Sep 7, 12:28 PM

He on ondansetron 2x a day  
Meloxicam and mira-something  
1x a day  
Sorry don't remember the full  
name of the 3rd one

Ok. Take him off the third one.  
It's an appetite stimulant. It  
could cause relaxation of the



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Meloxicam and mira-something  
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Ok. Take him off the third one.  
It's an appetite stimulant. It  
could cause relaxation of the  
urethral sphincter. If that does  
not help in about 48 hours, we  
may have a kidney issue or  
spinal compression like Judah (I  
believe that's the one).

Tue, Sep 8, 6:54 AM

You want me to bring bo to  
clinic or leave at house ?  
Doesn't matter to me

Sorry just seeing this. What did  
you decide?

2:03



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Mobile



9/15/20 2:02 PM

Hey, we ran out of meds for Sarge and Brookshires said our vet hasn't responded to the refill request... Could you please look into that when you get a chance?

9/15/20 3:59 PM

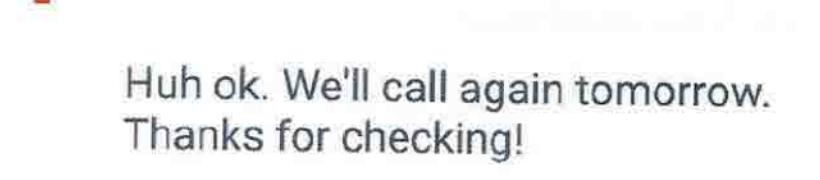


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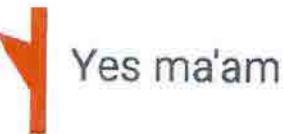


Staff said they approved script (before you sent text ) but who knows.

May check with pharmacy again.



Huh ok. We'll call again tomorrow.  
Thanks for checking!



Yes ma'am



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Group MMS



10/28/20 4:35 PM

Hey [REDACTED] we need to schedule a time for you to come out next week... It's time for us to say goodbye to Sarge. He's a 19 year old tiger, and he's pretty much gone off food for about a week now, but he's the one we've given ondansetron to in the last few months, as well as 1 Meloxicam (7.5 mg) in AM and 1 Gabapentin (300 mg) in PM . He'll eat meals here and there but not the whole thing. We'd like to schedule for next week, just to give him one more chance to see if he'll turn this around.

At the same time, we'd like you to check out Nishchala. She's the 12 year old tiger who got in a fight with her yard mate and was cut up. She was on antibiotics and hydro while she healed, which we're finished with now, and she's been on 7.5mg meloxicam since the 8th for limping, which really isn't getting better. We're somewhat concerned it's her back, instead of her leg now. At least a visual exam with her, and of course we'll go with your recommendation from there.



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Group MMS



Then yes

11/3/20 6:50 PM

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Sarge had acute kidney failure. Surprised he survived the first anesthesia injection as his potassium was so high it could have stopped his heart.

Oh wow. I guess that explains why he didn't take much fatal plus to pass.

11/4/20 10:22 AM

Skanda is still having nose bleeds, but they are less severe and are not as frequent. He is currently getting 4 20mg prednisone tabs every other day and 5 500mg metronidazole twice a day. He's almost out of pred and we will need a refill if we continue it. He is 14 years old, roughly 350lbs.

11/4/20 11:48 AM

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## Patient History Report

<b>Client:</b> Link Foundation, Tiger Missing (3981) <b>Phone:</b> (903) 858-1008 <b>Address:</b> 17552 FM 14 Tyler, TX 75706	<b>Patient:</b> Sarge (42084) <b>Species:</b> Feline <b>Age:</b> 12 Yrs. 0 Mos. <b>Color:</b>	<b>Breed:</b> Tiger <b>Sex:</b> Female
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Date	Type	Staff	History
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Misc Medical Notes - CLOSED Nov 10/2020 - Misc. Medical Notes

Patient has been inappetant for a few weeks. Did okay on mirtazipine at first, then appetite started to decline again. Patient only eating 7 pounds of food per day. During initial exam, patient was drinking a ton of water and urinating frequently. Labs revealed severe acute renal failure. Organization elected euthanasia.

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**Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 18996**

Test	Result	Posted	Final Reference Range
ALB =	3.7 g/dL		2.3 - 3.9
ALKP <	< 10 U/L L		14 - 111
ALT =	139 U/L H		12 - 130
BUN/UREA =	34 mg/dL		16 - 36
Chloride =	111 mmol/L L		112 - 129
CREA -	--- mg/dL		0.8 - 2.4
GLU =	24 mg/dL L		71 - 159
Potassium >	> 10.0 mmol/L H*		3.5 - 5.8
TP =	6.6 g/dL		5.7 - 8.9
Sodium =	135 mmol/L L		150 - 165
GLOB =	2.9 g/dL		2.8 - 5.1
ALB/GLOB =	1.3		
SDMA =	7 ug/dL		0 - 14

SDMA: IF BOTH SDMA AND CREATININE ARE WELL WITHIN THE REFERENCE INTERVAL, then kidney function is likely good. Evaluate a complete urinalysis and confirm there is no other evidence of kidney disease. IF SDMA IS INCREASED BUT CREATININE IS WITHIN THE REFERENCE INTERVAL. Catalyst SDMA Test is a more reliable indicator of kidney function than creatinine because SDMA detects declining kidney function earlier and is not impacted by muscle mass. Creatinine can miss early function loss and be falsely decreased in patients with poor muscle mass. SDMA increases in acute and active injury as well as chronic kidney disease. A complete urinalysis should be performed to evaluate for inappropriate specific gravity, proteinuria and other evidence of kidney disease. For information on recommended actions visit: [idexx.com/SDMAalgorithm](http://idexx.com/SDMAalgorithm) (U.S.), [idexx.ca/AlgorithmSDMA](http://idexx.ca/AlgorithmSDMA) (Canada) or [idexx.eu/SDMAAlgorithm](http://idexx.eu/SDMAAlgorithm) (EU). IF SDMA IS WITHIN THE REFERENCE INTERVAL AND CREATININE IS INCREASED. This combination of results is uncommon. SDMA and creatinine can both be affected by biologic and assay variability resulting in fluctuations around the upper end of the reference

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**Color:**

**Breed:** Tiger  
**Sex:** Female

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interval; this can be seen with well-managed stable CKD and results will likely align as disease progresses. Creatinine can exceed the reference interval in muscular dogs with normal kidney function. Creatinine can be artifactually increased postprandially. If kidney disease is still suspected, a complete urinalysis should be performed on all patients to evaluate for inappropriate specific gravity, proteinuria or other evidence of kidney disease. IF BOTH SDMA AND CREATININE ARE INCREASED, then kidney disease is probable and action should be taken. A complete urinalysis should be performed to evaluate for inappropriate urine specific gravity, proteinuria or other evidence of kidney disease. For information on recommended actions visit: [idexx.com/SDMAalgorithm](http://idexx.com/SDMAalgorithm) (U.S.), [idexx.ca/AlgorithmSDMA](http://idexx.ca/AlgorithmSDMA) (Canada) or [idexx.eu/SDMAalgorithm](http://idexx.eu/SDMAalgorithm) (EU).

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Tara



## Animal Care



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[REDACTED] said that Gunther had the meloxicam this morning and he looked like he was doing much better this afternoon.

10:54 AM

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[REDACTED] How is everyone this morning?



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[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED] said that tara had another poop that looks exactly how the other ones recently have looked.



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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] also says we need more of the ondansetron, we only have six left



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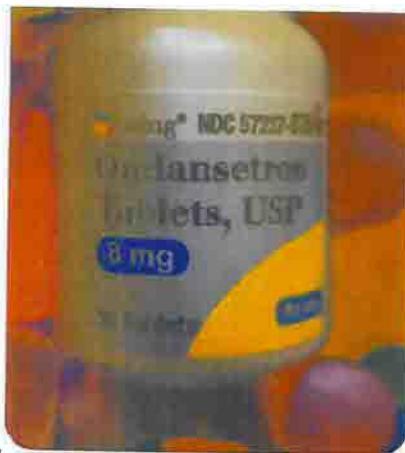
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we're all leaving now

Feb 18, 2020, 2:04 PM



what dose should I give them?

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8 mg each. Twice daily if needed

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ok this is for the cats with the vomiting issues correct

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okay, i'm gonna bump tara up to 2x a day and see if that helps



Has she been eating?

Sorry you probably said that but lots on my mind



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to 2x a day and see if that helps



Has she been eating?

Sorry you probably said that  
but lots on my mind

she has but she's just vomiting  
it up.

no worries, same 😊

Saturday 10:59 AM

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I have a cat vomiting a lot. she  
been eating grass. I dont know  
what's going on. she poops and  
pees fine. her behavior is  
normal. everything is norm  
except she has been vomiting  
frequently. How do we  
proceed? If I get blood I would  
need to sedate her. Our CBC  
machine is fixed.

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The rain brings out eggs from  
the soil. Use the second dose  
of dewormer that you have for  
Sakima and I'll get you more.  
Do you have ondansetron? Or  
famtididine? I would do one of  
those as well - opposite time of  
day from dewormer



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Feb 20, 2020, 4:25 PM



Ugh from the Tiger that's been  
vomiting

Wtf is this?

Scope?

Geez that's a lot. Yeah, scope  
would be good. Know anyone  
with a scope?



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Only

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That's the easiest if there is something blocked up high...I would need to do rads and if suspicious enough, exploratory like we did Sunday. Is this one of the ones with worms?

Has been vomiting worms?

Well found out today she's been vomiting bile

Undigested meat

How long vomiting bile?

He told me one was vomiting worms a few days ago or last week...

5 days

He's an idiot



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Got to cocky and assumed he knew shit from the other diagnosis

Labs would be good too but have to sedate for that so might as well either xray or scope at same time

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comma DVM

I have the rso registration update...

We can do on site?

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comma terminated

Yeah but if surgery needed, that's another anesthesia...so up to u

True

Ok when

Well, the problem is I'm leaving town in the morning and won't be back until Sunday eve. Has



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Yeah but if surgery needed,  
that's another anesthesia...so  
up to u

True

Ok when

Well, the problem is I'm leaving  
town in the morning and won't  
be back until Sunday eve. Has  
he lost weight? Keeping  
anything down?

Oh no 😔

Well I believe that came out of  
the business end but idk, no  
bile vomit today just that

Is there anything I can do to try  
and get her through?

Is she eating? You guys have  
some ondansetron for vomiting  
and metronidazole for diarrhea  
if u can get her to eat it



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Is she eating? You guys have some ondansetron for vomiting and metronidazole for diarrhea if u can get her to eat it

I have her on the ondansetron 2x per day

Has helped with the vomiting

But now this

I marked myself off for Monday afternoon if needed.

Mineral oil?

Just thinking it could be useful if there is blockage

You could, but if she's passing diarrhea, she's likely not blocked and bowel is over active...I bet she has some sort of dietary issue and isn't blocked, BUT it won't hurt.

Feb 21, 2020, 10:13 AM

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Feb 23, 2020, 7:22 PM

When can I pickup drugs

Feb 23, 2020, 9:18 PM

I will get to clinic around 8.  
They will be ready soon after.  
Do u want ondansetron as well  
or would you like me to call that  
in? If tera is eating and not  
vomiting, I will add some  
probiotics to her meds and see  
if that helps...no need to do  
more than labs if she continues  
to eat and not vomit...can do  
labs on site.

Feb 23, 2020, 10:35 PM

I can pick everything up

See you around 8



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Group MMS



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The lab confirmed small cell lymphoma in Tara.

3/3/20 12:15 PM

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Liked "The lab confirmed small cell lymphoma in Tara."



3/4/20 9:30 AM

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All decals on tigers were negative

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Liked "All decals on tigers were negative"

3/10/20 10:19 AM

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7:48 AM



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<b>Phone:</b> (903) 858-1008	<b>Species:</b> Feline
<b>Address:</b> 17552 FM 14 Tyler, TX 75706	<b>Age:</b> 19 Yrs. 0 Mos. <b>Breed:</b> Tiger <b>Color:</b> Female

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3/4/2020	CM	[REDACTED]	<p>EMAIL</p> <p><b>Recipients:</b> TO: Tiger Missing Link Foundation (Client), Animal Care (Other)</p> <p><b>Attachments:</b> Tara-39004_ph.pdf (Patient History)</p> <p><b>Subject:</b> Patient History from Henderson Animal Care Hospital</p> <p><b>Message:</b> No message entered.</p>
3/4/2020	C	[REDACTED]	<p>Pathologist Correspondence - FINAL Mar 04/2020</p> <p>spoke with histopathologist about Tara and biopsy results and provided with the clinical history and clinical signs, lymphoma is most likely in her case. Opted not to send for special staining.</p>
2/27/2020	L	[REDACTED] (b) (6) (B) (1)(C)	<p>Miscellaneous results from IDEXX Reference Laboratory Requisition ID: 131861794 Posted Final</p> <p>Ascn: 4605749276</p> <p>RE: BXSI BIOPSY SOURCE</p> <p>BIOPSY SOURCE</p> <p>LYMPH NODE</p> <p>RE: BXTyp1 BIOPSY TYPE</p> <p>BIOPSY TYPE</p> <p>EXCISIONAL</p> <p>RE: BXHX1 CLINICAL HISTORY</p> <p>CLINICAL HISTORY</p> <p>Professional Interest</p> <p>RE: 65001 PATHOLOGIST REPORT</p> <p>PATHOLOGIST REPORT</p> <p>MICROSCOPIC DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>2 lymph nodes are submitted and evaluated. Throughout the cortex there are follicles with germinal centers. Increased numbers of small lymphocytes expand the the paracortex. Less than one mitotic figure is observed in 10 high power fields (total viewing area 2.37mm2).</p> <p>MICROSCOPIC INTERPRETATION:</p> <p>Lymph nodes (2): Atypical lymphoid proliferation</p> <p>COMMENTS:</p> <p>There is an atypical small lymphocyte proliferation within the paracortex.</p> <p>Immunohistochemical staining for clonality is recommended to differentiate between lymphoid hyperplasia and emerging lymphoma. There is no clinical information provided with which to correlate these findings</p>

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therefore careful correlation with clinical findings is recommended. If you wish to pursue immunohistochemical staining for clonality for an additional fee, please contact our customer support. This test can be performed on the formalin-fixed paraffin embedded tissues we already have; no further tissue submission is necessary.

**For Lab Services:**

Option 1, immunohistochemistry: US test code 6972, Canada test code IHC2, CD3, CD20, block A, feline.

Option 2, clonality: Clonality: Test Code 2862; Block A, Feline.

**PATHOLOGIST:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathologists

Direct: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

1-800-551-0998, extension [REDACTED]

E-mail: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]@IDEXX.com

The patient clinical history provided on the submitted requisition was reported. Veterinarians, please contact the pathologist with any questions. Pet owners need to contact their veterinarian for case advice.

2/24/2020 C [REDACTED]  
**Examination:** [REDACTED] HACH Preventive - Basic - FINAL Feb 27/2020 - Annual Exam Notes  
**Technician:** [REDACTED]

<b>Subjective:</b>	Vomiting, Acute		
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<b>Temp:</b>	101.0	<b>Pulse:</b>		<b>Respiration:</b>	
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<b>Objective:</b>	Normal	Abnormal	Did Not Examine	Comments
<b>Abdomen</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	very bloated and doughy.
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Ears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eyes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gastrointestinal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> patient has diarrhea - very liquidy; stains her legs and anus
Mouth / Teeth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> severe dental tartar; calculus noted
Membranes/Nodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Musculoskeletal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> muscle mass appears to have diminished over the past week;
Nervous System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respiratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> patient appears normal
Skin / Hair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urogenital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> could not ultrasound bladder on exam
Fecal Results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> negative
Heartworm Test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Assessment:</b>	r/o IBD and lymphoma
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<b>Plan:</b>	trial of steroids; patient stopped breathing after being loaded onto the truck. Patient was non - responsive with no heart beat. Necropsy revealed enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes, small intestinal inflammation and atonic; very stiff and pale with no pliability. stomach was full of feed stuffs; lung lobe had several nodules noted and the right kidney was lacking a medulla and contained a cyst. On cytology, the lymph nodes contained 85% large lymphoblasts with malignant characteristics. DX: intestinal lymphoma
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2/24/2020	PB	[REDACTED]	Vomiting, Acute (Minor, Active)
2/24/2020	C	[REDACTED]	Ultrasound Notes - FINAL Feb 27/2020 large stomach with food inside; pancreas is hyperechoic; right kidney lacks medulla and appears to have a cyst.
2/24/2020	C	[REDACTED]	HACH Radiograph Findings - CLOSED Mar 02/2020 - Radiograph Findings stomach is full of food; small amount of gas in colon; otherwise unremarkable
2/24/2020	C	[REDACTED]	HACH Fecal Results - FINAL Feb 25/2020 - Fecal Results Fecal Results for: Tara
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No parasites seen today. <input type="checkbox"/> Hookworms: <input type="checkbox"/> Roundworms: <input type="checkbox"/> Whipworms: <input type="checkbox"/> Coccidia: <input type="checkbox"/> Tapeworms: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
			Initials of person reading the fecal: [REDACTED]
2/24/2020	P	[REDACTED]	60.00 tablet of Prednisone 20 Mg (5598) Rx #: 104868 Exp. Feb 24/2021 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by: [REDACTED] Give 2 tablets by mouth twice daily for 7 days, then decrease to 1 tablet twice daily.
2/24/2020	P	[REDACTED]	30.00 each of Ondansetron 8 mg (2842) Rx #: 104867 Exp. Feb 24/2021 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by: [REDACTED] Give 1 tablet by mouth twice daily for vomiting.
2/24/2020	P	[REDACTED]	60.00 tablet of Metronidazole 500 Mg (6391) Rx #: 104866 Exp. Feb 24/2021 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by: [REDACTED] Give 2 tablets by mouth twice daily.

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2/24/2020 L

Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 16895      Posted      Final

Test	Result	Reference Range
ALB =	3.4 g/dL	2.3 - 3.9
ALKP =	14 U/L	14 - 111
ALT =	65 U/L	12 - 130
AMYL =	2385 U/L H	500 - 1500
BUN/UREA =	39 mg/dL H	16 - 36
Ca =	8.9 mg/dL	7.8 - 11.3
Chloride =	119 mmol/L	112 - 129
CHOL =	177 mg/dL	65 - 225
CREA =	2.7 mg/dL H	0.8 - 2.4
GGT =	0 U/L	0 - 4
GLU =	118 mg/dL	71 - 159
LIPA =	117 U/L	100 - 1400
PHOS =	6.8 mg/dL	3.1 - 7.5
Potassium =	3.4 mmol/L L	3.5 - 5.8
TBIL =	0.3 mg/dL	0.0 - 0.9
TP =	7.7 g/dL	5.7 - 8.9
Sodium =	157 mmol/L	150 - 165
GLOB =	4.3 g/dL	2.8 - 5.1
OSM Calc =	319 mmol/kg	
ALB/GLOB =	0.8	
BUN/CREA =	14	
Na/K =	46	
SDMA =	8 ug/dL	0 - 14

SDMA: SDMA IS WITHIN THE REFERENCE INTERVAL AND CREATININE IS INCREASED. This combination of results is uncommon. SDMA and creatinine can both be affected by biologic and assay variability resulting in fluctuations around the upper end of the reference interval; this can be seen with well-managed stable CKD and results will likely align as disease progresses. Creatinine can exceed the reference interval in muscular dogs with normal kidney function. Creatinine can be artificially increased postprandially. If kidney disease is still suspected, a complete urinalysis should be performed on all patients to evaluate for inappropriate specific gravity, proteinuria or other evidence of kidney disease.

2/24/2020 L

Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 16895      Posted      Final

Test	Result	Reference Range
BASO =	0.02 K/uL	0.01 - 0.26
EOS =	0.00 K/uL L	0.17 - 1.57
HCT =	31.0 %	30.3 - 52.3
HGB =	11.7 g/dL	9.8 - 16.2
LYMPHS =	1.07 K/uL	0.92 - 6.88

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MCH = 18.0 pg H 11.8 - 17.3  
 MCHC = 37.7 g/dL H 28.1 - 35.8  
 MCV = 47.7 fL 35.9 - 53.1  
 MONOS = 0.51 K/uL 0.05 - 0.67  
 MPV = 18.4 fL 11.4 - 21.6  
 RBC = 6.50 M/uL L 6.54 - 12.20  
 WBC = 16.96 K/uL 2.87 - 17.02  
 %LYMPHS = 6.3 %  
 %MONOS = 3.0 %  
 NEUT = 15.36 K/uL H 2.30 - 10.29  
 %NEUT = 90.6 %  
 %EOS = 0.0 %  
 %BASO = 0.1 %  
 PLT = 328 K/uL 151 - 600  
 Retics = 10.4 K/uL 3.0 - 50.0  
 %Retics = 0.2 %  
 RDW = 22.3 % 15.0 - 27.0  
 PCT = 0.60 % 0.17 - 0.86  
 RETIC-HGB = 20.5 pg 13.2 - 20.8  
 Increased MCHC or MCH-consider hemolysis (including sample collection/handling), lipemia, Heinz bodies, and agglutination

2/24/2020 CK



Reason for Visit: Exam-Sick/Injured

Date Patient Checked Out: Mar 24/2020 Practice 1

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National Foundation for Rescued Animals  
 Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary  
 17552 FM 14  
 Tyler, TX 75706

## Record of Animals On Hand

USDA license # 74-C-0418

Name/Identifying Marks	Species	DOB/ Approx. Age	M/F	Date Arrived	Transferred From Name, Address, USDA license #	Date Transferred Off Site Name, Address, USDA license #	Date Died
Cleo	Serval	7wks	F/S	8/4/15	Conservators Center 676 E. High Mill Rd Berlington, NC 27217		
Dakari	Serval	7wks	IM	8/4/15	Conservators Center 676 E. High Mill Rd Berlington, NC 27217		2/12/21
Zuri	Serval	2.5yrs	F/S	3/1/17	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		11/5/19
El Jefe	Geoffroy's Cat	8-4-15	IM	9/15/15	Lynn Culver 141 Polk Rd 664 Mena, AR 71953		
Tin Cup	Puma	11-20-07	M	1/5/08	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Katie	Puma	11-18-07	F	10-2-08	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Coco	Puma	11-19-03	IM	4-26-14	Augusta Conservation Education 2750 Stag Antler Rd Appling, CA 30802		6-8-18
Bosco	Bobcat	4-13	IM	12-28-13	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		

Boudreaux	Bobcat	4-13	IM	11-21-13	Town & Country Vet Hosp. 505 E. Elms Rd Killeen, Tx 6542
Juda	African Lion	4-1-00	IM	11-18-12	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Kenya	African Lion	4-1-99	F/S	3-6-03	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Max	African Lion	10-1-13	IM	8-18-14	Donald Reinhardt 12376 Prim Rd King George, VA 22485
Ngala	African Lion	2002	F	4-22-09	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Pepe	African Lion	9-01	IM	3-27-01	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Scrunches	African Lion	11-01	F/S	3-27-01	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Amara	B. Tiger	8-7-98	F/S	10-28-98	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Amir	A. Tiger	8-6-99	IM	8-16-99	Chris McDonald Rt. 1 Box 61 Peabody, KS 66866
Arula	B. Tiger	7-8-07	F	11-11-07	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Bengali	B. Tiger	8-31-95	F	11-30-00	Ron Whitfield P.O. Box 594 Suisun City, CA 94585

Bon	B. Tiger	10-17-12	IM	7-2-13	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd (851 Folly Ranch Ln) Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	
China	A/S Tiger	6-22-01	F/S	7-6-01	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	2-9-20
Greg	B. Tiger	10-8-98	M	2-7-03	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	10-2-18
Gunther	A/I Tiger	6-8-01	IM		Tiger Creek Tyler, Tx (Born on-site)	6/17/20
Ishon	B. Tiger	10-18-00	IM	2-7-03	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	3-15-20
Jasmine	B. Tiger	4-8-01	F	8-6-04	Ringling Bros. Circus	
Kumari	B. Tiger	7-8-01	F	11-11-07	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	9-25-19
Lily	A. Tiger	5-24-02	F/S	6-13-02	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	4-15-20
Mustang	B. Tiger	10-17-12	F/S	7-2-13	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	
Padma	B. Tiger	2-15-06	F/S	6-30-08	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 1310 Horseshoe Crk Rd. Davenport, FL 33837 (Horseshoe Crk Wildlife Fdn)	
Raja	B(?) Tiger	12-1-16	IM	10-26-16	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Sakima	B. Tiger	6-9-04	IM	6-19-04	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Sargent	A. Tiger	5-24-04	IM	6-20-02	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	11/2/20

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Sierra	B. Tiger	9-14-98	F	6-28-99		(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	8-18-18
Skanda	B. Tiger	3-19-06	IM	6-30-08	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 1310 Horseshoe Crk Rd Davenport, FL 33837 (Horseshoe Crk Wildlife Fdn)		
Tara	B. Tiger	4-2-03	F/S	6-2-03	Robert Castillo 202 Flores Oaks Floresville, TX 78114 (Tiger Pawz Enterprises)		2-24-20
Nishchala	B. Tiger	4-5-08	F/S	5-8-08	TIGERS 21210 Folly Rd C851 Folly Ranch LN Myrtle Beach, SC 29588		
Simba	Serval	11-15-11	M	5-31-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		3-9-19
Luna	African Lion	6wks	F	7-3-18	Jason Clay 4324 W. Hwy 79 Franklin, Tx 77856	74-C-0939	
Alema	Puma	12wks	F	8-3-18	Jason Clay 4324 W. Hwy 79 Franklin, Tx 77856	74-C-0939	
Bagheera/Tigger	Leopard/Black	17yrs	M	8-1-18	Joe Maldonado 25863 N. CR 3250 Wynnewood, OK 73098	7360139	7/6/20
Pomfret	B. Tiger	2yrs	F	12-14-18	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588		
Singer	B. Tiger	2yrs	F	12-14-18	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588		
Nati	B. Tiger	2yrs	F	12-14-18	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd.		

Ava	B. Tiger	3-14-19	F	7-15-19		Myrtle Beach, SC 29588	
Rosie	B. Tiger	3-14-19	F	7-15-19	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588		
Elouise	B. Tiger	3-14-19	F	7-15-18	TIGERS 31210 Folly Rd. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588		
Sheba	B. Tiger	9yrs	F	2-24-20	Exotic Cat Refuge&Wildlife Orphanage Kirbyville, Tx 75956	74-C-0424	3-17-20
Bellatrix	Bobcat	9-24-19	F	2-24-20	Exotic Cat Refuge&Wildlife Orphanage Kirbyville, Tx 75956	74-C-0424	
Ember	Bobcat	4-15-20	F	5-9-20	Found abandoned, public drop off		
Bindi	Bobcat	1yr	F	11-30-19		Released 7/27/20	
Sitaara/Nova	Tiger	3mo	F	12-22-20	Grand Prairie Animal Services #1544		
WR Blackhawk II	Equine (American Mammoth Jackstock)		IM	7-25-15	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
WR Marcela	Equine AMJ	6-5-96	F				
WR Cinnamon	Equine AMJ	6-15-96	F				
WR Bart's Babydoll	Equine AMJ	5-25-08	F				

WR Bart's Betsy	Equine AMJ	6-3-02	F				
Surprise	Equine (Standard Donkey)	1-1-12	IM	8-5-15	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		6-18
Stellar	Equine AMJ	9yrs	F	1-28-16	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Sinder	Equine AMJ	5mos	F	1-28-16			
Nathan	Equine AMJ	8yrs	IM	7-17			
Betty (Cinnamon's baby)	Equine AMJ	5-17	F	Born On-Site	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Minnie (Betsy's Baby)	Equine AMJ	4-17	F	Born On-Site			
Jewel	Equine Mini-Donkey		F				
Connie (Jewel's Mother)	Equine MD		F				
Hershey	Equine MD	11-19-09	IM	11-27-17	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		1-25-19
Ace (Mini-Horse)	Equine						
Carl,Curl,Earl	Caprine			M			
Sampson	Caprine			Summer'17	IM	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Penguin	Caprine				IM		1-27-19

Izzy	Caprine		IM					1-27-19
Momma Goat (brown/black)	Caprine		F					(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Momma Goat (black/white)	Caprine		F					
Billy	Caprine		IM					1-27-19
Ren (Momma Goat #1)	Caprine	12-23-17	F	12-23-17	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			
Sir Honkington	Goose	Unk	IM					
Kevin Bacon	Porcine	8-16-17	IM	10-2-17				
Diesel	Equine		M					4-11-19 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Roo (Connie's Foal)	Equine MD	1-15-19	M	1-15-19	Born On-Site			
John	Equine AM	3-19	M			Born On-Site		
Spice	Equine AM	6-20-19	F	6-20-19		Born On-Site		
Moolatte	Goat	4-8-19	M	4-8-19		Born On-Site		
Dark Roast	Goat	4-8-19	M	4-8-19		Born On-Site		
Patrick Swayze	Wild Hog	10-5-19	M	10-12-19				
Lion Puff	Rabbit	10-27-14					4-6-15	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Snap	Rabbit	M					
Crackle	Rabbit	M					6-18
Machu	Chinchilla	4-11-16	M	4-11-16	Born On-Site		
Pichu	Chinchilla	4-11-16	F	4-11-16			
Chile	Chinchilla	3-31-15	M	5-14-15	Mini S Exotic Zoo 3050 FM 1799 Mineola, Tx 75733		
Peru	Chinchilla	3-31-15	F	5-14-15	Mini S Exotic Zoo 3050 FM 1799 Mineola, Tx 75733		
Draco	Bearded Dragon	3-16	F	6-28-16	Donated, Info not given		
Lt. Dan	Ball Python	2.5yrs	IM	4-17	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Sticky	White's Tree Frog	Unk.	Unk.	2016	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
Leonard	Ringtailed Lemur	12-11-17	F	1-21-18	Best Exotics LLC 1717 CR 3211 Naples, Tx 75568		
Momma Cat (Tinda)	Feline DSH	Unk	F/S	Summer'16	Dumped on TCWR property with kittens		
Nate	RT Lemur	1yr	IM	1-6-18	Dominique Ferrero	6-7-20 Transferred back to Dominique Ferrero	
Natlie	RT Lemur	1yr	F		350 VZ CR 1906 Fruitvale, Tx	6-7-20 Transferred back to Dominique Ferrero	

Pinkie	RT Lemur	2yr	F		Dominique Ferrero	6-7-20 Transferred back to Dominique Ferrero
Cupcake	RT Lemur	2yr	F		350 VZ CR 1906 Fruitvale, Tx	6-7-20 Transferred back to Dominique Ferrero
Dunkin	Raccoon	3yr	M	8-29-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Sweet Pea	Raccoon	2yr	F	8-29-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Boomer	Blue&Gold Macaw	23	F			
Toogie	Sulcata Tort.	8yr	M	10-5-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Tootsie/Century	Sulcata Tort.	8yr	F	10-21-18	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Rocket (Dunkin&Sweet Pea offspring)	Raccoon	5-28-19	M	5-28-19	Born On-Site	3/20/21
Kantu	Rhesus Macaque	15yr	M	2-24-20	Exotic Cat Refuge & Wildlife Orphanage Kirbyville, Tx 75956	74-L-0424
Julienne	Barred Owl	10yr	?	2-24-20	Exotic Cat Refuge & Wildlife Orphanage Kirbyville, Tx 75956	
Whiskey	Red Fox	4-5-20	F	5-19-20	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Tango	Red Fox	4-5-20	M	5-19-20	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
Lily	RT Lemur	3-19-20	F	3-19-20	Born On-Site	

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & FORESTRY**  
**CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION**

2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105 • (405) 522-6141 • Fax (405) 522-0756

Permit Number

Name of Consignee / Owner	Premises ID #	Physical Address:	City	State	Zip	Premise ID #	740413
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	1552 FM 14	Tyler	TX	75706	903 343 9061	
Physical Address Or address if different from above)	Destination Address (if different from above)						
NUMBER IN SHIPMENT =		Herd Numbers		Purpose of Movement (check all that apply): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERSTATE <input type="checkbox"/> INTRASTATE			
Mexican Cattle	Horse	Dog/Cat		<input type="checkbox"/> Breeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Grazing	<input type="checkbox"/> Slaughter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Beef Cattle	Swine	Poultry		<input type="checkbox"/> VQ #	<input type="checkbox"/> BR Free	<input type="checkbox"/> BR A	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Herd Test Dates
Dairy Cattle		Sheep/Goat	X	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Please do not extend mark beyond appropriate box for scanning readability.				EIA	TB	Buccellosis	PRV
OFFICIAL/USDA EARTAG NUMBER OR OTHER		BREED	SEX	AGE	VACCINATION	Negative Test Date	Date of Negative Results (72 hrs)
OFFICIAL ID					For:	Accession #	Negative Test Date
1. <i>Fox</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>8w</i>					
2. <i>Red Fox</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>8w</i>					
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VETERINARY CERTIFICATION: I certify, as an accredited veterinarian, the above described animals have been inspected by me on (date) <u>5/9/04</u> and they were not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable disease (except where noted). The vaccinations and results of test are as indicated on this certificate. To the best of my knowledge, the animals listed on this certificate meet the state of destination and federal interstate requirements. No warrantant is made or implied.							
Certifying Veterinarian (Print or Type) Address <u>125 Sand Creek St, OKC, OK 73109</u>				APPROVED BY STATE OR FEDERAL OFFICIAL The animals in this shipment are those certified to and listed on the certificate.			
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)				(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			
Certifying Veterinarian (Signature) Phone <u>(405) 231-5319</u>				ISSUE DATE <u>05/09/04</u>			
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)				PINK - COMPANY SHIPMENT			
ORIGINAL - RETURN TO CDAFF within 7 days of completion				PINK - VETERINARIAN Signature <u>GOLD - VETERINARIAN</u>			

Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary  
Animal Transfer Form

Transferred From:

Transferred To:

Name	CXOTC Cat Refuge
Address	2561 Private Drive 7025 Kirbyville TX 75956
USDA License #	74-C-04424

If not USDA License, please include the following:

Vehicle License #	
Driver's License # and State	

Name	Not Foundation Rescued Animals
Address	Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary 17552 FM 14 Tyler, Texas 75706 www.tigercreek.org
USDA License #	74-C-04118

If not USDA License, please include the following:

Vehicle License #	
Driver's License # and State	

Species	Name or Identifying Marks	Date of Birth or Approximate Age	Male/ Female
Bobcat	L.I. Bit + Belatrix	12 weeks 4/2/18	F
Boyle's Tiger	Sheba	9y/o	F
Barred Owl	Charming	11y/o	Z
Reeves Marm	Kanty	12y/o	M

Additional Comments:


Date of Transfer: 7/24/2020 Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Good Morning Cindy,

Please see the attached documentation covering the issues noted during our routine inspection last month. The attached documents contain text message communications between Tiger Creek Staff and our primary veterinarian, medical history including phone conversations and in-person visits as kept by our primary veterinarian, and records of acquisition. I noticed on the amended report that Sitaara was not removed after our discussion that we renamed her after Grand Prairie Animal Control dropped her off as "Nova", but that documentation is also included here.

Please let me know if there are further documents needed.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary  
National Foundation for Rescued Animals



## Inspection Report

GREAT CATS IN CRISIS  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
STE 1000  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

**2.40(b)(3)              Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

\* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.

\* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.

\* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.

\* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.

\* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.

\* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari ( serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

- \* Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)
- \* Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)
- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
- \* Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)
- \* Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)
- \* Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
503949	10-C-0002	001	GREAT CATS IN CRISIS	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	Serval
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000039	<b>Total</b>	

1/29/2018	USDA Vet Check: BAR, need slight increase to weight. Dental check in the future.
2/1/2018	Diet Change: Feed 14# grd SunWF, 13# TS, 1/2# chunk TWVR.
2/14/2018	Fed extra 1# chunk.
4/11/2018	Short 5# from diet. Replaced with beef chunk.
4/11/2018	
5/4/2018	<b>Diet Change:</b> Feed 14# grd MTWFS, 12# R.
5/9/2018	Left 3.3# food. (S) Left 2.8# p.m.
5/10/2018	Left 2.4# food. Not saved.
5/14/2018	Left 8.4# food. (S) Finished P.M.
5/29/2018	Left 4.6# food. (S) Finished P.M.
5/30/2018	Left 4.5# food. (S) Finished P.M.
5/31/2018	Left 4.9# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/1/2018	Left 5.5# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/2/2018	Left 6# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/4/2018	Left 9# food. (S) finished P.M.
6/6/2018	Left 4.2# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/7/2018	Took 1# grd from diet.
6/8/2018	Left 7.9# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/9/2018	Left 2.9# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/11/2018	Left 14# food. (S) Left 12.5# P.M.
6/12/2018	Left 13.7# food. (S) Left 11.1# P.M.
6/13/2018	Left 14# food. Not touched P.M.
6/14/2018	Left 11# food. (S) Finished P.M.
6/15/2018	Left 12.1# food. (S) Left 5.1# P.M.
6/16/2018	Left 13.7# food. (S) Left 3.4# P.M.
6/18/2018	Left full diet. (S) Finished P.M.
6/19/2018	Found deceased in his yard. Necropsy elected, see chart.

## “Amir” Necropsy Notes

BD 8-6-1999, IM, Siberian Tiger *Panthera tigris altaica*

Broken Left canine at gumline, tip of Right canine broken

Cyanotic, Immediately pale after death

Submandibular mass 2-3" in diameter. Small amount of edema associated with mass.

No lymph node enlargement

Eyes sunken

No nasal discharge

No lingual ulcers

No lingual ulcers or food stuffs in mouth

BCS normal, muscling normal for age

No limb edema, no joint enlargement

Ears NSF

Larynx looks symmetrical, no tumors

No froth or food stuff

Vocal fold NSF

Small amount of clear liquid in esophagus

Ventral-mediastinal serosal mass noted

Minimal fluid in thorax

Right lung (down side post mortem) still air in periphery of lung, dependent blood congestion

No pleural effusion

Cranial Thoracic esophagus is clear

Pericardial fluid normal

No froth in larynx, no petechia on heart indicating agonal state

No edema at tracheal bifurcation

Diaphragm intact

Good intra-abdominal fat layer

Observed GI tract NSF

Not clearly observed adrenals, felt through fat layer

No stones noted in ureters

No tumors on penis, testes bilaterally symmetrical

Fecal result Negative

## Patient History Report

**Client:** Link Foundation, Tiger Missing  
(3981)  
**Phone:** (903) 858-1008  
**Address:** 17552 FM 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

**Patient:** Dakari (42920)  
**Species:** Feline  
**Age:** 5 Yrs. 7 Mos.  
**Color:**  
**Breed:** Serval  
**Sex:** Male

Date	Type	Staff	History
3/28/2021	TC	[REDACTED]	Misc Medical Notes - TENTATIVE - Misc. Medical Notes
2/25/2021	R	[REDACTED]	1 - Phone Message/call - FINAL Mar 04/2021 - 1 - Phone Message/Call
			Phone Conversation/Message: Please put time at the end of the message:
			TVMDL FINAL REPORT. Attached below HV 2/25 @ 12:28pm
2/12/2021	L	[REDACTED]	<p>Miscellaneous results from IDEXX Reference Laboratory Requisition ID: 148612731 Posted Final Ascn: 4606037647</p> <p>RE: 999 CANCELLED TESTS CANCELLED TESTS</p> <p>Due to extensive transportation delays, one or more of the specimens received arrived at the laboratory past the recommended storage/stability. As a result, we are unable to complete the test(s) requiring that sample(s). Resubmission of a fresh specimen is recommended. Your account will be adjusted for the cost of the requested test. Please call Reference Laboratory Customer Support at 1-888-433-9987 if you have any questions.</p>
2/12/2021	CB	[REDACTED]	Callback - Call Back (CB1D) ---- Note from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on 2/12/2021 at 06:56:10 ---- This patient is deceased.
2/11/2021	L	[REDACTED]	Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 19686 Posted Final Test Result Reference Range ALB = 2.8 g/dL 2.2 - 4.0 ALKP < < 10 U/L L 14 - 111 ALT = 122 U/L 12 - 130

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AMYL =	693 U/L	500 - 1500
BUN/UREA =	114 mg/dL H*	16 - 36
Ca =	8.6 mg/dL	7.8 - 11.3
Chloride =	111 mmol/L L	112 - 129
CHOL =	78 mg/dL	65 - 225
CREA -	--.--- mg/dL	0.8 - 2.4
GGT =	0 U/L	0 - 4
GLU =	125 mg/dL	74 - 159
LIPA =	240 U/L	100 - 1400
PHOS =	3.7 mg/dL	3.1 - 7.5
Potassium =	2.7 mmol/L L	3.5 - 5.8
TBIL =	0.8 mg/dL	0.0 - 0.9
TP =	7.0 g/dL	5.7 - 8.9
Sodium =	147 mmol/L L	150 - 165
GLOB =	4.2 g/dL	2.8 - 5.1
OSM Calc =	326 mmol/kg	
ALB/GLOB =	0.7	
Na/K =	54	
SDMA =	18 ug/dL H	0 - 14
Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4 < 0.8 ug/dL		
Subnormal	0.8 - 4.7 ug/dL	Normal 2.3 - 4.7 ug/dL
Grey zone in old or symptomatic cats > 4.7 ug/dL		
Consistent with hyperthyroidism Cats with subnormal T4 values are almost exclusively euthyroid sick or over treated for their hyperthyroidism. Older cats with consistent clinical signs and T4 values in the grey zone may have early hyperthyroidism or a concurrent non-thyroidal illness.		
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Following treatment with methimazole, T4 values will generally fall within the lower to middle end of the reference range.		

SDMA: SDMA is increased, no CREA result: likely impaired GFR and kidney function. Recommended next step: evaluation of other renal function tests, and complete urinalysis. For information on recommended actions visit: [www.idexx.com/sdmaalgorithm](http://www.idexx.com/sdmaalgorithm).

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Immunoassay results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
Laboratory Requisition ID: 19686 Posted Final  

Test	Result	Reference Range
TT4 =	1.5 ug/dL	0.8 - 4.7
Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4 < 0.8 ug/dL		
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2/11/2021 L [REDACTED]

Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
Laboratory Requisition ID: 19686      Posted      Final  

Test	Result	Reference Range
BASO =	0.01 K/uL	0.01 - 0.26
EOS =	0.08 K/uL L	0.17 - 1.57
HCT =	33.3 %	30.3 - 52.3
HGB =	10.3 g/dL	9.8 - 16.2
LYMPHS *	* 5.67 K/uL	0.92 - 6.88
MCH =	18.7 pg H	11.8 - 17.3
MCHC =	30.9 g/dL	28.1 - 35.8
MCV =	60.5 fL H	35.9 - 53.1
MONOS *	* 1.31 K/uL H	0.05 - 0.67
MPV =	15.9 fL	11.4 - 21.6
RBC =	5.50 M/uL L	6.54 - 12.20
WBC =	29.93 K/uL H	2.87 - 17.02
%LYMPHS *	* 18.9 %	
%MONOS *	* 4.4 %	
NEUT *	* 22.86 K/uL H	2.30 - 10.29
%NEUT *	* 76.4 %	
%EOS =	0.3 %	
%BASO =	0.0 %	
PLT =	240 K/uL	151 - 600
Retics =	95.1 K/uL H	3.0 - 50.0
%Retics =	1.7 %	
RDW =	19.6 %	15.0 - 27.0
PCT =	0.38 %	0.17 - 0.86
Band *	* Suspected	
RETIC-HGB =	20.8 pg	13.2 - 20.8

\* Confirm with dot plot and/or blood film review.  
Immature and/or toxic neutrophils likely present - Consider inflammation.  
Reticulocytosis without anemia - Consider occult hemolytic or blood loss disease.

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## Patient History Report

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(3981)

**Patient:** Dakari (42920)

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Tyler, TX 75706

**Species:** Feline  
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**Breed:** Serval  
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Date	Type	Staff	History
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2/11/2021 C [REDACTED] HACH Recheck Medical Exam - CLOSED Feb 18/2021

How is the patient doing at home? \_\_

Physical Exam today: \_\_

Plan: \_\_

Add Diagnosis Description

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2/11/2021 CK [REDACTED] havings seizures  
Reason for Visit: Lab Testing  
Date Patient Checked Out: Mar 30/2021 Practice 1

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2/8/2021 C [REDACTED] SX NOTES - CLOSED Feb 16/2021

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2/7/2021 C [REDACTED] Surgery General Report - CLOSED Feb 16/2021  
Surgery Report

Date: 2/7/2021

Technician: \_\_

Doctor: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

Temp: __	RR: __	RR: __
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Anesthesia	Pre-Medication				Induction				Maintenance	
	Drug	Dose	Route	Time	Drug	Dose	Route	Time	Drug/Fluid	Dose/Rate
Quality of Sedation	<input type="checkbox"/> Profound	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Quality of Induction	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	Fluid TVI		

Monitor	Time									
	HR/BP									
	Time									
	HR/BP									

Time	Start Surgery	Start Anesthesia	ET Tube	IVC
	End Surgery	End Anesthesia	Post-Op Temp.	
	Total Surgery Time	Extubation		
		Total Anesth. Time	Quality of Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Surgical Description	Procedure(s): <u>exploratory sx</u>
	Complications: <u> </u>
Medications: <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	Biopsy Taken <u> </u> Biopsy Submitted <u> </u> Lab <u> </u>

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<b>Patient Information</b>		Release Date/Time _____	
Owner Name:	Tiger Missing Link Foundation	Client phoned on completion _____	
Pet Name:	Dakari	Medications prepared _____	
Age:	5 Yrs. 6 Mos.	Charges entered _____	
Phone Number:	(903) 858-1008	Discharge instructions completed _____	
Vaccine Current?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

2/7/2021 L



Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 19635      Posted      Final  
 Test      Result      Reference Range  
 Chloride =      114 mmol/L      112 - 129  
 Potassium =      4.3 mmol/L      3.5 - 5.8  
 Sodium =      152 mmol/L      150 - 165  
 Na/K =      35

2/4/2021 C



Ultrasound Notes - CLOSED Feb 11/2021

Solid structure noted in the small intestine of the mid abdomen; r/o mass, foreign body (solid foreign body vs hair ball/food wad, etc.)

2/3/2021 C



HACH Radiograph Findings - CLOSED Feb 10/2021 - Radiograph Findings

2/3/2021 C



Misc Medical Notes - CLOSED Feb 10/2021 - Misc. Medical Notes

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2/3/2021 C [REDACTED] HACH Radiograph Findings - CLOSED Feb 10/2021 - Radiograph Findings

2/3/2021 C [REDACTED] HACH Preventive - Basic - CLOSED Feb 16/2021 - Annual Exam Notes  
**Examination:** [REDACTED]  
**Technician:** [REDACTED]

**Subjective:** [Add Problem Description](#)

Temp:	Pulse:	Respiration:	
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Objective:	Normal	Abnormal	Did Not Examine	Comments
Abdomen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cardiovascular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eyes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gastrointestinal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mouth / Teeth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Membranes/Nodes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Musculoskeletal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nervous System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Respiratory	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Skin / Hair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Urogenital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fecal Results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Heartworm Test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Assessment:	<a href="#">Add Diagnosis Description</a>
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Plan:	
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2/3/2021 V

Feb 3, 2021 02:19 PM Staff:

Weight : 19.20 pounds

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2/3/2021 TC Misc Medical Notes - TENTATIVE - Medical Notes - Sick Visit Timeline HACH

2/3: Patient presented for dehydration and anorexia of 1 week's duration. Tiger Creek has been treating at their facility with subcutaneous fluids. We were called yesterday to make an appointment for today as he is not better with staff treating.

SO: see above; anoxic for about a week; on presentation, patient is severely dehydrated; weak, and lethargic. Has lost weight and appears very thin. No history of eating anything abnormal; in the past, has had digestive issues. On abdominal palpation, patient is painful and a hard "knot" is noted mid abdomen.

on abdominal ultrasound - "mass" or "foreign" body noted in the small intestine. radiographs are WNL; no abnormalities noted

Offered exploratory vs supportive care for 24 hours to see if wad/mass/hairball would move with rehydration; TC elects supportive therapy for 24 hours; rehydration on fluids, anti-emetics and antibiotics. If not improvement in 24 hours, will discuss exploratory.

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Patient did well 12-18 hours after starting IV fluids and medications. Patient eating well after fluids; Will keep here for the weekend to monitor and on IV fluids. (Friday)

On Sunday, patient became anorexic, lethargic, and dehydrated again despite IV catheter and fluids. [REDACTED] called TC and let them know we were doing exploratory Sunday AM. On exploratory, patient had a "wad" of leaves and sticks/hair/grass that was in the small intestine causing a hard obstruction. The obstruction was easily removed with a simple enterotomy. The material was removed and placed in a jar. The enterotomy site was closed with 4-0 Monocryl on a taper needle, and checked for leaking. The remainder of the abdomen was explored with no other abnormalities noted. Patient recovered successfully.

Patient eating well day after surgery - send home Monday or Tuesday.

Patient presented back to the clinic the Friday of going home; complaint: seizures. Patient was started on an IV, given anti-seizure medication, but passed shortly after.

[REDACTED] did autopsy as [REDACTED] did the surgery and preferred and unbiased opinion. He did not note any gross abnormalities other than an excessive amount of spinal fluid obtained during spinal tap. Spinal fluid as well as organs were submitted for histopathology and those results are pending.

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2/3/2021 L [REDACTED]

Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 19608		Posted	Final
Test	Result		Reference Range
ALB =	3.0 g/dL	2.2 - 4.0	
ALKP <	< 10 U/L L	14 - 111	
ALT =	109 U/L	12 - 130	
AMYL =	500 U/L	500 - 1500	
BUN/UREA =	49 mg/dL H	16 - 36	
Ca =	8.5 mg/dL	7.8 - 11.3	
Chloride =	103 mmol/L L	112 - 129	
CHOL =	89 mg/dL	65 - 225	
CREA =	1.0 mg/dL	0.8 - 2.4	
GGT =	46 U/L H	0 - 4	
GLU =	145 mg/dL	74 - 159	
LIPA =	235 U/L	100 - 1400	
PHOS =	5.5 mg/dL	3.1 - 7.5	
Potassium =	2.4 mmol/L L	3.5 - 5.8	
TBIL =	0.3 mg/dL	0.0 - 0.9	
TP =	6.4 g/dL	5.7 - 8.9	
Sodium =	147 mmol/L L	150 - 165	
GLOB =	3.4 g/dL	2.8 - 5.1	
OSM Calc =	303 mmol/kg		
ALB/GLOB =	0.9		
BUN/CREA =	49		

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Na/K = 61  
 SDMA = 10 ug/dL 0 - 14  
 Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4 < 0.8 ug/dL  
 Subnormal 0.8 - 4.7 ug/dL Normal 2.3 - 4.7 ug/dL  
 Grey zone in old or symptomatic cats > 4.7 ug/dL  
 Consistent with hyperthyroidism Cats with subnormal T4 values are almost exclusively euthyroid sick or over treated for their hyperthyroidism. Older cats with consistent clinical signs and T4 values in the grey zone may have early hyperthyroidism or a concurrent non-thyroidal illness. Hyperthyroidism may be confirmed in these cats by adding on a freeT4 (fT4) or by performing a T3 suppression test. Following treatment with methimazole, T4 values will generally fall within the lower to middle end of the reference range.

SDMA: SDMA and CREA within reference interval: impairment of GFR is unlikely.  
 Recommended next step: evaluate complete urinalysis.

2/3/2021 L

Immunoassay results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 19608 Posted Final  
 Test Result Reference Range  
 TT4 = 2.2 ug/dL 0.8 - 4.7  
 Diagnostic Interpretation for TT4 < 0.8 ug/dL  
 Subnormal 0.8 - 4.7 ug/dL Normal 2.3 - 4.7 ug/dL  
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2/3/2021 L

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 EOS \* \* 0.05 K/uL L 0.17 - 1.57  
 HCT = 56.6 % H 30.3 - 52.3

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nRBC *	* Suspected	
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WBC *	* 35.89 K/uL H*	2.87 - 17.02
%LYMPHES *	* 6.7 %	
%MONOS *	* 3.0 %	
NEUT *	* 32.35 K/uL H	2.30 - 10.29
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Retics =	20.8 K/uL	3.0 - 50.0
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Increased HCT - Polycythemia.

2/3/2021 CK

constipated/ not eating much about an oz a day

Reason for Visit: Exam-Sick/Injured

Date Patient Checked Out: Feb 10/2021 Practice 1

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**Species:** Feline  
**Age:** 15 Yrs. 0 Mos.  
**Color:** brown

**Breed:** Puma  
**Sex:** Male

Date	Type	Staff	History
6/20/2018	E	[REDACTED]	Feline Geriatric: 2 Abnormal(s): Musculoskeletal, Overall Health EMAIL <b>Recipients:</b> TO: Tiger Missing Link Foundation (Client) CC: [REDACTED] Other <b>Attachments:</b> Coco-9685_ph.pdf (Patient History) <b>Subject:</b> Patient History from Henderson Animal Care Hospital <b>Message:</b> Noted/etc attached.
8/10/2017	CM	[REDACTED]	HACH Anesthesia Monitoring w/ graphs - CLOSED Aug 16/2017 - Anesthesia Monitoring

## Anesthesia Record

### Pre-surgical Checklist

Patient	Safety Checklist	Equipment Checklist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient identified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ID Confirmed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPO time Lab Results: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal Lab Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia Machine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oxygen supply and flow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soda Lime <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pop-off valve <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scavenging system <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endotracheal tube cuff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ET tube used 10.5 mm <input type="checkbox"/> Grounding systems (e.g., cautery) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anesthetic agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lubrication for eyes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drip set <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir bag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inhalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pulse oximeter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> End tidal CO <sub>2</sub> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blood pressure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuous EKG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated continuous observation <input type="checkbox"/> Esophageal stethoscope <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory monitor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temperature

### Drugs / Fluids / Agents Used

Preanesthetic Drugs			Dose / Rate	Initials	Time Given
Telazol 1.5 mL + dexd 0.5 mL	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		7:06 AM
torb 0.5 mL/dexdom 0.5 mL	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		7:06 AM
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		
Induction					
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> Mask	<input type="checkbox"/> Chamber		
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> Mask	<input type="checkbox"/> Chamber		
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> Mask	<input type="checkbox"/> Chamber		
Maintenance					
Isoflurane	<input type="checkbox"/> Epidural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intubation			

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Epidural	<input type="checkbox"/> Intubation			
<b>Reversal Drugs</b>					
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		
<b>Fluids</b>					
LRS	<input type="checkbox"/> IV		<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV		<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV		<input type="checkbox"/> SQ		
<b>Pain Medications</b>					
Banamine	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
<b>Antibiotics</b>					
Cefazolin	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Oral	<input type="checkbox"/> IV	<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> SQ	
<b>Other Drugs / Fluids / Agents</b>					
Famotidine					

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Please see attached form for this record.

Fluids

## Gases

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Surgery Start Stop

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5/26/2017	C	[REDACTED]	Puma - CLOSED Jun 02/2017
5/26/2017	C	[REDACTED]	HACH Anesthesia Monitoring w/ graphs - CLOSED Jun 02/2017 - Anesthesia Monitoring

### Anesthesia Record

#### Pre-surgical Checklist

Patient	Safety Checklist	Equipment Checklist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient identified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ID Confirmed <input type="checkbox"/> NPO _____ time Lab Results: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Abnormal Lab Comments:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia Machine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oxygen supply and flow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soda Lime <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pop-off valve <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scavenging system <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Endotracheal tube cuff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ET tube used 12 mm <input type="checkbox"/> Grounding systems (e.g., cautery) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anesthetic agents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lubrication for eyes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drip set <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reservoir bag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inhalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pulse oximeter <input type="checkbox"/> End tidal CO <sub>2</sub> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blood pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Continuous EKG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated continuous observation <input type="checkbox"/> Esophageal stethoscope <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory monitor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temperature

#### Drugs / Fluids / Agents Used

Preanesthetic Drugs	Dose / Rate	Initials	Time Given
Induction			
D/T/K at 2.5/2.5/2.5 IM	<input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> IM <input type="checkbox"/> SQ	IM	[REDACTED] 2:30 PM
	<input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> IM <input type="checkbox"/> SQ		
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Maintenance			
Isoflurane 2%	<input type="checkbox"/> Epidural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intubation		4:00 PM
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Reversal Drugs			

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Time 4:00 PM 6:00 PM

FluidsNaCl

#### Start Hetastarch

Rate ml/k g/hr	10	15	mL/ kg/h r
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5/26/2017 V [REDACTED] May 26, 2017 11:52 AM Staff: [REDACTED]  
Weight : 110.00 pounds

General Surgery Report - FINAL Dec 11/2017 - Tuber Olecrani Fracture

## General Surgery Report

Surgeon: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]

### Assistant:

Date of Surgery: 5/25/2017

Diagnosis: Fractured Ulna

### Recumbency: left lateral

#### Procedure: Open fracture reduction

**Surgery Report:** The right forelimb was clipped from midhumerus to mid ulna. The area was aseptically prepared for surgery. An incision was made on the caudal aspect of the elbow, extending proximally to the distal third of the humerus, and distally to approximately one third of the proximal ulna. The subcutaneous tissue was incised. The fascia and retinaculum covering the lateral aspect of the ulna. The proximal tuber olecrani was isolated via an incision lateral to the triceps brachii tendon. Two, 1/8th inch, intramedullary pins were placed in the tuber olecrani. Both extended from the tuber olecrani into the proximal third of the ulna to reduce the fracture. To prevent rotational forces of the fracture, a drill bit was used to drill into the mid radius. A 20 gauge circlage wire was passed through to radius and around the intramedullary pins. The wire was tightened, and secured. The surgery site was lavaged with sterile saline and gentomycin. Intra-operative radiographs were

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taken to insure proper reduction of the fracture. The incision was then closed. The retinaculum and fascia were closed with 0 Monocryl in a simple continuous pattern. The subcutaneous tissue was closed in a simple continuous pattern. The skin was closed in an intradermal pattern using 0 Monocryl. The bladder was expressed and the patient was extubated in the stainless steel cage of Tiger Creek Rescue.

Recovery Method: Uneventful

Recovery: Excellent

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5/25/2017 P

45.00 capsule of Cephalexin 500mg (5972)

Rx #: 54622 Exp. May 25/2018 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by [REDACTED]  
Give 3 capsule(s) by mouth every 12 hours as directed.

5/25/2017 L

Urinalysis results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic

Laboratory Requisition ID: 9242      Posted      Final  

Test	Result	Reference Range
pH =	7.0	
PRO =	Negative	
GLU =	Negative	
KET =	Negative	
BLD =	25 Ery/uL	
BIL =	Negative	
UBG =	norm	
S.G. =		

5/25/2017 L

Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic

Laboratory Requisition ID: 9241      Posted      Final  

Test	Result	Reference Range
ALB =	2.6 g/dL	2.3 - 3.9
ALKP <	< 10 U/L L	14 - 111
ALT =	46 U/L	12 - 130
AMYL =	581 U/L	500 - 1500
BUN/UREA =	38 mg/dL H	16 - 36
Ca =	8.2 mg/dL	7.8 - 11.3
Chloride =	121 mmol/L	112 - 129
CHOL =	152 mg/dL	65 - 225
CREA =	2.4 mg/dL	0.8 - 2.4
GGT =	0 U/L	0 - 4
GLU =	107 mg/dL	71 - 159
LIPA =	131 U/L	100 - 1400
PHOS =	4.3 mg/dL	3.1 - 7.5
Potassium =	3.4 mmol/L L	3.5 - 5.8

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TBIL = 0.3 mg/dL 0.0 - 0.9  
 TP = 7.2 g/dL 5.7 - 8.9  
 Sodium = 162 mmol/L 150 - 165  
 GLOB = 4.6 g/dL 2.8 - 5.1  
 OSM Calc = 327 mmol/kg  
 ALB/GLOB = 0.6  
 BUN/CREA = 16  
 Na/K = 48

5/25/2017 L

Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 9241 Posted Final

Test	Result	Reference Range
BASO =	0.00 K/uL L	0.01 - 0.26
EOS =	0.00 K/uL L	0.17 - 1.57
HCT =	37.7 %	30.3 - 52.3
HGB =	14.1 g/dL	9.8 - 16.2
LYMPHS =	1.20 K/uL	0.92 - 6.88
MCH =	15.9 pg	11.8 - 17.3
MCHC =	37.4 g/dL H	28.1 - 35.8
MCV =	42.5 fL	35.9 - 53.1
MONOS =	0.31 K/uL	0.05 - 0.67
MPV =	16.4 fL	11.4 - 21.6
RBC =	8.87 M/uL	6.54 - 12.20
WBC =	8.69 K/uL	2.87 - 17.02
%LYMPHS =	13.8 %	
%MONOS =	3.6 %	
NEUT =	7.18 K/uL	1.48 - 10.29
%NEUT =	82.6 %	
%EOS =	0.0 %	
%BASO =	0.0 %	
PLT =	231 K/uL	151 - 600
Retics =	2.7 K/uL L	3.0 - 50.0
%Retics =	0.0 %	
RDW =	24.6 %	15.0 - 27.0
PCT =	0.38 %	0.00 - 0.79

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Juda &lt;

## Animal Care

S



Fri, 5:18 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

A couple things from today:

1. Jack-Jack has the same irritation spots on his neck as Blackhawk and Cinder. Should we give him the depomedrol shot as well?
2. Juda is completely incontinent, he is constantly peeing down the back of himself. Obviously that's an issue in and of itself but I don't see anything else wrong with him (no breathing issues, no bloating or swelling, he walks with his back legs straight but he's done that since I've known him)
3. Bagheera looks like he has a little pooch under his belly (she photo after message) I'm not sure if it's normal/just fat build up but it looked odd while he was laying.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Send Message...



12:14

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Mon, Jun 22, 4:16 PM

Yes to jack jack

What is Juda and how old?

Bagheera looks like fat

Juda is a lion and he be old 18+  
would have to look up exact  
number

Ok. Sounds like spine  
issues...arthritic spine pressing  
on nerves that innervate the  
bladder...try meloxicam. One  
7.5 once daily to see if that will  
relieve enough inflammation to  
help.

Tue, Jun 23, 2:54 PM

We did not have enough blood  
from Bo. I will need more at  
some point. Also, reminder to  
thaw Gunther for necropsy.  
Other than site visit and that, is  
there anything else?



iMessage



2:38



LTE

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Group MMS



7/1/20 4:17 PM

Juda, male lion 20 years old, is urinating dark red/brown. He's the one who is incontinent, and that has not resolved either.



Type a message...



2:38



LTE

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Group MMS



7/1/20 5:56 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Anyway you can pull some in a syringe  
in the AM ? He's got an infection, but  
need to check urine for crystals and  
cancer cells

I'll let animal care know to do so



Type a message...



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Group MMS



Anyway you can pull some in a syringe in the AM ? He's got an infection, but need to check urine for crystals and cancer cells

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7/1/20 6:12 PM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

What antibiotics do you have on hand?

Cephalexin for sure. Amoxicillin I believe, but I'll have to have someone check tomorrow.

7/2/20 9:49 AM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED] is correct cephalexin and mox 500 on both

7/2/20 10:07 AM

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED] Amoxicillin 2 capsules twice daily, but get urine before starting antibiotics



Type a message...



12:41

LTE

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



Kumari

Jun 18, 2019, 1:05 PM



Let's play a game...what could  
be the cause of that belly?



I'll bring my ultrasound Friday



It's not an impaction...promise u  
that



iMessage



12:40



(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Jun 21, 2019, 9:09 PM

Progesterone is unreliable for pregnancy in big cats...but cystic endometriosis is very common 😕. Going to run one more lab in the AM to double double check for no infection, but if no infection, we will start antibiotics to calm down the endometriosis. The zoo doc said that I would have "known" for sure if she was pregnant if I ultrasound pregnancies often (and I do...daily)...so, we will make sure again no infection, then start antibiotics to prevent one...I will CALL you guys in AM after I run this last test...

Was that not also a spine?

Lol yes I know, but, it does not look like spines I have ultra-sounded in other species ...if the test tomorrow is good, we could check a fecal sample for progesterone...never heard of this but apparently fecal hormones are more reliable



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12:43

LTE

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

We are checking. Should know  
by end of day...can we do  
surgery Tuesday AM?

Yes, what time

If y'all could be here around 8.  
Meds are \$198...will last his life  
most likely.

Is that a cancer joke?

You want this fecal on Kumari

Sort of lol...yes to kumari. I've  
got to get a price for the fecal  
progesterone

How fresh does it need to be?  
The "kids" have one stored in  
the fridge 😊

Let me check

Fresh sample placed  
immediately into freezer and  
kept frozen.

Jul 2, 2019 6:27 AM



iMessage



12:45

LTE

b BLINK

now

Motion Alert from NE Corner camera.

LOL >

point it might be torture 😊

Jul 23, 2019, 8:47 PM

Must be having one of them  
"I'm never taking vacation  
again" days

Yes I am. I just walked into my  
front door...

If we can't hydro him, and he's  
re-opened the incision twice,  
chances of healing with  
stainless and a mesh are about  
50%. The histopath came back  
today and we got good margins  
on the tumor...but have to heal  
the incision

Ok, what about Kumaris labs  
they in yet? Last question for  
tonight.

Jul 24, 2019, 7:13 AM

I have emailed the head lab dr  
there to see what is going on  
and I haven't heard back. I will  
try to actually call him today.



iMessage



12:40



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Jun 24, 2019, 12:23 PM

Yes. I will have to check on  
chemo price.

How is Kumasi?

Kunari

She is acting normal, happy.  
She's been eating about half of  
her diet in the morning and  
then finishing in the afternoon.

Should we have you cut out  
what you can and do the  
chemo?

Yes. Chemo won't touch it  
unless the cells are  
microscopic.

Ok. I'll get antibiotics for  
kumari.

I'll head that way shortly

K

Jun 24, 2019, 5:42 PM



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**Age:** 0 Yrs. 0 Mos.  
**Color:**

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**Sex:** Spayed Female

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9/24/2019 C

HACH Spay Discharge Instructions - CLOSED Sep 26/2019 - Discharge  
Instructions and Anesthetic Report

HENDERSON

ANIMAL CARE  
HOSPITAL

### Spay Discharge Instructions

Admission Date: 7/2/2019

Date of Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Diagnosis: Post Op Spay

Re-check/Suture removal Appointment Date: None  
Needed \_\_\_\_\_

Surgeon: **(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**  
Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: Your pet has just undergone a procedure to prevent her from having offspring. This surgical procedure involves entering the abdominal cavity and moving the viscera in order to find and isolate the reproductive tract. Your pet may vomit once and may have diarrhea for no more than 24 hours after they return home. If these symptoms persist for longer than 24 hours, please call our office.

Medications:

Aftercare Instructions:

- Please keep Kumari confined to a kennel for the next 10 days. She can go outside for leash walks only to the bathroom.
- Please do not allow Kumari to run up stairs or to jump on and off the couch.
- No roughhousing or playing of any sort.
- **The sutures will dissolve on their own.**
- Feed and water at your normal schedule/rate.

If you see any swelling or draining from the incision site, please call our office.  
Please call with any questions or concerns.

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Thank you for bringing Kumari to Henderson Animal Care Hospital.

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HACH Feline Spay - Surgery Report - CLOSED Sep 30/2019

### Feline Spay Surgery Report

**Kumari (36883)** Feline Tiger Female 0  
**Tiger Missing Link Foundation (3981)** (903) 858-1008

9/24/2019 15:24 Technician:

Presurgical Risk Assessment:

Minimal Risk  Slight Risk  Moderate Risk  High Risk  Grave Risk

Duration: 15 minutes

Comments: An approximate 3 inch ventral midline incision was made using a # 15 blade. The abdomen was entered and the left ovary was isolated. A hemostat was placed below the ovary and the ovarian artery was ligated using 3-0 Monocryl. The ovary was removed and the artery was placed into the abdomen. The right ovary was then isolated and removed in a similar manner. The uterus was then clamped just caudal to the cervix. The uterus was ligated with 3-0 Monocryl using an encircling pattern. The clamp was then moved distally and another ligature was placed. The uterus was then removed and the ligated portion was placed back into the abdomen. The abdominal wall was closed using 2-0 Monocryl in a simple interrupted pattern. The subcutaneous tissue was closed in a simple continuous pattern. The skin was closed using 4-0 Monocryl in a subcuticular pattern. The surgical site was cleaned and iced for five minutes after surgery.

Additional Comments: The uterus was filled with clear fluid. The uterus was enlarged and distended and weighed about 40 pounds.

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## Patient History Report

**Client:** Link Foundation, Tiger Missing  
(3981)  
**Phone:** (903) 858-1008  
**Address:** 17552 FM 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

**Patient:** Kumari (36883)  
**Species:** Feline  
**Age:** 0 Yrs. 0 Mos.  
**Color:**

**Breed:** Tiger  
**Sex:** Spayed Female

Date	Type	Staff	History
9/24/2019	P	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	40.00 capsule of Amoxicillin 500mg (6152) Rx #: 97412 Exp. Sep 24/2020 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by [REDACTED] Give 2 capsules by mouth twice daily. fecal/dropped off
7/2/2019	CK	(b) (6), (b) (7)(G)	Reason for Visit: Lab Testing Date Patient Checked Out: Sep 24/2019 Practice 1
6/25/2019	C	(b) (6), (b) (7)(G)	ANESTHESIA RECORD - FINAL Jun 25/2019
6/24/2019	P	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	50.00 capsule of Amoxicillin 500mg (6152) Rx #: 92149 Exp. Jun 24/2020 0 Of 0 Refills Filled by [REDACTED] Give 2 capsule every 12 hours until finished.
6/24/2019	E	(b) (6), (b) (7)(G)	Small Animal: 2 Abnormal(s): Abdomen and Abdominal Organs, Urogenital
6/22/2019	L	(b) (6), (b) (7)(G)	Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 15130 Posted Final Test Result Reference Range CRP < 0.1 mg/dL L
6/21/2019	C	(b) (6), (b) (7)(G)	Misc Medical Notes - CLOSED Jun 28/2019 - Misc. Medical Notes Fluid filled uterus. soft tissue opacities noted in the ventral portion of round "sacs". Possible lobulated mass as well. r/o infection or pregnancy
6/21/2019	L	(b) (6), (b) (7)(G)	Chemistry results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic Laboratory Requisition ID: 15122 Posted Final Test Result Reference Range ALB = 3.0 g/dL 2.3 - 3.9 ALKP < 10 U/L L 14 - 111 ALT = 59 U/L 12 - 130 BUN/UREA = 31 mg/dL 16 - 36 Chloride = 122 mmol/L 112 - 129 CREA = 3.7 mg/dL H 0.8 - 2.4

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GLU = 118 mg/dL      71 - 159  
 Potassium = 3.4 mmol/L L      3.5 - 5.8  
 TP = 8.1 g/dL      5.7 - 8.9  
 Sodium = 159 mmol/L      150 - 165  
 GLOB = 5.1 g/dL      2.8 - 5.1  
 OSM Calc = 320 mmol/kg  
 ALB/GLOB = 0.6  
 BUN/CREA = 8  
 Na/K = 47  
 PROG = 1.1 ng/mL

6/21/2019 L

Hematology results from IDEXX VetLab In-clinic  
 Laboratory Requisition ID: 15122      Posted      Final  
 Test      Result      Reference Range  
 BASO = 0.20 K/uL      0.01 - 0.26  
 EOS = 0.00 K/uL L      0.17 - 1.57  
 HCT = 34.0 %      30.3 - 52.3  
 HGB = 12.0 g/dL      9.8 - 16.2  
 LYMPHS = 1.81 K/uL      0.92 - 6.88  
 MCH = 20.2 pg H      11.8 - 17.3  
 MCHC = 35.3 g/dL      28.1 - 35.8  
 MCV = 57.1 fL H      35.9 - 53.1  
 MONOS = 0.46 K/uL      0.05 - 0.67  
 MPV = 16.9 fL      11.4 - 21.6  
 RBC = 5.95 M/uL L      6.54 - 12.20  
 WBC = 8.99 K/uL      2.87 - 17.02  
 %LYMPHS = 20.1 %  
 %MONOS = 5.1 %  
 NEUT = 6.52 K/uL      2.30 - 10.29  
 %NEUT = 72.6 %  
 %EOS = 0.0 %  
 %BASO = 2.2 %  
 PLT = 210 K/uL      151 - 600  
 Retics = 10.1 K/uL      3.0 - 50.0  
 %Retics = 0.2 %  
 RDW = 19.4 %      15.0 - 27.0  
 PCT = 0.35 %      0.00 - 0.79  
 RETIC-HGB = 21.5 pg H      13.2 - 20.8  
 Consider hemolysis (including sample collection/handling),  
 lipemia, Heinz bodies, and agglutination

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Kenya

Also, Kenya (female lion, 21 years old) has inflamed, swollen, red gums and might have an exposed root on her upper left canine tooth. The pic doesn't really show how red her gums are.



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LTE



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We do have cephalexin 500mg, if that would be helpful.



5/27/20 3:15 PM

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Do you have amoxicillin or clindamycin?  
That would be better for her mouth.

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Can you get an injection in Gunther?



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**Subject:** Great Cats In Crisis/National Foundation for Rescued Animals  
**Date:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:27:08 PM

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Hi, Cindy!

I am working on a request for investigation based upon the IRs for these facilities dated April 8, 2021. Can you help me understand what the connection is here, and why they received identical IRs but have different locations, CID Numbers, and license numbers? I'm new to efile and fairly new to AC, so I want to make sure I am putting this all together properly. I've never seen this situation before.

Thank you so much in advance!

Kimberly

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**Date:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:58:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Great Cats in Crisis 503949.pdf](#)  
[Tiger Missing Link 7538.pdf](#)

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Hi [REDACTED]

I forgot to put the "correct by date" on the reports so I had to amend them. The reports dated 21 April, 2021 by the signature block will replace the reports dated 19 April 2021. The previous inspection reports are no longer valid. The passwords are the same: Great Cats (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and Tiger Missing Link (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Thank you!  
Cindy

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## Inspection Report

GREAT CATS IN CRISIS  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
STE 1000  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

**2.40(b)(3)                    Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

- \* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.
- \* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.
- \* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.
- \* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.
- \* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.
- \* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

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- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
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**3.81**

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To be corrected by May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
503949	10-C-0002	001	GREAT CATS IN CRISIS	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000039	<b>Total</b>	



## Inspection Report

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS  
17552 F M 14  
TYLER, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538  
Certificate: 74-C-0418  
Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

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**2.40                    Critical**

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To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)(vi)

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Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)

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7538	74-C-0418	002	TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000017	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000038	<b>Total</b>	

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)<sup>HIS</sup>  
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(b) (7)(E)

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**Date:** Friday, May 18, 2018 3:32:00 PM  
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God Morning!

Got both reports. Thank you for coming out!  
Can't wait until August!  
Thank you!

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## Inspection Report

Tiger Missing Link Foundation  
17552 F M 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538

Certificate: 74-C-0418

Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 16-MAY-2018

No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.  
This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Prepared By:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

DIGESUALDO CYNTHIA, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 5055

Date:  
17-MAY-2018

Received By:

JARED JOHNSON

Title: SENT BY EMAIL  
21-01818\_000254

Date:  
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<b>000052</b>	<b>Total</b>	



## Inspection Report

Great Cats In Crisis  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave Nw  
Ste 1000  
Washington, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949

Certificate: --

Site: 001

GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: PRELICENSE INSPECTION #1

Date: 16-MAY-2018

No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.  
This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the applicant

Applicant will send \$175.00 license fee to the Western Regional Office

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Bldg B, 3W11  
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Date:  
17-MAY-2018

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 5055

Received By:

JARED JOHNSON

Title: SENT BY EMAIL  
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Date:  
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**To:** Digesualdo, Cynthia L - APHIS  
**Subject:** Re: USDA Inspections 74-C-0418 and 503949  
**Date:** Thursday, May 17, 2018 12:37:21 PM

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God Morning!

Got both reports. Thank you for coming out!

Can't wait until August!

Thank you!

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**Attachments:** [Tiger Missing Link.pdf](#)  
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**To:** APHIS-AnimalCare  
**Subject:** USDA APHIS ANIMAL CARE - Animal Welfare Complaint Submission  
**Date:** Monday, April 5, 2021 7:56:52 AM

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**Details of complaint:**

- Name of USDA licensee/registrant: Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary
- USDA license/registration number: 74-C-0418
- City/State: Tyler, TX
- Complaint details:

Dear USDA Inspector: I am urging you to immediately inspect Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary in Tyler, Texas. Recent photos and videos taken at the facility show a child being allowed past the perimeter fence to pet the tigers through the fence. The animals are being passed around and removed from the property, exposing them to diseases. Numerous animals have been denied critically needed veterinary care and a dozen big cats have died in the past year. Please inspect this facility immediately and reprimand the owners and managers for their blatant disregard for the care and safety of the animals and the visitors.

Submitted To:

**Complaint Contact Information:**

Can Contact Complainant: Yes

Name: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Organization:

Street Address:

Apt/Suite:

City / State / Zip: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Phone Number:

Email: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Submitted on: Apr 5, 2021 11:56:48 AM UTC

**From:** [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
**To:** APHIS-AnimalCare  
**Subject:** [External Email]Request for Investigation of Animal Welfare Act Violations at Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (License No. 74-C-0418)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 1:27:20 PM

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March 31, 2021

Robert Gibbens, DVM

Director, Animal Welfare Operations

USDA/APHIS/Animal Care

[animalcare@usda.gov](mailto:animalcare@usda.gov)

Re: Request for Investigation of Animal Welfare Act Violations at Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (License No. 74-C-0418)

Dear Dr. Gibbens,

I am writing this complaint on behalf of former employees and associates of Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary in Tyler, TX (TCAS license number 74-C-0418). The legal name for this facility is National Foundation For Rescued Animals. We are asking you to immediately open an investigation into TCAS owner Brian Werner Ferris for violations of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) involving failure to provide veterinary care for many of the animals at the facility.

We are also asking you to investigate misconduct within the USDA-APHIS program in Texas, specifically lack of inspections and enforcement by Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, USDA-APHIS inspector for the TCAS who has not completed an inspection at the facility in three years.

Digesualdo and the other Texas USDA-APHIS employees need to be audited and investigated. As a result of their blatant negligence, many animals at Tiger Creek Sanctuary (owned by Brian Werner Ferris and operated by his daughter [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) are dying without critically needed veterinary care. Animals are also being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked openly. It would be grossly unethical and negligent for the USDA-APHIS to let this go on, especially since these animals are still in imminent danger.

We have an abundance of proof that Brian Werner Ferris has perpetually violated the Animal Welfare Act, the Lacey Act, and the Endangered Species Act and his USDA license should be revoked. Werner Ferris has clearly lied about animal acquisitions, hid animals, and denied critical veterinary care or timely euthanasia to suffering animals. He operates his roadside zoo under the false guise of a sanctuary and inspector Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick, dying and dead animals.

Among many other shortcomings, Digesualdo has never legitimately tracked any vet care, animal inventory, breeding, birth, or death records. Consequently, this has given Werner Ferris a free card to illegally trade and traffic animals.

Our group includes inside informants, former employees, relatives and business acquaintances from Tiger Creek Sanctuary who have collected documents, photographs, videos and other evidence showing a pattern of misconduct and a blatant disregard for the lives of the animals at this USDA licensed facility. We are now escalating our claims and contacting the USDA Inspector General, congress members and others to help enforce the laws that the USDA is responsible for enforcing.

### **Conditions**

Recent visitors say the animals are kept in filthy conditions and the facility reeks of urine. Feces in enclosures appeared “ashy,” indicating it has remained in the enclosures for a long period of time. Many of the wildcats have no access to grass and their shelters do not adequately protect them from the elements. Water receptacles are not being cleaned and the containers are described as being “black” with filth.

The wildcats at TCAS are locked out of their lockdowns during the day because they are “on exhibit.” Employees felt this was cruel, especially on hot days, because the cats were unable to cool off in their lockdown area. This was especially concerning for elderly cats who were unable to cool off on days when the temperature was greater than 90 degrees.

The sanctuary has a severe flea infestation problem. In 2019 a bobcat named Boudreaux became so infested with fleas that he became anemic and needed vitamin injections from a veterinarian.

The diet the animals are being fed is not sufficient. The sanctuary accepts donations of meat that is rotten including a shipment of emu meat that came unrefrigerated. It was brown, smelly and the cats didn’t want to eat it but it was the only meat available at the sanctuary. The animal’s diets are frequently restricted when the sanctuary is behind on their feed bills. In 2017 a tiger named Amir was getting 16lbs of food a day and TCAS cut his diet back to 16lbs per week. Keepers complained to management that the tiger’s dietary restriction was cruel and was not approved by a veterinarian.

Several animals have experienced significant health issues from the diet they received which caused blockages, bloody stool and choking. A lion named Manda choked on a chicken bone but recovered and a lion named Nasaba choked on a chicken bone and died.

Much of the animal care staff has been fired by TCAS and the sick and dying animals are now being cared for by caretakers with limited big cat experience.

### **Lack of veterinary care**

TCAS's animals are rapidly deteriorating and the owner and manager prefer euthanasia to veterinary care. "It's cheaper to buy another one than to call a veterinarian," the owner and manager have been overheard saying. When wildcats are sedated for medical tests at the facility, and medical issues are identified, TCAS prefers euthanasia to medical treatment because euthanasia is less costly.

On numerous occasions TCAS delayed the euthanasia of sick or elderly animals until the animals were so far gone that they were starving, unable to move, and lying in their own feces and urine for up to a week.

At least 11 big cats at TCAS have died in the past year including Amara the tiger, China the tiger, Tara the tiger, Ishon the tiger, Lily the tiger, Gunther the tiger, Kenya the lion, Sarge the tiger, Sheba the tiger, Bagheera the black leopard and Juda the lion.

Former staff says a sick horse wandered away and died on the property and its carcass was left to decay in the woods at the facility. Another sick horse was shot and buried on the property to avoid paying veterinary bills. Two horses were shot to be utilized for food for the cats, but it took 2-3 shots each to kill the horses and one horse had to watch the other horse be shot before then being shot itself.

TCAS doesn't always notify the public when a cat dies and will continue using the cat's name and image to solicit donations, sometimes many years later.

TCAS did not have a regular attending veterinarian from 2014-2017. In 2017 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) became the attending veterinarian and former keepers did not feel she was capable of providing appropriate veterinary care for the exotic animals at the facility. They felt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was inexperienced in handling big cats and was using the animals at TCAS to experiment on and learn from.

In early 2015 Brian Werner Ferris' wife (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a cotton top tamarin monkey named Pablo that was her personal pet. She quickly became bored of him and donated him to TCAS where he spent years living in a bird cage in the employee break room. He became very aggressive and employees began wearing welding gloves in order to clean his cage. In early 2019, Werner Ferris took Pablo back from TCAS and decided to keep him as a pet at his home. While at the home of Werner Ferris, Werner Ferris fed Pablo rhubarb and he became very sick. Werner Ferris did not obtain veterinary treatment for Pablo. He was left to recover on his own. Once recovered, Pablo was brought back to TCAS briefly before being traded for other animals from a dealer named Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us.

In 2017 a 15-year-old puma named Coco began limping. For two weeks Coco was dragging around his front leg before TCAS called in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined the leg was

fractured and needed to be surgically repaired. It is unclear whether [REDACTED] X-rayed the leg. Coco dragged around his front leg for an additional two weeks after the veterinarian's diagnosis. [REDACTED] performed surgery on May 25, 2017. [REDACTED] ad never worked on a cat this big before and used pins meant to repair a dog's leg. Keepers feel [REDACTED] inexperience caused needless pain and suffering for Coco. On August 9, 2017, [REDACTED] tried to fix the botched surgery by upgrading to stainless steel plates. Another veterinarian named [REDACTED] assisted with this procedure. When the surgery was complete, [REDACTED] told TCAS staff that the repair was unsuccessful and to "try another vet" because she couldn't do anything else to help Coco. [REDACTED] used a continuous stitch on Coco's leg and keepers were concerned about the stitching method because if the stitch got hooked on anything they feared the entire thing would tear out. TCAS waited more than two weeks after the second failed surgical repair before bringing in [REDACTED] who spent five hours trying to repair Coco's leg on August 28, 2017 before determining there was no way to attach the pins and plates where they would hold and heal properly. [REDACTED] decided to amputate Coco's leg. The entire procedure took nine hours. In early 2018 Coco started showing signs that his other front leg was injured. By March, he was having a difficult time getting around. In June, he started dragging his remaining front leg. Coco dragged around his leg for approximately four days before [REDACTED] was brought in and he was euthanized on June 8, 2018. It is unclear whether the cause of Coco's fractured front legs was ever determined by a veterinarian.

In late September 2017 a traveling Tiger Show ran by Judith and Jergen Nerger (Nerger's Tigers) dropped off two sick tigers at TCAS. One of the tigers had to be euthanized immediately because she was so sick and the other tiger, named Tibor, did not receive any medical attention. By November he was showing significant health issues. Tibor was no longer eating and keepers had resorted to putting meat on a bamboo skewer and pushing it through the fence near Tibor's face in an attempt to get him to eat. Keepers asked TCAS management numerous times to bring in a veterinarian for Tibor but management refused. By November 11, Tibor was comatose. Keepers again asked management to bring in a veterinarian and they again refused. It was raining and Tibor was lying outside and unable to move to get to shelter. Keepers strung a tarp over him and stayed with him for four hours while he died. Keepers felt TCAS's refusal to obtain veterinary care for Tibor was cruel and caused Tibor to experience prolonged suffering.

Four tigers at TCAS were obtained from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari, Myrtle Beach, SC. The tigers were kept in enclosures with their siblings; Arula and Kumari were caged together and Mustang and Bon were caged together. Werner Ferris wanted to breed Bon with Arula, even though he was unsure if they were related, so both pairs of tigers were split from their cage mates for the introduction. When TCAS tried introducing the two tigers, Bon attacked Arula and [REDACTED] was directed to fire two 12 gauge bean bag rounds into Bon, striking him in his left shoulder and his ribcage. Arula sustained four deep lacerations on her body during this incident and did not receive veterinary care for her injuries. After the failed introduction, all four tigers were housed individually. After being split from his littermate,

Bon began chewing and sucking on his tail and self mutilating it daily.

In early 2018 an elderly tiger named Lexie became ill. Keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Lexie and they refused. As Lexie's mobility began declining keepers had a difficult time getting her out of her lockout enclosure to clean it. Lexie began urinating where she was laying which caused painful infected wounds on her legs. By February 5, Lexie could no longer move at all and keepers called sanctuary management, texted management and posted in a group chat, asking for a veterinarian to be brought in. They were scolded for requesting veterinary care for Lexie. When Lexie was nearly dead, TCAS brought in a veterinarian to do tests on Lexie. Lexie was so sick that Brian Werner Ferris instructed the keepers to enter the enclosure with Lexie and he photographed them crying next to the dying cat. Werner Ferris then changed into a different shirt and had his own pictures taken with Lexie, which he used on social media. Several days later, Lexie was euthanized.

On August 20, 2018, a tiger named Sierra needed to be euthanized. TCAS's attending veterinarian, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) brought anesthesia rather than euthanasia drugs. A keeper was instructed to hold down Sierra while the veterinarian injected the anesthesia directly into Sierra's heart. Sierra immediately began twitching and convulsing and the keeper had to stay with Sierra for five minutes as she died a "slow, horrible death."

In May 2019, animal care staff noticed that Pepe the lion had a growth that was getting bigger. As they noticed this growth getting bigger and bigger they kept asking the head of animal care what to do about it and he just ignored it, and refused to do anything. When a new keeper took over as the Director of Animal Care, they got the growth tested, and it was cancer. Pepe was 18-years-old and given the size of the wound, and the fact that he had cancer, keepers felt that at that point TCAS should consider humanely euthanizing him. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not want to euthanize Pepe, she decided to have the growth removed. Because of where the growth was located, the removal required a pretty big cut on Pepe's side. After the removal, Pepe's movement wasn't restricted and so a few days later the stitches pulled out and the cut split open. A keeper begged to get a veterinarian out there to sew Pepe up and finally got a vet out of Hawkins, Texas (she was the former vet of Tiger Creek) to come out and stitch him up. The vet had to squat on her knees in the dark with no lights, in order to sew up Pepe. The stitches broke open again a couple days later, leaving the wound agape. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) talked with the vet and came up with an "experimental" treatment. Keepers were instructed to flush the wound out with water each day for a total of 20 minutes (a practice referred to as hydrotherapy at Tiger Creek) and give Pepe pain management medications until the wound was healed so that they could then treat his cancer with chemotherapy drugs. Pepe hated water and the hydrotherapy process was very uncomfortable for him. While Pepe was being treated for his open wound he was only allowed outside at night to prevent the public from viewing his injury. It took about two months for Pepe's wound to heal. Shortly after finishing hydrotherapy, Pepe started chemotherapy and became increasingly ill. He experienced weakness in his back legs, declining mobility, he became lethargic and he lost his appetite. He

lost so much weight that his ribs and spine were visible. He spent the last few weeks of his life kept in a small lockout enclosure away from public view. On November 22, 2019, Pepe was euthanized by a veterinarian who used a long needle to inject anesthesia into Pepe's ribcage where she thought his heart was. It took at least five minutes for him to die and every time Keepers thought Pepe had passed away he would wake up and roar again.

In September, 2019, a tiger named Kumari began showing signs of illness such as a swollen belly. After exhibiting symptoms for a week, [REDACTED] was brought in and did some tests [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] determined Kumari had endometriosis and a week later performed surgery to remove Kumari's uterus. After the surgery was complete, Kumari was left unsupervised in her transfer crate in TCAS's maintenance building from about 5:30 p.m. the evening of the surgery to 6:30 a.m. the next day. Kumari died around 10:00am Sept. 25, 2019, while inside the transfer cage, waiting to be put back in her enclosure. A veterinarian was not brought in to assess Kumari's cause of death.

TCAS had a serval named Zuri that would self mutilate her tail, chewing and sucking it until the end of her tail was an open sore. On several occasions keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Zuri, but TCAS refused. The head of animal care [REDACTED] said Zuri was just "stupid." Zuri also had pancreatitis and recovered from it. She was prescribed medication and a special diet for the rest of her life. No one informed the keepers of the diet or medication so after Zuri got better she was no longer receiving treatment and became sick again. In early 2019, Zuri had to be euthanized.

In late 2019 a serval named Simba was moved from his normal enclosure to a small off exhibit enclosure. For about two weeks keepers told TCAS management that something was wrong with Simba as he had stopped eating and appeared lethargic, but staff refused to obtain veterinary care for Simba. Simba then spent two days vomiting and keepers again requested Simba receive veterinary care but TCAS management declined. The next morning the keepers found Simba lethargic, dehydrated and barely moving. They immediately called TCAS's head of animal care and they were told they could not call a veterinarian or take Simba to the vet themselves. They were instructed to wait until the head of animal care arrived at the facility. While waiting for TCAS's head of animal care to arrive, the keeper took Simba out of his enclosure and put him in a transport kennel and Simba began gasping and convulsing and passed away. Simba was not seen by a veterinarian until after his death. A necropsy showed Simba had been eating the hay used as bedding in his enclosure. After Simba's death, none of the cats at the sanctuary were allowed to have hay as bedding. Keepers felt if they had been allowed to seek veterinary care for Simba when he first became ill he would still be alive. They also feel if they had been allowed to immediately take Simba to the veterinarian on the morning he passed away, rather than waiting for TCAS animal care director to arrive, Simba's life could have been saved.

On December 24, 2019 a keeper noticed a young tiger named Nati had developed a growth.

The keeper notified TCAS management but they refused to get veterinary care for Nati. The next day the growth had burst and the keeper sent a photo of the wound to [REDACTED] and to the sanctuary manager. The veterinarian and manager decided there was nothing they could do about the wound due to the location, and they instructed the keeper to flush the wound out with water each day. For 21 days Nati's wound was not assessed by a veterinarian and her wound grew from golf ball size to a hole the size of a dinner plate. The keeper flushed the wound out every day and took photographs of the injury that he sent to [REDACTED] along with messages expressing his concerns. The wound began developing white nodules and tissue growth that the keeper worried was infection. The wound showed no signs of closing and continued to grow in size. When the keeper expressed his concerns, [REDACTED] aid she would rather euthanize Nati than pay for veterinary treatment. Nati was only two years old and the keeper felt she was much too young for euthanasia. The keeper continued treating the wound by flushing it with water and sent at least a dozen pictures of the wound to [REDACTED] who declined to examine the tiger in person. On January 16, 2020 [REDACTED] as called to TCAS for another tiger and the keeper asked the veterinarian to stitch up Nati's wound while she was there. The veterinarian agreed and put a few stitches in the gaping wound. The keeper, who has no formal veterinary training, also requested [REDACTED] give Nati a sedative after she received her stitches so that she wouldn't tear them out. [REDACTED] complied and Nati quickly healed after she received veterinary care and was sedated long enough for the wound to begin to heal. Throughout the treatment of Nati's injury, keepers felt [REDACTED] didn't have a sense of urgency in treating Nati, and she was more interested in providing veterinary care methods that were less cost prohibitive, rather than considering what would be best for Nati.

On January 16, 2020, [REDACTED] euthanized a tiger named Amara by injecting anesthesia fluid through her ribs and directly into her heart. Witnesses say they could immediately see Amara begin reacting to the anesthesia and her death appeared prolonged and painful.

Currently, TCAS is attempting to put two lions named Max and Luna together. They are sharing an outdoor enclosure with separate lockouts so one lion is always stuck in a small 20' by 6' lockout enclosure half the time, while the other lion is in the outdoor enclosure. The floor of the lockout enclosures is concrete and spending too much time on concrete can lead to lameness, injury, foot health issues and discomfort. Employees are concerned that Luna may be severely injured or killed when TCAS puts her into the enclosure with Max.

## Safety

The transportation methods the sanctuary uses for the big cats are unsafe. An employee was injured when a lion woke up during transportation on July 13, 2019. TCAS did not have worker's compensation insurance. The employee was fired while on medical leave, six days after the incident.

TCAS is a member of the RV club Harvest Host. The sanctuary allows members to camp inside the first perimeter fence of the facility, which is unattended and unsupervised from 5pm

to 8am each day. The area that the RVs are parked gives the campers access to the petting zoo animals including goats, a goose, mini donkeys, a mini horse and a mammoth jack. The guests also camp within reaching distance of an enclosure that houses two tigers and keepers are concerned a guest may reach in the cage when the facility is closed and be injured by the tigers. Keepers are also concerned by the lack of video surveillance at TCAS. They are concerned a camper may jump the gate and enter the park while it is closed.

### **Improperly transporting and loaning animals to non USDA license holders**

TCAS frequently hands off Endangered Species Act and Animal Welfare Act protected animals to non USDA license holders and passes the animals around to family and friends who have no knowledge of their care, putting the animals at great risk.

In 2016 TCAS purchased two geoffroy's cats for public hands-on interactions. Both spent at least a year living in a dog kennel.

In 2017 TCAS traded (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Best Exotics LLC a geoffroy's cat for an ESA protected ringtail lemur. The lemur, named Leonard, was housed alone, and was taken home by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2019 TCAS traded Pablo the cotton top tamarin for a troop of lemurs from Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us that was to be Leonard's troop. However, the troop was kept off exhibit and never introduced. When the troop of lemurs began reproducing, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took one of the babies home and began bottle feeding it. They named it Bug.

One of the babies was left with the parents. Ferraro showed up at TCAS and took the baby lemur from the parents and wanted Bug, as well. TCAS paid Ferraro for Bug so [REDACTED] could keep the lemur. Ferraro removed the remaining baby lemur from TCAS and took it with her. The lemurs reproduced again and Lily was one of the babies. TCAS purchased Lily the lemur from Ferraro for an employee named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Ferraro then picked up the entire troop of lemurs and removed them from TCAS. The maining lemurs at TCAS are Leonard, Bug and Lily, who are all housed separately from each other. Bug and Lily are removed from TCAS daily and taken home with the employees.

On July 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a six-week-old white lion named Luna from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Luna was improperly housed with various individuals who did not hold a USDA license including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On August 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a puma named Alema from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Alema had a severe coccidia infection. Alema was taken home by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

In 2018 Werner Ferris had a pig at his home that was his son's pet that drowned in his

swimming pool. Werner Ferris asked his daughter to pick up a new pig to replace the pig that had drowned. His daughter picked up a wild boar that was not a suitable replacement. The boar was exchanged with a different pig that someone had donated to TCAS. It is unclear whether any safety precautions were taken to prevent the replacement pig from drowning at Werner Ferris house.

In July 2019, TCAS obtained three four-month-old tiger cubs from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari. The cubs, named Ava, Eloise and Rosie, were taken home by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Brian Werner Ferris (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). On at least one occasion reporters were allowed to play with and interact with the cubs, who were much older than the 12 week age limit that the USDA places on cub interactions. On another occasion in 2019, staff was required to bring Eloise out on a choke-chain style collar and leash and let sanctuary donors play with and interact with her. On multiple occasions in 2019 Werner Ferris took Eloise and Rosie with him for the night to take swimming at a home he was leasing in the Woods addition, Tyler, TX. Photos show a cub wearing a choker-chain style collar and leash while swimming in a pool with Werner Ferris' ex-wife.

TCAS obtained a baby rhesus macaque, a species known to carry herpes b, which is transmittable to humans. Photos show the macaque at the home of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and at the home of a friend of Owen's named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a self-employed dog groomer, posted a fundraiser to raise money for a monkey enclosure. According to the fundraiser, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) lans to keep TCAS's rhesus macaque at her house.

In December 2020, TCAS obtained a tiger cub named Sitaara who immediately began getting passed around to various households including the homes of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). On December 24, 2020, photos and videos show Sitaara at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home where she interacted with a kangaroo, coyote and rhesus macaque that were also located at the home. Video shows Sitaara running loose in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ackyard in a residential neighborhood. On December 31, 2020 Sitaara was passed off to spend the night wit (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her family who did not even know Sitaara's name. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos of her family bottle feeding Sitaara. The entire family had just recovered from COVID-19, potentially exposing Sitaara to infection.

TCAS's baby kangaroo is being passed around and is shown in photos at the home of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

TCAS's employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) runs an animal rehab facility from her home called "A Wild Life Animal Rehabilitation." She only recently became licensed and admitted numerous times that she was caring for many animals out of her home without a license. Her nonprofit number was issued in June, 2020 and her EIN is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is also licensed as a rehabber, and the two individuals work together to obtain native species of animals to utilize for petting interactions with their friends and relatives, which they document on social media.

They are imprinting on the animals so they are unreleasable, and then keeping them at TCAS. They are cohabitating native wildlife, some of which are sick with transmittable illnesses, with domestic pets, livestock, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, and non-indigenous wildlife. [REDACTED] home is packed full of animals including domestic, exotic and native permitted wildlife and numerous animals have died in her care. Animals being cohabitated in [REDACTED] home include 2-3 adult dogs, 3 puppies, 5-6 cats, a ringtail lemur, a coyote, chickens, 2 pet squirrels, a bearded dragon, corn snakes, 2 ferrets, 2 chinchillas, hedgehogs, raccoons, bats, birds of prey, native birds and a beaver. She also brings home other people's exotic pets, such as a kangaroo, a monkey and a tiger cub [REDACTED] transports the animals back and forth from her home to TCAS's facility, exposing the animals to diseases. In December 2020, she brought a tiger cub to her home to co-mingle with her animals [REDACTED] has made public Facebook posts stating that the wild coyotes she was rehabbing were going to live at TCAS, along with photos of the coyotes in the living room with her dogs and cats and in her kitchen. On May 8, 2020, [REDACTED] posted that the coyotes were sick with parvovirus and one passed away. [REDACTED] posted photos showing the surviving coyote on a leash in front of a bobcat pen at TCAS. In May 2020, [REDACTED] made public Facebook posts saying a bobcat she picked up from Florida that was living at her home will live her life at TCAS "once she's older and off the bottle." On June 3, 2020, [REDACTED] posted a video of 6 baby raccoons being bottle fed at TCAS and she said in the video that she did not have her wildlife rehabilitation permits or license yet. Most alarming is that [REDACTED] obtained a beaver on March 11, 2021. [REDACTED] has posted numerous photos and videos of herself petting the beaver and playing with it. She is allowing numerous other individuals to play with the beaver including TCAS employee's [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] who have posted videos and photos of themselves playing with the beaver. [REDACTED] is inviting her friends over to pet the beaver and use it for photo ops. This beaver may never be able to be released into the wild because of [REDACTED] mishandling. [REDACTED] has a rhesus macaque monkey and a kangaroo at her home and she allows the kangaroo to interact with native permitted wildlife including the beaver that [REDACTED] obtained. [REDACTED] transports her exotic animals back and forth from her home to TCAS and in Dec. 2020 she took a tiger cub home with her. At TCAS she keeps a bobcat and a fox in the same enclosure together.

TCAS posted photos of two chinchillas at the sanctuary on Dec. 11, 2020. The chinchillas have a plastic home and a plastic wheel in their cage which may be hazardous to them if ingested.

Numerous animals have been obtained or disposed of at TCAS with the acquisition and disposition of the animals kept secret. Currently, there are two adult sloths hidden in TCAS's baby room. All of the windows in the baby room have been covered in cardboard and blankets so no one can see the sloths are in there.

Nearly 4,000 people have joined an online group to express their concerns about Tiger Creek Sanctuary. We have sent dozens of animal neglect complaints with corresponding evidence to agencies including USDA-APHIS, Texas Parks and Wildlife, the IRS, Wyoming Attorney

General and Texas Attorney General.

The animals need your help immediately. We are asking that you do everything in your power to correct this situation. Please notify me of the complaint number that your agency assigns to this complaint.

Sincerely,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)



Evidence is attached and compiled into google drive links.

Photos: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ewQOeMEGkoIzR5mAGAIo9rBA9N2z0\\_Jn?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ewQOeMEGkoIzR5mAGAIo9rBA9N2z0_Jn?usp=sharing)

Videos: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11NvNCfiBh\\_2eTKk6LF4a8GG0hoFzTpgs?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11NvNCfiBh_2eTKk6LF4a8GG0hoFzTpgs?usp=sharing)

Screenshots:

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**Subject:** USDA APHIS ANIMAL CARE - Animal Welfare Complaint Submission  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 1:11:41 PM

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**Details of complaint:**

- Name of USDA licensee/registrant: Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary
- USDA license/registration number: 74-C-0418
- City/State: Tyler, TX
- Complaint details: Dear USDA Inspector: I am urging you to immediately inspect Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary in Tyler, Texas. Recent photos and videos taken at the facility show a child being allowed past the perimeter fence to pet the tigers through the fence. The animals are being passed around and removed from the property, exposing them to diseases. Numerous animals have been denied critically needed veterinary care and a dozen big cats have died in the past year. Please inspect this facility immediately and reprimand the owners and managers for their blatant disregard for the care and safety of the animals and the visitors.

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Thank you for being a voice for the animals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

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### Details of complaint:

- Name of USDA licensee/registrant: Tiger Creek Wild Life
- USDA license/registration number:
- City/State: Tyler , TX
- Complaint details:\*\*UPDATE\*\* on Sitaara the tiger cub. In Dec. 2020 Sitaara was confiscated from a private owner by Grand Prairie Animal Services and Adoption Center and rehomed to the pseudo-sanctuary Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary - Tyler, Texas, where she was immediately used for photo ops and cub petting interactions with the sanctuary employees, their friends and family.

In this March 8, 2021 video you can see that Sitaara is currently living in a small chain link dog kennel. Even more alarming than her enclosure is the small child being allowed to pet Sitaara through the fence. Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary has already had a volunteer lose an arm due to a tiger attack; did they really not learn anything from that horrific incident?

Not only is allowing children to pet tigers dangerous, but allowing this child past the perimeter fence to pet this animal through the cage is also a U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal Welfare Act violation. Could we get your help reporting the animal neglect and mistreatment occurring at Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary? It's the only way we can get it to stop. All you have to do is click this link: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/complaint-form> and paste in the following information:

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[www.roadsidezoonews.org/post/sitaara-update-tiger-cub-kept-in-small-chain-link-dog-kennel-at-tiger-creek-animal-sanctuary](http://www.roadsidezoonews.org/post/sitaara-update-tiger-cub-kept-in-small-chain-link-dog-kennel-at-tiger-creek-animal-sanctuary)

#TigerCreekAnimalSanctuary #Tyler #Texas #ScamTuary #PseudoSanctuary

#CubPetting #Pay2Play #Suffering4Selfies #NotAPet #AnimalExploitation  
#AnimalNeglect #TigerKing #BrianWernerFerris [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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**Details of complaint:**

- Name of USDA licensee/registrant: Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary
- USDA license/registration number: .74-C-0418
- City/State: Tyler, TX
- Complaint details: On March 8, 2021 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an employee of Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary, Tyler, TX took her friend and her friend's son on a private tour of the sanctuary. She allowed the child to go past the perimeter fence and then pet a tiger through the fence. They posted public video of this which I have a copy of. I am seriously concerned someone is going to get their arm ripped off by a tiger at this facility.

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Can Contact Complainant: Yes

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### Details of complaint:

- Name of USDA licensee/registrant: Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary
- USDA license/registration number: 74-C-0418
- City/State: Tyler, TX
- Complaint details: Recent visitors say the animals are kept in filthy conditions and the facility reeks of urine. Feces in enclosures appeared "ashy," indicating it has remained in the enclosures for a long period of time. Many of the wildcats have no access to grass and their shelters do not adequately protect them from the elements. Water receptacles are not being cleaned and the containers are described as being "black" with filth.

The wildcats at TCAS are locked out of their lockdowns during the day because they are "on exhibit." Employees felt this was cruel, especially on hot days, because the cats were unable to cool off in their lockdown area. This was especially concerning for elderly cats who were unable to cool off on days when the temperature was greater than 90 degrees.

The sanctuary has a severe flea infestation problem. In 2019 a bobcat named Boudreaux became so infested with fleas that he became anemic and needed vitamin injections from a veterinarian.

The diet the animals are being fed is not sufficient. The sanctuary accepts donations of meat that is rotten including a shipment of emu meat that came unrefrigerated. It was brown, smelly and the cats didn't want to eat it but it was the only meat available at the sanctuary. The animal's diets are frequently restricted when the sanctuary is behind on their feed bills. In 2017 a tiger named Amir was getting 16lbs of food a day and TCAS cut his diet back to 16lbs per week. Keepers complained to management that the tiger's dietary restriction was cruel and was not approved by a veterinarian.

Several animals have experienced significant health issues from the diet they received which caused blockages, bloody stool and choking. A lion named Manda choked on a chicken bone but recovered and a lion named Nasaba choked on a chicken bone and died.

Much of the animal care staff has been fired by TCAS and the sick and dying animals are now being cared for by caretakers with limited big cat experience.

TCAS's animals are rapidly deteriorating and the owner and manager prefer euthanasia to veterinary care. "It's cheaper to buy another one than to call a veterinarian," the owner and manager have been overheard saying. When

wildcats are sedated for medical tests at the facility, and medical issues are identified, TCAS prefers euthanasia to medical treatment because euthanasia is less costly.

On numerous occasions TCAS delayed the euthanasia of sick or elderly animals until the animals were so far gone that they were starving, unable to move, and lying in their own feces and urine for up to a week.

At least 11 big cats at TCAS have died in the past year including Amara the tiger, China the tiger, Tara the tiger, Ishon the tiger, Lily the tiger, Gunther the tiger, Kenya the lion, Sarge the tiger, Sheba the tiger, Bagheera the black leopard and Juda the lion.

Former staff says a sick horse wandered away and died on the property and its carcass was left to decay in the woods at the facility. Another sick horse was shot and buried on the property to avoid paying veterinary bills. Two horses were shot to be utilized for food for the cats, but it took 2-3 shots each to kill the horses and one horse had to watch the other horse be shot before then being shot itself.

TCAS doesn't always notify the public when a cat dies and will continue using the cat's name and image to solicit donations, sometimes many years later.

TCAS did not have a regular attending veterinarian from 2014-2017. In 2017 [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) became the attending veterinarian and former keepers did not feel she was capable of providing appropriate veterinary care for the exotic animals at the facility. They felt [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was inexperienced in handling big cats and was using the animals at TCAS to experiment on and learn from.

In early 2015 Brian Werner Ferris' wife [REDACTED] obtained a cotton top tamarin monkey named Pablo that was her personal pet. She quickly became bored of him and donated him to TCAS where he spent years living in a bird cage in the employee break room. He became very aggressive and employees began wearing welding gloves in order to clean his cage. In early 2019, Werner Ferris took Pablo back from TCAS and decided to keep him as a pet at his home. While at the home of Werner Ferris, Werner Ferris fed Pablo rhubarb and he became very sick. Werner Ferris did not obtain veterinary treatment for Pablo. He was left to recover on his own. Once recovered, Pablo was brought back to TCAS briefly before being traded for other animals from a dealer named Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us.

In 2017 a 15-year-old puma named Coco began limping. For two weeks Coco was dragging around his front leg before TCAS called in [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined the leg was fractured and needed to be surgically repaired. It is unclear whether [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) X-rayed the leg. Coco dragged around his front leg for an additional two weeks after the veterinarian's diagnosis. [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) performed surgery on May 25, 2017. [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had never worked on a cat this big before and used pins meant to repair a dog's leg. Keepers feel [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) inexperience caused needless pain and suffering for Coco. On August 9, 2017,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tried to fix the botched surgery by upgrading to stainless steel plates. Another veterinarian named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assisted with this procedure. When the surgery was complete, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told TCAS staff that the repair was unsuccessful and to "try another vet" because she couldn't do anything else to help Coco. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used a continuous stitch on Coco's leg and keepers were concerned about the stitching method because if the stitch got hooked on anything they feared the entire thing would tear out. TCAS waited more than two weeks after the second failed surgical repair before bringing in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who spent five hours trying to repair Coco's leg on August 28, 2017 before determining there was no way to attach the pins and plates where they would hold and heal properly. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) decided to amputate Coco's leg. The entire procedure took nine hours. In early 2018 Coco started showing signs that his other front leg was injured. By March, he was having a difficult time getting around. In June, he started dragging his remaining front leg. Coco dragged around his leg for approximately four days before (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and he was euthanized on June 8, 2018. It is unclear whether the cause of Coco's fractured front legs was ever determined by a veterinarian.

In late September 2017 a traveling Tiger Show ran by Judith and Jergen Nerger dropped off two sick tigers at TCAS. One of the tigers had to be euthanized immediately and the other tiger, named Tibor, did not receive any medical attention. By November he was showing significant health issues. Tibor was no longer eating and keepers had resorted to putting meat on a bamboo skewer and pushing it through the fence near Tibor's face in an attempt to get him to eat. Keepers asked TCAS management numerous times to bring in a veterinarian for Tibor but management refused. By November 11, Tibor was comatose. Keepers again asked management to bring in a veterinarian and they again refused. It was raining and Tibor was lying outside and unable to move to get to shelter. Keepers strung a tarp over him and stayed with him for four hours while he died. Keepers felt TCAS's refusal to obtain veterinary care for Tibor was cruel and caused Tibor to experience prolonged suffering.

Four tigers at TCAS were obtained from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari, Myrtle Beach, SC. The tigers were kept in enclosures with their siblings; Arula and Kumari were caged together and Mustang and Bon were caged together. Werner Ferris wanted to breed Bon with Arula, even though he was unsure if they were related, so both pairs of tigers were split from their cage mates for the introduction. When TCAS tried introducing the two tigers, Bon attacked Arula and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was directed to fire two 12 gauge bean bag rounds into Bon, striking him in his left shoulder and his ribcage. Arula sustained four deep lacerations on her body during this incident and did not receive veterinary care for her injuries. After the failed introduction, all four tigers were housed individually. After being split from his littermate, Bon began chewing and sucking on his tail and self mutilating it daily.

In early 2018 an elderly tiger named Lexie became ill. Keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Lexie and they refused. As Lexie's mobility began declining keepers had a difficult time getting her out of her lockout enclosure to

clean it. Lexie began urinating where she was laying which caused painful infected wounds on her legs. By February 5, Lexie could no longer move at all and keepers called sanctuary management, texted management and posted in a group chat, asking for a veterinarian to be brought in. They were scolded for requesting veterinary care for Lexie. When Lexie was nearly dead, TCAS brought in a veterinarian to do tests on Lexie. Lexie was so sick that Brian Werner Ferris instructed the keepers to enter the enclosure with Lexie and he photographed them crying next to the dying cat. Werner Ferris then changed into a different shirt and had his own pictures taken with Lexie, which he used on social media. Several days later, Lexie was euthanized.

On August 20, 2018, a tiger named Sierra needed to be euthanized. TCAS's attending veterinarian, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) brought anesthesia rather than euthanasia drugs. A keeper was instructed to hold down Sierra while the veterinarian injected the anesthesia directly into Sierra's heart. Sierra immediately began twitching and convulsing and the keeper had to stay with Sierra for five minutes as she died a "slow, horrible death."

In May 2019, animal care staff noticed that Pepe the lion had a growth that was getting bigger. As they noticed this growth getting bigger and bigger they kept asking the head of animal care what to do about it and he just ignored it, and refused to do anything. When a new keeper took over as the Director of Animal Care, they got the growth tested, and it was cancer. Pepe was 18-years-old and given the size of the wound, and the fact that he had cancer, keepers felt that at that point TCAS should consider humanely euthanizing him. However, [REDACTED] did not want to euthanize Pepe, she decided to have the growth removed. Because of where the growth was located, the removal required a pretty big cut on Pepe's side. After the removal, Pepe's movement wasn't restricted and so a few days later the stitches pulled out and the cut split open. A keeper begged to get a veterinarian out there to sew Pepe up and finally got a vet out of Hawkins, Texas (she was the former vet of Tiger Creek) to come out and stitch him up. The vet had to squat on her knees in the dark with no lights, in order to sew up Pepe. The stitches broke open again a couple days later, leaving the wound agape. [REDACTED] talked with the vet and came up with an "experimental" treatment. Keepers were instructed to flush the wound out with water each day for a total of 20 minutes (a practice referred to as hydrotherapy at Tiger Creek) and give Pepe pain management medications until the wound was healed so that they could then treat his cancer with chemotherapy drugs. Pepe hated water and the hydrotherapy process was very uncomfortable for him. While Pepe was being treated for his open wound he was only allowed outside at night to prevent the public from viewing his injury. It took about two months for Pepe's wound to heal. Shortly after finishing hydrotherapy, Pepe started chemotherapy and became increasingly ill. He experienced weakness in his back legs, declining mobility, he became lethargic and he lost his appetite. He lost so much weight that his ribs and spine were visible. He spent the last few weeks of his life kept in a small lockout enclosure away from public view. On November 22, 2019, Pepe was euthanized by a veterinarian who used a long needle to inject anesthesia into Pepe's ribcage where she thought his heart

was. It took at least five minutes for him to die and every time Keepers thought Pepe had passed away he would wake up and roar again.

In September, 2019, a tiger named Kumari began showing signs of illness such as a swollen belly. After exhibiting symptoms for a week, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and did some tests. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined Kumari had endometriosis and a week later performed surgery to remove Kumari's uterus. After the surgery was complete, Kumari was left unsupervised in her transfer crate in TCAS's maintenance building from about 5:30 p.m. the evening of the surgery to 6:30 a.m. the next day. Kumari died around 10:00am Sept. 25, 2019, while inside the transfer cage, waiting to be put back in her enclosure. A veterinarian was not brought in to assess Kumari's cause of death.

TCAS had a serval named Zuri that would self mutilate her tail, chewing and sucking it until the end of her tail was an open sore. On several occasions keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Zuri, but TCAS refused. The head of animal care, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said Zuri was just "stupid." Zuri also had pancreatitis and recovered from it. She was prescribed medication and a special diet for the rest of her life. No one informed the keepers of the diet or medication so after Zuri got better she was no longer receiving treatment and became sick again. In early 2019, Zuri had to be euthanized.

In late 2019 a serval named Simba was moved from his normal enclosure to a small off exhibit enclosure. For about two weeks keepers told TCAS management that something was wrong with Simba as he had stopped eating and appeared lethargic, but staff refused to obtain veterinary care for Simba. Simba then spent two days vomiting and keepers again requested Simba receive veterinary care but TCAS management declined. The next morning the keepers found Simba lethargic, dehydrated and barely moving. They immediately called TCAS's head of animal care and they were told they could not call a veterinarian or take Simba to the vet themselves. They were instructed to wait until the head of animal care arrived at the facility. While waiting for TCAS's head of animal care to arrive, the keeper took Simba out of his enclosure and put him in a transport kennel and Simba began gasping and convulsing and passed away. Simba was not seen by a veterinarian until after his death. A necropsy showed Simba had been eating the hay used as bedding in his enclosure. After Simba's death, none of the cats at the sanctuary were allowed to have hay as bedding. Keepers felt if they had been allowed to seek veterinary care for Simba when he first became ill he would still be alive. They also feel if they had been allowed to immediately take Simba to the veterinarian on the morning he passed away, rather than waiting for TCAS animal care director to arrive, Simba's life could have been saved.

On December 24, 2019 a keeper noticed a young tiger named Nati had developed a growth. The keeper notified TCAS management but they refused to get veterinary care for Nati. The next day the growth had burst and the keeper sent a photo of the wound to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and to the sanctuary manager. The veterinarian and manager decided there was nothing they could do about the

wound due to the location, and they instructed the keeper to flush the wound out with water each day. For 21 days Nati's wound was not assessed by a veterinarian and her wound grew from golf ball size to a hole the size of a dinner plate. The keeper flushed the wound out every day and took photographs of the injury that he sent to [REDACTED] along with messages expressing his concerns. The wound began developing white nodules and tissue growth that the keeper worried was infection. The wound showed no signs of closing and continued to grow in size. When the keeper expressed his concerns, [REDACTED] said she would rather euthanize Nati than pay for veterinary treatment. Nati was only two years old and the keeper felt she was much too young for euthanasia. The keeper continued treating the wound by flushing it with water and sent at least a dozen pictures of the wound to [REDACTED] who declined to examine the tiger in person. On January 16, 2020, [REDACTED] was called to TCAS for another tiger and the keeper asked the veterinarian to stitch up Nati's wound while she was there. The veterinarian agreed and put a few stitches in the gaping wound. The keeper, who has no formal veterinary training, also requested [REDACTED] give Nati a sedative after she received her stitches so that she wouldn't tear them out. [REDACTED] complied and Nati quickly healed after she received veterinary care and was sedated long enough for the [REDACTED] to begin to heal. Throughout the treatment of Nati's injury, keepers felt [REDACTED] didn't have a sense of urgency in treating Nati, and she was more interested in providing veterinary care methods that were less cost prohibitive, rather than considering what would be best for Nati.

On January 16, 2020, [REDACTED] euthanized a tiger named Amara by injecting anesthesia fluid through her ribs and directly into her heart. Witnesses say they could immediately see Amara begin reacting to the anesthesia and her death appeared prolonged and painful.

Currently, TCAS is attempting to put two lions named Max and Luna together. They are sharing an outdoor enclosure with separate lockouts so one lion is always stuck in a small 20' by 6' lockout enclosure half the time, while the other lion is in the outdoor enclosure. The floor of the lockout enclosures is concrete and spending too much time on concrete can lead to lameness, injury, foot health issues and discomfort. Employees are concerned that Luna may be severely injured or killed when TCAS puts her into the enclosure with Max.

The transportation methods the sanctuary uses for the big cats are unsafe. An employee was injured when a lion woke up during transportation on July 13, 2019. TCAS did not have worker's compensation insurance. The employee was fired while on medical leave, six days after the incident.

TCAS is a member of the RV club Harvest Host. The sanctuary allows members to camp inside the first perimeter fence of the facility, which is unattended and unsupervised from 5pm to 8am each day. The area that the RVs are parked gives the campers access to the petting zoo animals including goats, a goose, mini donkeys, a mini horse and a mammoth jack. The guests also camp within reaching distance of an enclosure that houses two tigers and keepers are concerned a guest may reach in the cage when the facility is closed and be

injured by the tigers. Keepers are also concerned by the lack of video surveillance at TCAS. They are concerned a camper may jump the gate and enter the park while it is closed.

TCAS frequently hands off Endangered Species Act and Animal Welfare Act protected animals to non USDA license holders and passes the animals around to family and friends who have no knowledge of their care, putting the animals at great risk.

In 2016 TCAS purchased two geoffroy's cats for public hands-on interactions. Both spent at least a year living in a dog kennel.

In 2017 TCAS traded (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Best Exotics LLC a geoffroy's cat for an ESA protected ringtail lemur. The lemur, named Leonard, was housed alone, and was taken home by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2019 TCAS traded Pablo the cotton top tamarin for a troop of lemurs from Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us that was to be Leonard's troop. However, the troop was kept off exhibit and never introduced. When the troop of lemurs began reproducing, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took one of the babies home and began bottle feeding it. They named it Bug. One of the babies was left with the parents. Ferraro showed up at TCAS and took the baby lemur from the parents and wanted Bug, as well. TCAS paid Ferraro for Bug so (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could keep the lemur. Ferraro removed the remaining baby lemur from TCAS and took it with her. The lemurs reproduced again and Lily was one of the babies. TCAS purchased Lily the lemur from Ferraro for an employee named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Ferraro then picked up the entire troop of lemurs and removed them from TCAS. The only remaining lemurs at TCAS are Leonard, Bug and Lily, who are all housed separately from each other. Bug and Lily are removed from TCAS daily and taken home with the employees.

On July 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a six-week-old white lion named Luna from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Luna was improperly housed with various individuals who did not hold a USDA license including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On August 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a puma named Alema from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Alema had a severe coccidia infection. Alema was taken home by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2018 Werner Ferris had a pig at his home that was his son's pet that drowned in his swimming pool. Werner Ferris asked his daughter to pick up a new pig to replace the pig that had drowned. His daughter picked up a wild boar that was not a suitable replacement. The boar was exchanged with a different pig that someone had donated to TCAS. It is unclear whether any safety precautions

were taken to prevent the replacement pig from drowning at Werner Ferris house.

In July 2019, TCAS obtained three four-month-old tiger cubs from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari. The cubs, named Ava, Eloise and Rosie, were taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Brian Werner Ferris, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

[REDACTED]. On at least one occasion reporters were allowed to play with and interact with the cubs, who were much older than the 12 week age limit that the USDA places on cub interactions. On another occasion in 2019, staff was required to bring Eloise out on a choke-chain style collar and leash and let sanctuary donors play with and interact with her. On multiple occasions in 2019 Werner Ferris took Eloise and Rosie with him for the night to take swimming at a home he was leasing in the Woods addition, Tyler, TX. Photos show a cub wearing a choker-chain style collar and leash while swimming in a pool with Werner Ferris' ex-wife.

TCAS obtained a baby rhesus macaque, a species known to carry herpes b, which is transmittable to humans. Photos show the macaque at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] and at the home of a friend of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] named [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a self-employed dog groomer, posted a fundraiser to raise money for a monkey enclosure. According to the fundraiser, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) plans to keep TCAS's rhesus macaque at her house.

In December 2020, TCAS obtained a tiger cub named Sitaara who immediately began getting passed around to various households including the homes of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).

On December 24, 2020, photos and videos show Sitaara at [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home where she interacted with a kangaroo, coyote and rhesus macaque that were also located at the home. Video shows Sitaara running loose in [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) backyard in a residential neighborhood. On December 31, 2020 Sitaara was passed off to spend the night with [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her family who did not even know Sitaara's name. [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos of her family bottle feeding Sitaara. The entire family had just recovered from COVID-19, potentially exposing Sitaara to infection.

TCAS's baby kangaroo is being passed around and is shown in photos at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

TCAS's employee [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) runs an animal rehab facility from her home called "A Wild Life Animal Rehabilitation." She only recently became licensed and admitted numerous times that she was caring for many animals out of her home without a license. Her nonprofit number was issued in June, 2020 and her EIN is [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is also licensed as a rehabber, and the two individuals work together to obtain native species of animals to utilize for petting interactions with their friends and relatives, which they document on social media. They are imprinting on the animals so they are unreleasable, and then keeping them at TCAS. They are cohabitating native wildlife, some of which are sick with transmittable illnesses, with domestic pets, livestock, exotic livestock,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
exotic fowl, and non-indigenous wildlife. [REDACTED] home is packed full of animals including domestic, exotic and native permitted wildlife and numerous animals have died in her care. Animals being cohabitated in [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home include 2-3 adult dogs, 3 puppies, 5-6 cats, a ringtail lemur, a coyote, chickens, 2 pet squirrels, a bearded dragon, corn snakes, 2 ferrets, 2 chinchillas, hedgehogs, raccoons, bats, birds of prey, native birds and a beaver. She also brings home other people's exotic pets, such as a kangaroo, a monkey and a tiger cub. [REDACTED] transports the animals back and forth from her home to TCAS's facility, exposing the animals to diseases. In December 2020, she brought a tiger cub to her home to co-mingle with her animals. [REDACTED] has made public Facebook posts stating that the wild coyotes she was rehabbing were going to live at TCAS, along with photos of the coyotes in the living room with her dogs and cats and in her kitchen. On May 8, 2020, [REDACTED] posted that the coyotes were sick with parvovirus and one passed away. [REDACTED] posted photos showing the surviving coyote on a leash in front of a bobcat pen at TCAS. In May 2020, [REDACTED] made public Facebook posts saying a bobcat she picked up from Florida that was living at her home will live her life at TCAS "once she's older and off the bottle." On June 3, 2020, [REDACTED] posted a video of 6 baby raccoons being bottle fed at TCAS and she said in the video that she did not have her wildlife rehabilitation permits or license yet. Most alarming is that [REDACTED] obtained a beaver on March 11, 2021 [REDACTED] has posted numerous photos and videos of herself petting the beaver and playing with it. She is allowing numerous other individuals to play with the beaver including TCAS employee's [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Wesson, who have posted videos and photos of themselves playing with the beaver. [REDACTED] is inviting her friends over to pet the beaver and use it for photo ops. This beaver may never be able to be released into the wild because of [REDACTED] mishandling. [REDACTED] has a rhesus macaque monkey and a kangaroo at her home and she allows the kangaroo to interact with native permitted wildlife including the beaver that [REDACTED] obtained. [REDACTED] transports her exotic animals back and forth from her home to TCAS and in Dec. 2020 she took a tiger cub home with her. At TCAS she keeps a bobcat and a fox in the same enclosure together.

TCAS posted photos of two chinchillas at the sanctuary on Dec. 11, 2020. The chinchillas have a plastic home and a plastic wheel in their cage which may be hazardous to them if ingested.

Numerous animals have been obtained or disposed of at TCAS with the acquisition and disposition of the animals kept secret. Currently, there are two adult sloths hidden in TCAS's baby room. All of the windows in the baby room have been covered in cardboard and blankets so no one can see the sloths are in there. TCAS recently obtained a red fox that they are trying to introduce into an enclosure that houses two other foxes and a bobcat. The introduction has been unsuccessful so the red fox is currently living in a 4'x2' lockout enclosure.

Please inspect this facility immediately and cite them for their USDA violations.

Submitted To:

**Complaint Contact Information:**

Can Contact Complainant: Yes

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Submitted on: Mar 18, 2021 8:55:10 PM UTC

**From:** [noreply@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:noreply@aphis.usda.gov)  
**To:** APHIS-AnimalCare  
**Subject:** USDA APHIS ANIMAL CARE - Animal Welfare Complaint Submission  
**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 4:07:07 PM

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### Details of complaint:

- Name of USDA licensee/registrant: Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary
- USDA license/registration number: 74-C-0418
- City/State: Tyler, TX
- Complaint details: I am writing due to the alarming mishandling of native and exotic species of animals by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] individuals who work at the USDA regulated facility Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS).

These individuals are obtaining native species of animals to utilize for petting interactions with their friends and relatives, which they document on social media. They are imprinting on the animals so they are unreleasable, and then keeping them at TCAS. They are cohabitating native wildlife, some of which are sick with transmittable illnesses, with domestic pets, livestock, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, and non-indigenous wildlife.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is an animal hoarder who runs an animal rehab facility from her home called "A Wild Life Animal Rehabilitation" located at [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). She also works for TCAS. She only recently became licensed in wildlife rehab and admitted numerous times that she was caring for many animals out of her home without a license.

[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home is packed full of animals including domestic, exotic and native permitted wildlife and numerous animals have died in her care. Animals being cohabitated in [REDACTED] home include 2-3 adult dogs, 3 puppies, 5-6 cats, a ringtail lemur, a coyote, chickens, 2 pet squirrels, a bearded dragon, corn snakes, 2 ferrets, 2 chinchillas, hedgehogs, raccoons, bats, birds of prey, native birds and a beaver. She also brings home other people's exotic pets, such as a kangaroo, a monkey and a tiger cub.

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Most alarming is that [REDACTED] obtained a beaver on March 11, 2021 [REDACTED] has posted numerous photos and videos of herself petting the beaver and playing with it. She is allowing numerous other individuals to play with the beaver including TCAS employee's [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] who have posted videos and photos of themselves playing with the beaver. [REDACTED] is inviting her friends over to pet the beaver and use it for photo ops. This beaver may never be able to be released into the wild because of [REDACTED] mishandling. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

All of these animals are being cohabitated in [REDACTED] small residential home. [REDACTED] posts photos and videos of her improper animal care on her personal facebook page and her animal rehab facebook page. Those pages can be viewed at: [https://www.facebook.com/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.facebook.com/[REDACTED]) and at <https://www.facebook.com/awildlifeanimalrehab>.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is the director of TCAS and she obtained a wildlife permit exclusively to bring in native wildlife to TCAS with plans to permanently keep some of them. She works closely with [REDACTED] to bring in animals that they imprint on by cuddling with and playing with them until the animals get older and they get bored of them.

[REDACTED] has a rhesus macaque monkey and a kangaroo at her home and she allows the kangaroo to interact with native permitted wildlife including the beaver that [REDACTED] obtained. [REDACTED] transports her exotic animals back and forth from her hom [REDACTED] CAS and in Dec. 2020 she took a tiger cub home with her. At TCAS she keeps a bobcat and a fox in the same enclosure together.

Both of these individuals are dangerous to wildlife. They are working together to break numerous regulations with their improper handling of native species of animals that has resulted in illness, injury and death for the animals. They are improperly imprinting on the animals and using them for petting and photo interactions.

I have dozens of screenshots and photos of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] animal mistreatment. The screenshots are in a google drive folder for you to view here: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xnoEcBaVvi6CxVZbCRK\\_QVYzFsCkiYvF?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xnoEcBaVvi6CxVZbCRK_QVYzFsCkiYvF?usp=sharing)

In the screenshots below you will see that [REDACTED] is arranging petting/photo sessions with the beaver for this Saturday. I am urging you to inspect and investigate Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary. It would be improper for the USDA to continue allowing this facility to exploit native and exotic wildlife for their own

selfish gain.

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Submitted on: Mar 18, 2021 8:06:58 PM UTC

**From:** [customerservicecallcenter@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:customerservicecallcenter@aphis.usda.gov)  
**To:** APHIS-AnimalCare  
**Subject:** Case Transfer - AskUSDA Case #00302732 : Question regarding online records [ref:\_00Dt0LBMO.\_500t0cKkwV:ref ]  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 23, 2020 4:36:04 PM

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Good afternoon,

Can you assist this stakeholder?

Sincerely,

APHIS Customer Service Call Center

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
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**Subject:** Question regarding online records

Hello,

I am searching for inspection reports using your online public search tool but the records I am looking for are only showing up through 2018. How would I obtain the 2019 and 2020 inspection reports? The entity I would like inspection reports from is National Foundation for Rescued Animals/Tiger Creek Wildlife Refuge/Tiger Missing Link certificate number 74-C-0418, exhibitors license located in Tyler, Texas.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Hi! Resending. Our report is due 7/14.  
I hate to ask for an extension under these circumstances.  
Can AWO perform a records review virtually so as to address each point?  
The last two inspections within the past 8 weeks for 'Tiger Creek' ( 74-C-0418, 10-C-0002) had no findings.

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#### Allegation Details

Alleged Person Status:

USDA Employee

Alleged Person Rank/Title/Grade:

USDA-APHIS inspector

Alleged Person Last Name:

Digesualdo

Alleged Person First Name:

Cynthia

Alleged Person Middle Initial:

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USDA Animal Welfare Inspector

Complaint Summary:

We are also asking you to investigate misconduct within the USDA-APHIS program in Texas, specifically lack of inspections and enforcement by Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, USDA-APHIS inspector for the TCAS who has not completed an inspection at the facility in three years.

Digesualdo and the other Texas USDA-APHIS employees need to be audited and investigated. As a result of their blatant negligence, many animals at Tiger Creek Sanctuary (owned by Brian Werner Ferris and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) are dying without critically needed veterinary care. Animals are also being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked openly. It would be grossly unethical and negligent for the USDA-APHIS to let this go on, especially since these animals are still in imminent danger.

We have an abundance of proof that Brian Werner Ferris has perpetually violated the Animal Welfare Act, the Lacey Act, and the Endangered Species Act and his USDA license should be revoked. Werner Ferris has clearly lied about animal acquisitions, hid animals, and denied critical veterinary care or timely euthanasia to suffering animals. He operates his roadside zoo under the false guise of a sanctuary and inspector Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick, dying and dead animals.

Among many other shortcomings, Digesualdo has never legitimately tracked any vet care, animal inventory, breeding, birth, or death records. Consequently, this has given Werner Ferris a free card to illegally trade and traffic animals.

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business acquaintances from Tiger Creek Sanctuary who have collected documents, photographs, videos and other evidence showing a pattern of misconduct and a blatant disregard for the lives of the animals at this USDA licensed facility. We are now escalating our claims and contacting the USDA Inspector General, congress members and others to help enforce the laws that the USDA is responsible for enforcing.

#### Conditions

Recent visitors say the animals are kept in filthy conditions and the facility reeks of urine. Feces in enclosures appeared "ashy," indicating it has remained in the enclosures for a long period of time. Many of the wildcats have no access to grass and their shelters do not adequately protect them from the elements. Water receptacles are not being cleaned and the containers are described as being "black" with filth.

The wildcats at TCAS are locked out of their lockdowns during the day because they are "on exhibit." Employees felt this was cruel, especially on hot days, because the cats were unable to cool off in their lockdown area. This was especially concerning for elderly cats who were unable to cool off on days when the temperature was greater than 90 degrees.

The sanctuary has a severe flea infestation problem. In 2019 a bobcat named Boudreaux became so infested with fleas that he became anemic and needed vitamin injections from a veterinarian.

The diet the animals are being fed is not sufficient. The sanctuary accepts donations of meat that is rotten including a shipment of emu meat that came unrefrigerated. It was brown, smelly and the cats didn't want to eat it but it was the only meat available at the sanctuary. The animal's diets are frequently restricted when the sanctuary is behind on their feed bills. In 2017 a tiger named Amir was getting 16lbs of food a day and TCAS cut his diet back to 16lbs per week. Keepers complained to management that the tiger's dietary restriction was cruel and was not approved by a veterinarian.

Several animals have experienced significant health issues from the diet they received which caused blockages, bloody stool and choking. A lion named Manda choked on a chicken bone but recovered and a lion named Nasaba choked on a chicken bone and died.

Much of the animal care staff has been fired by TCAS and the sick and dying animals are now being cared for by caretakers with limited big cat experience.

#### Lack of veterinary care

TCAS's animals are rapidly deteriorating and the owner and manager prefer euthanasia to veterinary care. "It's cheaper to buy another one than to call a veterinarian," the owner and manager have been overheard saying. When wildcats are sedated for medical tests at the facility, and medical

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issues are identified, TCAS prefers euthanasia to medical treatment because euthanasia is less costly.

On numerous occasions TCAS delayed the euthanasia of sick or elderly animals until the animals were so far gone that they were starving, unable to move, and lying in their own feces and urine for up to a week.

At least 11 big cats at TCAS have died in the past year including Amara the tiger, China the tiger, Tara the tiger, Ishon the tiger, Lily the tiger, Gunther the tiger, Kenya the lion, Sarge the tiger, Sheba the tiger, Bagheera the black leopard and Juda the lion.

Former staff says a sick horse wandered away and died on the property and its carcass was left to decay in the woods at the facility. Another sick horse was shot and buried on the property to avoid paying veterinary bills. Two horses were shot to be utilized for food for the cats, but it took 2-3 shots each to kill the horses and one horse had to watch the other horse be shot before then being shot itself.

TCAS doesn't always notify the public when a cat dies and will continue using the cat's name and image to solicit donations, sometimes many years later.

TCAS did not have a regular attending veterinarian from 2014-2017. In 2017 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) became the attending veterinarian and former keepers did not feel she was capable of providing appropriate veterinary care for the exotic animals at the facility. They felt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was inexperienced in handling big cats and was using the animals at TCAS to experiment on and learn from.

In early 2015 Brian Werner Ferris' wife (b) (6) obtained a cotton top tamarin monkey named Pablo that was her personal pet. She quickly became bored of him and donated him to TCAS where he spent years living in a bird cage in the employee break room. He became very aggressive and employees began wearing welding gloves in order to clean his cage. In early 2019, Werner Ferris took Pablo back from TCAS and decided to keep him as a pet at his home. While at the home of Werner Ferris, Werner Ferris fed Pablo rhubarb and he became very sick. Werner Ferris did not obtain veterinary treatment for Pablo. He was left to recover on his own. Once recovered, Pablo was brought back to TCAS briefly before being traded for other animals from a dealer named Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us.

In 2017 a 15-year-old puma named Coco began limping. For two weeks Coco was dragging around his front leg before TCAS called in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined the leg was fractured and needed to be surgically repaired. It is unclear whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) X-rayed the leg. Coco dragged around his front leg for an additional two weeks after the veterinarian's diagnosis. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) performed surgery on May 25, 2017. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had never worked on a cat this big before and used pins meant to repair a dog's leg. Keepers feel (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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In late September 2017 a traveling Tiger Show ran by Judith and Jergen Nerger (Nerger's Tigers) dropped off two sick tigers at TCAS. One of the tigers had to be euthanized immediately because she was so sick and the other tiger, named Tibor, did not receive any medical attention. By November he was showing significant health issues. Tibor was no longer eating and keepers had resorted to putting meat on a bamboo skewer and pushing it through the fence near Tibor's face in an attempt to get him to eat. Keepers asked TCAS management numerous times to bring in a veterinarian for Tibor but management refused. By November 11, Tibor was comatose. Keepers again asked management to bring in a veterinarian and they again refused. It was raining and Tibor was lying outside and unable to move to get to shelter. Keepers strung a tarp over him and stayed with him for four hours while he died. Keepers felt TCAS's refusal to obtain veterinary care for Tibor was cruel and caused Tibor to experience prolonged suffering.

Four tigers at TCAS were obtained from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari, Myrtle Beach, SC. The tigers were kept in enclosures with their siblings; Arula and Kumari were caged together and Mustang and Bon were caged together. Werner Ferris wanted to breed Bon with Arula, even though he was unsure if they were related, so both pairs of tigers were split from their cage mates for the introduction. When TCAS tried introducing the two tigers, Bon attacked Arula and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was directed to fire two 12 gauge bean bag rounds into Bon, striking him in his left shoulder and his ribcage. Arula sustained four deep lacerations on her body during this incident and did not receive veterinary care for her injuries. After the failed introduction, all four tigers were housed individually. After being split from his littermate, Bon began chewing and sucking on his tail and self mutilating it daily.

In early 2018 an elderly tiger named Lexie became ill. Keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Lexie and they refused. As Lexie's mobility began declining keepers had a difficult time getting her out of her lockout enclosure to clean it. Lexie began urinating where she was laying which caused painful infected wounds on her legs. By February 5, Lexie could no longer move at all and keepers called sanctuary management, texted management and posted in a group chat, asking for a veterinarian to be brought in. They were scolded for requesting veterinary care for Lexie. When Lexie was nearly dead, TCAS brought in a veterinarian to do tests on Lexie. Lexie was so sick that Brian Werner Ferris instructed the keepers to enter the enclosure with Lexie and he photographed them crying next to the dying cat. Werner Ferris then changed into a different shirt and had his own pictures taken with Lexie, which he used on social media. Several days later, Lexie was euthanized.

On August 20, 2018, a tiger named Sierra needed to be euthanized. TCAS's attending veterinarian, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) brought anesthesia rather than euthanasia drugs. A keeper was instructed to hold down Sierra while the veterinarian injected the anesthesia directly into Sierra's heart. Sierra immediately began twitching and convulsing and the keeper had to stay with Sierra for five minutes as she died a "slow, horrible death."

In May 2019, animal care staff noticed that Pepe the lion had a growth that was getting bigger. As they noticed this growth getting bigger and bigger they kept asking the head of animal care what to do about it and he just ignored it, and refused to do anything. When a new keeper took over as the Director of Animal Care, they got the growth tested, and it was cancer. Pepe was 18-years-old and given the size of the wound, and the fact that he had cancer, keepers felt that at that point TCAS should consider humanely euthanizing him. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not want to euthanize Pepe, she decided to have the growth removed. Because of where the growth was located, the removal required a pretty big cut on Pepe's side. After the removal, Pepe's movement wasn't restricted and so a few days later the stitches pulled out and the cut split open. A keeper begged to get a veterinarian out there to sew Pepe up and finally got a vet out of Hawkins, Texas (she was the former vet of Tiger Creek) to come out and stitch him up. The vet had to squat on her knees in the dark with no lights, in order to sew up Pepe. The stitches broke open again a couple days later, leaving the wound agape. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) talked with the vet and came up with an "experimental" treatment. Keepers were instructed to flush the wound out with water each day for a total of 20 minutes (a practice referred to as hydrotherapy at Tiger Creek) and give Pepe pain management medications until the wound was healed so that they could then treat his cancer with chemotherapy drugs. Pepe hated water and the hydrotherapy process was very uncomfortable for him. While Pepe was being treated for his open wound he was only allowed outside at night to prevent the public from viewing his injury. It took about two months for Pepe's wound to heal. Shortly after finishing hydrotherapy, Pepe started chemotherapy and became increasingly ill. He experienced weakness in his back

legs, declining mobility, he became lethargic and he lost his appetite. He lost so much weight that his ribs and spine were visible. He spent the last few weeks of his life kept in a small lockout enclosure away from public view. On November 22, 2019, Pepe was euthanized by a veterinarian who used a long needle to inject anesthesia into Pepe's ribcage where she thought his heart was. It took at least five minutes for him to die and every time Keepers thought Pepe had passed away he would wake up and roar again.

In September, 2019, a tiger named Kumari began showing signs of illness such as a swollen belly. After exhibiting symptoms for a week, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and did some tests. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined Kumari had endometriosis and a week later performed surgery to remove Kumari's uterus. After the surgery was complete, Kumari was left unsupervised in her transfer crate in TCAS's maintenance building from about 5:30 p.m. the evening of the surgery to 6:30 a.m. the next day. Kumari died around 10:00am Sept. 25, 2019, while inside the transfer cage, waiting to be put back in her enclosure. A veterinarian was not brought in to assess Kumari's cause of death.

TCAS had a serval named Zuri that would self mutilate her tail, chewing and sucking it until the end of her tail was an open sore. On several occasions keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Zuri, but TCAS refused. The head of animal care, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said Zuri was just "stupid." Zuri also had pancreatitis and recovered from it. She was prescribed medication and a special diet for the rest of her life. No one informed the keepers of the diet or medication so after Zuri got better she was no longer receiving treatment and became sick again. In early 2019, Zuri had to be euthanized.

In late 2019 a serval named Simba was moved from his normal enclosure to a small off exhibit enclosure. For about two weeks keepers told TCAS management that something was wrong with Simba as he had stopped eating and appeared lethargic, but staff refused to obtain veterinary care for Simba. Simba then spent two days vomiting and keepers again requested Simba receive veterinary care but TCAS management declined. The next morning the keepers found Simba lethargic, dehydrated and barely moving. They immediately called TCAS's head of animal care and they were told they could not call a veterinarian or take Simba to the vet themselves. They were instructed to wait until the head of animal care arrived at the facility. While waiting for TCAS's head of animal care to arrive, the keeper took Simba out of his enclosure and put him in a transport kennel and Simba began gasping and convulsing and passed away. Simba was not seen by a veterinarian until after his death. A necropsy showed Simba had been eating the hay used as bedding in his enclosure. After Simba's death, none of the cats at the sanctuary were allowed to have hay as bedding. Keepers felt if they had been allowed to seek veterinary care for Simba when he first became ill he would still be alive. They also feel if they had been allowed to immediately take Simba to the veterinarian on the morning he passed away, rather than waiting for TCAS animal care director to arrive, Simba's life could have been saved.

On December 24, 2019 a keeper noticed a young tiger named Nati had developed a growth. The keeper notified TCAS management but they refused to get veterinary care for Nati. The next day the growth had burst and the keeper sent a photo of the wound to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and to the sanctuary manager. The veterinarian and manager decided there was nothing they could do about the wound due to the location, and they instructed the keeper to flush the wound out with water each day. For 21 days Nati's wound was not assessed by a veterinarian and her wound grew from golf ball size to a hole the size of a dinner plate. The keeper flushed the wound out every day and took photographs of the injury that he sent to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) along with messages expressing his concerns. The wound began developing white nodules and tissue growth that the keeper worried was infection. The wound showed no signs of closing and continued to grow in size. When the keeper expressed his concerns, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) said she would rather euthanize Nati than pay for veterinary treatment. Nati was only two years old and the keeper felt she was much too young for euthanasia. The keeper continued treating the wound by flushing it with water and sent at least a dozen pictures of the wound to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who declined to examine the tiger in person. On January 16, 2020, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was called to TCAS for another tiger and the keeper asked the veterinarian to stitch up Nati's wound while she was there. The veterinarian agreed and put a few stitches in the gaping wound. The keeper, who has no formal veterinary training, also requested (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) give Nati a sedative after she received her stitches so that she wouldn't tear them out. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) complied and Nati quickly healed after she received veterinary care and was sedated long enough for the wound to begin to heal. Throughout the treatment of Nati's injury, keepers felt (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) didn't have a sense of urgency in treating Nati, and she was more interested in providing veterinary care methods that were less cost prohibitive, rather than considering what would be best for Nati.

On January 16, 2020, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) euthanized a tiger named Amara by injecting anesthesia fluid through her ribs and directly into her heart. Witnesses say they could immediately see Amara begin reacting to the anesthesia and her death appeared prolonged and painful.

Currently, TCAS is attempting to put two lions named Max and Luna together. They are sharing an outdoor enclosure with separate lockouts so one lion is always stuck in a small 20' by 6' lockout enclosure half the time, while the other lion is in the outdoor enclosure. The floor of the lockout enclosures is concrete and spending too much time on concrete can lead to lameness, injury, foot health issues and discomfort. Employees are concerned that Luna may be severely injured or killed when TCAS puts her into the enclosure with Max.

#### Safety

The transportation methods the sanctuary uses for the big cats are unsafe. An employee was injured when a lion woke up during transportation on July 13, 2019. TCAS did not have worker's compensation insurance. The employee was fired while on medical leave, six days after the incident.

TCAS is a member of the RV club Harvest Host. The sanctuary allows members to camp inside the first perimeter fence of the facility, which is unattended and unsupervised from 5pm to 8am each day. The area that the RVs are parked gives the campers access to the petting zoo animals including goats, a goose, mini donkeys, a mini horse and a mammoth jack. The guests also camp within reaching distance of an enclosure that houses two tigers and keepers are concerned a guest may reach in the cage when the facility is closed and be injured by the tigers. Keepers are also concerned by the lack of video surveillance at TCAS. They are concerned a camper may jump the gate and enter the park while it is closed.

Improperly transporting and loaning animals to non USDA license holders TCAS frequently hands off Endangered Species Act and Animal Welfare Act protected animals to non USDA license holders and passes the animals around to family and friends who have no knowledge of their care, putting the animals at great risk.

In 2016 TCAS purchased two geoffroy's cats for public hands-on interactions. Both spent at least a year living in a dog kennel.

In 2017 TCAS traded (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Best Exotics LLC a geoffroy's cat for an ESA protected ringtail lemur. The lemur, named Leonard, was housed alone, and was taken home (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2019 TCAS traded Pablo the cotton top tamarin for a troop of lemurs from Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us that was to be Leonard's troop. However, the troop was kept off exhibit and never introduced. When the troop of lemurs began reproducing, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took one of the babies home and began bottle feeding it. They named it Bug. One of the babies was left with the parents. Ferraro showed up at TCAS and took the baby lemur from the parents and wanted Bug, as well. TCAS paid Ferraro for Bug so (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could keep the lemur. Ferraro removed the remaining baby lemur from TCAS and took it with her. The lemurs reproduced again and Lily was one of the babies. TCAS purchased Lily the lemur from Ferraro for an employee named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Ferraro then picked up the entire troop of lemurs and removed them from TCAS. The only remaining lemurs at TCAS are Leonard, Bug and Lily, who are all housed separately from each other. Bug and Lily are removed from TCAS daily and taken home with the employees.

On July 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a six-week-old white lion named Luna from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Luna was improperly housed with various individuals who did not hold a USDA license including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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On August 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a puma named Alema from Jason Clay of East

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Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Alema had a severe coccidia infection. Alema was taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2018 Werner Ferris had a pig at his home that was his son's pet that drowned in his swimming pool. Werner Ferris asked his daughter to pick up a new pig to replace the pig that had drowned. His daughter picked up a wild boar that was not a suitable replacement. The boar was exchanged with a different pig that someone had donated to TCAS. It is unclear whether any safety precautions were taken to prevent the replacement pig from drowning at Werner Ferris house.

In July 2019, TCAS obtained three four-month-old tiger cubs from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari. The cubs, named Ava, Eloise and Rosie, were taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Brian Werner Ferris, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) On at least one occasion reporters were allowed to play with and interact with the cubs, who were much older than the 12 week age limit that the USDA places on cub interactions. On another occasion in 2019, staff was required to bring Eloise out on a choke-chain style collar and leash and let sanctuary donors play with and interact with her. On multiple occasions in 2019 Werner Ferris took Eloise and Rosie with him for the night to take swimming at a home he was leasing in the Woods addition, Tyler, TX. Photos show a cub wearing a choker-chain style collar and leash while swimming in a pool with Werner Ferris' ex-wife.

TCAS obtained a baby rhesus macaque, a species known to carry herpes b, which is transmittable to humans. Photos show the macaque at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] and at the home of a friend of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) named [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] a self-employed dog groomer, posted a fundraiser to raise money for a monkey enclosure. According to the fundraiser, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) plans to keep TCAS's rhesus macaque at her house.

In December 2020, TCAS obtained a tiger cub named Sitaara who immediately began getting passed around to various households including the homes of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] On December 24, 2020, photos and videos show Sitaara at [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home where she interacted with a kangaroo, coyote and rhesus macaque that were also located at the home. Video shows Sitaara running loose in [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) backyard in a residential neighborhood. On December 31, 2020 Sitaara was passed off to spend the night with [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her family who did not even know Sitaara's name. [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos of her family bottle feeding Sitaara. The entire family had just recovered from COVID-19, potentially exposing Sitaara to infection.

TCAS's baby kangaroo is being passed around and is shown in photos at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

TCAS's employee [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) runs an animal rehab facility from her home called "A Wild Life Animal Rehabilitation." She only recently became licensed and admitted numerous times that she was caring for many animals out

of her home without a license. Her nonprofit number was issued in June, 2020 and her EIN is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). is also licensed as a rehabber, and the two individuals work together to obtain native species of animals to utilize for petting interactions with their friends and relatives, which they document on social media. They are imprinting on the animals so they are unreleasable, and then keeping them at TCAS. They are cohabitating native wildlife, some of which are sick with transmittable illnesses, with domestic pets, livestock, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, and non-indigenous wildlife.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home is packed full of animals including domestic, exotic and native permitted wildlife and numerous animals have died in her care. Animals being cohabitated in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home include 2-3 adult dogs, 3 puppies, 5-6 cats, a ringtail lemur, a coyote, chickens, 2 pet squirrels, a bearded dragon, corn snakes, 2 ferrets, 2 chinchillas, hedgehogs, raccoons, bats, birds of prey, native birds and a beaver. She also brings home other people's exotic pets, such as a kangaroo, a monkey and a tiger cub. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transports the animals back and forth from her home to TCAS's facility, exposing the animals to diseases. In December 2020, she brought a tiger cub to her home to co-mingle with her animals. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has made public Facebook posts stating that the wild coyotes she was rehabbing were going to live at TCAS, along with photos of the coyotes in the living room with her dogs and cats and in her kitchen. On May 8, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted that the coyotes were sick with parvovirus and one passed away. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos showing the surviving coyote on a leash in front of a bo (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pen at TCAS. In May 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made public Facebook posts saying a bobcat she picked up from Florida that was living at her home will live her life at TCAS "once she's older and off the bottle." On June 3, 2020 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted a video of 6 baby raccoons being bottle fed at TCAS and she said (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) e video that she did not have her wildlife rehabilitation permits or license yet. Most alarming is that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a beaver on March 11, 2021. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has posted numerous photos and videos of herself petting the beaver and playing with it. She is allowing numerous other individuals to play with the beaver including TCAS employee's (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who have posted videos and photos of themselves playing with the beaver. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is inviting her friends over to pet the beaver and use it for photo ops. This beaver may never be able to be released into the wild because of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) mishandling. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has a rhesus macaque monkey and a kangaroo at her home and she allows the kangaroo to interact with native permitted wildlife including the beaver that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transports her exotic animals back and forth from her home to TCAS and in Dec. 2020 she took a tiger cub home with her. At TCAS she keeps a bobcat and a fox in the same enclosure together.

TCAS posted photos of two chinchillas at the sanctuary on Dec. 11, 2020. The chinchillas have a plastic home and a plastic wheel in their cage which may be hazardous to them if ingested.

Numerous animals have been obtained or disposed of at TCAS with the acquisition and disposition of the animals kept secret. Currently, there are two adult sloths hidden in TCAS's baby room. All of the windows in the baby

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room have been covered in cardboard and blankets so no one can see the sloths  
are in there.

Nearly 4,000 people have joined an online group to express their concerns  
about Tiger Creek Sanctuary. We have sent dozens of animal neglect complaints  
with corresponding evidence to agencies including USDA-APHIS, Texas Parks and  
Wildlife, the IRS, Wyoming Attorney General and Texas Attorney General.

The animals need your help immediately. We are asking that you do everything  
in your power to correct this situation. Please notify me of the complaint  
number that your agency assigns to this complaint.

When did the incident(s) occur?:  
2015-present

#### Other Actions

Has this been reported to any other organizations/agencies?:  
YES

If yes, which organization/agency?:  
IRS, Texas Attorney General, Wyoming Attorney General, APHIS Animal Care

When?:  
Januray, February and March 2021  
What is the status of the complaint?:  
Unknown



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## Memorandum

To:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Agriculture-APHIS  
Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch

From: Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM

cc: Dr. Elizabeth Goldentyer, Marjorie Bolden, Dr. Rosemary Sifford, Dr. Elizabeth Theodorson, Dr. Robert Gibbens,

Date: May 5, 2021

Subject: OIG Hotline Complaint PS-3301-00071

This correspondence is in response to OIG Hotline Complaint PS-3301-00071 against Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, an Animal Care inspector. The complainant, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from [REDACTED] has alleged that Dr. Digesualdo has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. In addition, the following allegations were also made by [REDACTED]

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

[REDACTED] also stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Animal Care responded to the allegations by checking its records and inspecting the establishment. Our records indicate that the establishment located in 17552 F M 14 Tyler, Texas 75706, is not registered as Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary but rather as Great Cats in Crisis under # 10-C-0002 and as National Foundation of Rescued Animals under # 74-C-0418 for the same address. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] is listed as the representative for both. The last inspection performed at this location was in May 2018. The COVID-19 pandemic precluded inspections during 2020.

Dr. Digesualdo conducted an inspection at the Tyler, Texas address on April 8, 2021. In summary, the findings revealed records of 9 animals from 2018-2020 displaying clinical signs for weeks to months without examination by a veterinarian resulting in death or euthanasia, missing acquisition documentation for 7 animals from 2019-2020, and no environment enhancement plan to promote psychological well-being in nonhuman primates.

Enclosed is supporting documentation combined into a single pdf document. This documentation includes the inspection reports for both entities. APHIS will continue to monitor the establishment at 17552 F M 14 Tyler, Texas 75706 under registrations # 74-C-0418 and # 10-C-0002 for compliance with the AWA.

Thank you for the extension of time granted in order to thoroughly evaluate this complaint.

Sincerely,

Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM  
Research Program Manager  
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

**Attachments:**

2 inspection reports  
Original complaint

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## Inspection Report

GREAT CATS IN CRISIS  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
STE 1000  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

**2.40(b)(3)                    Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

\* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.

\* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.

\* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.

\* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.

\* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.

\* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

- \* Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)
- \* Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)
- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
- \* Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/18/20)
- \* Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Raccoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)
- \* Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

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**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
503949	10-C-0002	001	GREAT CATS IN CRISIS	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000039	<b>Total</b>	



## Inspection Report

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS  
17552 F M 14  
TYLER, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538  
Certificate: 74-C-0418  
Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

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**2.40                    Critical**

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- \* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.
- \* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.
- \* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.
- \* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.
- \* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

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\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian. All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)(vi)

#### **Records: Dealers and exhibitors.**

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)

Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)

Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)

Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)

Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)

Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by: May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7538	74-C-0418	002	TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000017	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000038	<b>Total</b>	

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) APHIS  
**To:** Theodorson, Elizabeth C - APHIS; Clarke, Carol L - APHIS  
**Cc:** Sifford, Rosemary B - APHIS; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) APHIS  
**Subject:** PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo  
**Date:** Friday, April 2, 2021 1:53:44 PM

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Good afternoon,

AICB received the subject OIG Hotline Complaint dated March 31, 2021. Please review the information below and obtain sufficient information to address the allegation.

Receipt of your response by May 3, 2121, would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Allegation:** Complainant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) has alleged that Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo from Aledo, TX, has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. The following allegations were also brought forward by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). If needed, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) can be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) or via e-mail at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Please note, that the above is a summary of the allegations provided in the complaint. I have more detailed information that can be provided if needed.

Public Law 95-452, sec. 7, prohibits the unwarranted disclosure of the complainant's identity or the taking of reprisal action against the complainant. In those instances where the complainant is anonymous or wishes to remain confidential, no attempts should be made to discover the identity of the complainant. The complaint should be provided or discussed only with those who need to resolve the issues. The typed complaint should not be provided to the subject; however, you may discuss with the subject all relevant issues to completely resolve the complaint.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigator

Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch (AICB)  
APHIS, MRP-BS, Human Resources Division

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** APHIS eFile  
**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS  
**Subject:** A Complaint Has Been Referred To You  
**Date:** Monday, June 28, 2021 6:39:32 PM

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Complaint NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS for NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS has been referred to you for review. [Click here](#) to view the inquiry details in the system.

**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS  
**To:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS; Yager, Cody M - APHIS  
**Subject:** Status update requested OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 2:34:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more.msg](#)

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Hi! I am requesting a status update on the OIG hotline complaint involving Tiger Creek.

The new deadline is **July 14<sup>th</sup>**.

As recommended by Bob, the AC response needs to address each concern point by point.

The inspection from 6/3/21 had no findings and is due for PST posting 7/4/21.

(b) (7)(E)

I wish to avoid requesting an extension

if possible.

I am resubmitting the extended OIG complaint for which each item should be addressed. Best regards.

Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM  
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**From:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:32 AM  
**To:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more

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**From:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 6:19 AM  
**To:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more

No Problem. Cindy was out there last week.  
(b) (7)(E)

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**From:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 2:48 PM

**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more

Cody -- can Cindy and you go through the complaint and address the allegations point-by-point by July 14?

Also, do you know when we will be doing the next inspection?

Thanks.....Bob

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 11:30 AM  
**To:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more

Hi! The ACIB investigator just relayed that there was much more to the complaint than she sent me regarding our VMO and Tiger Creek Sanctuary. See enclosed.

A few weeks earlier I spoke to the head of ACIB, Daniel Dove, who expressed some

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mentioned he was going to give you a call about it but I do not believe he ever did. Enclosed for your convenience is our original response

ACIB is requesting a new response by July 14<sup>th</sup> that addresses the complete complaint. I think the facility was due for a follow inspection, soon anyway. Just let me know when AWO plans to revisit.  
Best regards.

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS []  
**To:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS [robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov]  
**Subject:** OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more  
**Date:** Monday, June 07, 2021 13:29:43  
**Attachment 1:** 330100071.APHIS.pdf.pdf  
**Attachment 2:** 2021 OIG PS 3301 00071 Tiger Creek.pdf

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Below you will find information on this Hotline submission:

Submitted As: allows name to be included

#### Submitter Information

Name:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Address:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

City:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

State:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Zip:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Phone:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Are you employeed with the USDA?:

NO

What agency are you employed with?:

What is your GS Level?:

E-mail:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

#### Allegation Details

Alleged Person Status:

USDA Employee

Alleged Person Rank/Title/Grade:

USDA-APHIS inspector

Alleged Person Last Name:

Digesualdo

Alleged Person First Name:

Cynthia

Alleged Person Middle Initial:

List this Person address:

List this Person city:

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List this Person state:

TX

List this Person zip:

Where does this Person work?:

USDA Animal Welfare Inspector

Complaint Summary:

We are also asking you to investigate misconduct within the USDA-APHIS program in Texas, specifically lack of inspections and enforcement by Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, USDA-APHIS inspector for the TCAS who has not completed an inspection at the facility in three years.

Digesualdo and the other Texas USDA-APHIS employees need to be audited and investigated. As a result of their blatant negligence, many animals at Tiger Creek Sanctuary (owned by Brian Werner Ferris and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)) are dying without critically needed veterinary care. Animals are also being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked openly. It would be grossly unethical and negligent for the USDA-APHIS to let this go on, especially since these animals are still in imminent danger.

We have an abundance of proof that Brian Werner Ferris has perpetually violated the Animal Welfare Act, the Lacey Act, and the Endangered Species Act and his USDA license should be revoked. Werner Ferris has clearly lied about animal acquisitions, hid animals, and denied critical veterinary care or timely euthanasia to suffering animals. He operates his roadside zoo under the false guise of a sanctuary and inspector Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick, dying and dead animals.

Among many other shortcomings, Digesualdo has never legitimately tracked any vet care, animal inventory, breeding, birth, or death records. Consequently, this has given Werner Ferris a free card to illegally trade and traffic animals.

Our group includes inside informants, former employees, relatives and

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business acquaintances from Tiger Creek Sanctuary who have collected documents, photographs, videos and other evidence showing a pattern of misconduct and a blatant disregard for the lives of the animals at this USDA licensed facility. We are now escalating our claims and contacting the USDA Inspector General, congress members and others to help enforce the laws that the USDA is responsible for enforcing.

#### Conditions

Recent visitors say the animals are kept in filthy conditions and the facility reeks of urine. Feces in enclosures appeared "ashy," indicating it has remained in the enclosures for a long period of time. Many of the wildcats have no access to grass and their shelters do not adequately protect them from the elements. Water receptacles are not being cleaned and the containers are described as being "black" with filth.

The wildcats at TCAS are locked out of their lockdowns during the day because they are "on exhibit." Employees felt this was cruel, especially on hot days, because the cats were unable to cool off in their lockdown area. This was especially concerning for elderly cats who were unable to cool off on days when the temperature was greater than 90 degrees.

The sanctuary has a severe flea infestation problem. In 2019 a bobcat named Boudreaux became so infested with fleas that he became anemic and needed vitamin injections from a veterinarian.

The diet the animals are being fed is not sufficient. The sanctuary accepts donations of meat that is rotten including a shipment of emu meat that came unrefrigerated. It was brown, smelly and the cats didn't want to eat it but it was the only meat available at the sanctuary. The animal's diets are frequently restricted when the sanctuary is behind on their feed bills. In 2017 a tiger named Amir was getting 16lbs of food a day and TCAS cut his diet back to 16lbs per week. Keepers complained to management that the tiger's dietary restriction was cruel and was not approved by a veterinarian.

Several animals have experienced significant health issues from the diet they received which caused blockages, bloody stool and choking. A lion named Manda choked on a chicken bone but recovered and a lion named Nasaba choked on a chicken bone and died.

Much of the animal care staff has been fired by TCAS and the sick and dying animals are now being cared for by caretakers with limited big cat experience.

#### Lack of veterinary care

TCAS's animals are rapidly deteriorating and the owner and manager prefer euthanasia to veterinary care. "It's cheaper to buy another one than to call a veterinarian," the owner and manager have been overheard saying. When wildcats are sedated for medical tests at the facility, and medical

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issues are identified, TCAS prefers euthanasia to medical treatment because euthanasia is less costly.

On numerous occasions TCAS delayed the euthanasia of sick or elderly animals until the animals were so far gone that they were starving, unable to move, and lying in their own feces and urine for up to a week.

At least 11 big cats at TCAS have died in the past year including Amara the tiger, China the tiger, Tara the tiger, Ishon the tiger, Lily the tiger, Gunther the tiger, Kenya the lion, Sarge the tiger, Sheba the tiger, Bagheera the black leopard and Juda the lion.

Former staff says a sick horse wandered away and died on the property and its carcass was left to decay in the woods at the facility. Another sick horse was shot and buried on the property to avoid paying veterinary bills. Two horses were shot to be utilized for food for the cats, but it took 2-3 shots each to kill the horses and one horse had to watch the other horse be shot before then being shot itself.

TCAS doesn't always notify the public when a cat dies and will continue using the cat's name and image to solicit donations, sometimes many years later.

TCAS did not have a regular attending veterinarian from 2014-2017. In 2017 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) became the attending veterinarian and former keepers did not feel she was capable of providing appropriate veterinary care for the exotic animals at the facility. They felt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was inexperienced in handling big cats and was using the animals at TCAS to experiment on and learn from.

In early 2015 Brian Werner Ferris' wife (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a cotton top tamarin monkey named Pablo that was her personal pet. She quickly became bored of him and donated him to TCAS where he spent years living in a bird cage in the employee break room. He became very aggressive and employees began wearing welding gloves in order to clean his cage. In early 2019, Werner Ferris took Pablo back from TCAS and decided to keep him as a pet at his home. While at the home of Werner Ferris, Werner Ferris fed Pablo rhubarb and he became very sick. Werner Ferris did not obtain veterinary treatment for Pablo. He was left to recover on his own. Once recovered, Pablo was brought back to TCAS briefly before being traded for other animals from a dealer named Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us.

In 2017 a 15-year-old puma named Coco began limping. For two weeks Coco was dragging around his front leg before TCAS called in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined the leg was fractured and needed to be surgically repaired. It is unclear whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) X-rayed the leg. Coco dragged around his front leg for an additional two weeks after the veterinarian's diagnosis. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) performed surgery on May 25, 2017. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had never worked on a cat this big before and used pins meant to repair a dog's leg. Keepers feel (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) inexperience caused needless pain and suffering for Coco. On August 9, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tried to fix the botched surgery by upgrading to stainless steel plates. Another veterinarian named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assisted with this procedure. When the surgery was complete, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told TCAS staff that the repair was unsuccessful and to "try another vet" because she couldn't do anything else to help Coco. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used a continuous stitch on Coco's leg and keepers were concerned about the stitching method because if the stitch got hooked on anything they feared the entire thing would tear out. TCAS waited more than two weeks after the second failed surgical repair before bringing in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who spent five hours trying to repair Coco's leg on August 28, 2017 before determining there was no way to attach the pins and plates where they would hold and heal properly. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) decided to amputate Coco's leg. The entire procedure took nine hours. In early 2018 Coco started showing signs that his other front leg was injured. By March, he was having a difficult time getting around. In June, he started dragging his remaining front leg. Coco dragged around his leg for approximately four days before (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and he was euthanized on June 8, 2018. It is unclear whether the cause of Coco's fractured front legs was ever determined by a veterinarian.

In late September 2017 a traveling Tiger Show ran by Judith and Jergen Nerger (Nerger's Tigers) dropped off two sick tigers at TCAS. One of the tigers had to be euthanized immediately because she was so sick and the other tiger, named Tibor, did not receive any medical attention. By November he was showing significant health issues. Tibor was no longer eating and keepers had resorted to putting meat on a bamboo skewer and pushing it through the fence near Tibor's face in an attempt to get him to eat. Keepers asked TCAS management numerous times to bring in a veterinarian for Tibor but management refused. By November 11, Tibor was comatose. Keepers again asked management to bring in a veterinarian and they again refused. It was raining and Tibor was lying outside and unable to move to get to shelter. Keepers strung a tarp over him and stayed with him for four hours while he died. Keepers felt TCAS's refusal to obtain veterinary care for Tibor was cruel and caused Tibor to experience prolonged suffering.

Four tigers at TCAS were obtained from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari, Myrtle Beach, SC. The tigers were kept in enclosures with their siblings; Arula and Kumari were caged together and Mustang and Bon were caged together. Werner Ferris wanted to breed Bon with Arula, even though he was unsure if they were related, so both pairs of tigers were split from their cage mates for the introduction. When TCAS tried introducing the two tigers, Bon attacked Arula and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was directed to fire two 12 gauge bean bag rounds into Bon, striking him in his left shoulder and his ribcage. Arula sustained four deep lacerations on her body during this incident and did not receive veterinary care for her injuries. After the failed introduction, all four tigers were housed individually. After being split from his littermate, Bon began chewing and sucking on his tail and self mutilating it daily.

In early 2018 an elderly tiger named Lexie became ill. Keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Lexie and they refused. As Lexie's mobility began declining keepers had a difficult time getting her out of her lockout enclosure to clean it. Lexie began urinating where she was laying which caused painful infected wounds on her legs. By February 5, Lexie could no longer move at all and keepers called sanctuary management, texted management and posted in a group chat, asking for a veterinarian to be brought in. They were scolded for requesting veterinary care for Lexie. When Lexie was nearly dead, TCAS brought in a veterinarian to do tests on Lexie. Lexie was so sick that Brian Werner Ferris instructed the keepers to enter the enclosure with Lexie and he photographed them crying next to the dying cat. Werner Ferris then changed into a different shirt and had his own pictures taken with Lexie, which he used on social media. Several days later, Lexie was euthanized.

On August 20, 2018, a tiger named Sierra needed to be euthanized. TCAS's attending veterinarian, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) brought anesthesia rather than euthanasia drugs. A keeper was instructed to hold down Sierra while the veterinarian injected the anesthesia directly into Sierra's heart. Sierra immediately began twitching and convulsing and the keeper had to stay with Sierra for five minutes as she died a "slow, horrible death."

In May 2019, animal care staff noticed that Pepe the lion had a growth that was getting bigger. As they noticed this growth getting bigger and bigger they kept asking the head of animal care what to do about it and he just ignored it, and refused to do anything. When a new keeper took over as the Director of Animal Care, they got the growth tested, and it was cancer. Pepe was 18-years-old and given the size of the wound, and the fact that he had cancer, keepers felt that at that point TCAS should consider humanely euthanizing him. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not want to euthanize Pepe, she decided to have the growth removed. Because of where the growth was located, the removal required a pretty big cut on Pepe's side. After the removal, Pepe's movement wasn't restricted and so a few days later the stitches pulled out and the cut split open. A keeper begged to get a veterinarian out there to sew Pepe up and finally got a vet out of Hawkins, Texas (she was the former vet of Tiger Creek) to come out and stitch him up. The vet had to squat on her knees in the dark with no lights, in order to sew up Pepe. The stitches broke open again a couple days later, leaving the wound agape. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) talked with the vet and came up with an "experimental" treatment. Keepers were instructed to flush the wound out with water each day for a total of 20 minutes (a practice referred to as hydrotherapy at Tiger Creek) and give Pepe pain management medications until the wound was healed so that they could then treat his cancer with chemotherapy drugs. Pepe hated water and the hydrotherapy process was very uncomfortable for him. While Pepe was being treated for his open wound he was only allowed outside at night to prevent the public from viewing his injury. It took about two months for Pepe's wound to heal. Shortly after finishing hydrotherapy, Pepe started chemotherapy and became increasingly ill. He experienced weakness in his back

legs, declining mobility, he became lethargic and he lost his appetite. He lost so much weight that his ribs and spine were visible. He spent the last few weeks of his life kept in a small lockout enclosure away from public view. On November 22, 2019, Pepe was euthanized by a veterinarian who used a long needle to inject anesthesia into Pepe's ribcage where she thought his heart was. It took at least five minutes for him to die and every time Keepers thought Pepe had passed away he would wake up and roar again.

In September, 2019, a tiger named Kumari began showing signs of illness such as a swollen belly. After exhibiting symptoms for a week, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and did some tests. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined Kumari had endometriosis and a week later performed surgery to remove Kumari's uterus. After the surgery was complete, Kumari was left unsupervised in her transfer crate in TCAS's maintenance building from about 5:30 p.m. the evening of the surgery to 6:30 a.m. the next day. Kumari died around 10:00am Sept. 25, 2019, while inside the transfer cage, waiting to be put back in her enclosure. A veterinarian was not brought in to assess Kumari's cause of death.

TCAS had a serval named Zuri that would self mutilate her tail, chewing and sucking it until the end of her tail was an open sore. On several occasions keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Zuri, but TCAS refused. The head of animal care, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said Zuri was just "stupid." Zuri also had pancreatitis and recovered from it. She was prescribed medication and a special diet for the rest of her life. No one informed the keepers of the diet or medication so after Zuri got better she was no longer receiving treatment and became sick again. In early 2019, Zuri had to be euthanized.

In late 2019 a serval named Simba was moved from his normal enclosure to a small off exhibit enclosure. For about two weeks keepers told TCAS management that something was wrong with Simba as he had stopped eating and appeared lethargic, but staff refused to obtain veterinary care for Simba. Simba then spent two days vomiting and keepers again requested Simba receive veterinary care but TCAS management declined. The next morning the keepers found Simba lethargic, dehydrated and barely moving. They immediately called TCAS's head of animal care and they were told they could not call a veterinarian or take Simba to the vet themselves. They were instructed to wait until the head of animal care arrived at the facility. While waiting for TCAS's head of animal care to arrive, the keeper took Simba out of his enclosure and put him in a transport kennel and Simba began gasping and convulsing and passed away. Simba was not seen by a veterinarian until after his death. A necropsy showed Simba had been eating the hay used as bedding in his enclosure. After Simba's death, none of the cats at the sanctuary were allowed to have hay as bedding. Keepers felt if they had been allowed to seek veterinary care for Simba when he first became ill he would still be alive. They also feel if they had been allowed to immediately take Simba to the veterinarian on the morning he passed away, rather than waiting for TCAS animal care director to arrive, Simba's life could have been saved.

On December 24, 2019 a keeper noticed a young tiger named Nati had developed a growth. The keeper notified TCAS management but they refused to get veterinary care for Nati. The next day the growth had burst and the keeper sent a photo of the wound to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and to the sanctuary manager. The veterinarian and manager decided there was nothing they could do about the wound due to the location, and they instructed the keeper to flush the wound out with water each day. For 21 days Nati's wound was not assessed by a veterinarian and her wound grew from golf ball size to a hole the size of a dinner plate. The keeper flushed the wound out every day and took photographs of the injury that he sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) along with messages expressing his concerns. The wound began developing white nodules and tissue growth that the keeper worried was infection. The wound showed no signs of closing and continued to grow in size. When the keeper expressed his concerns, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said she would rather euthanize Nati than pay for veterinary treatment. Nati was only two years old and the keeper felt she was much too young for euthanasia. The keeper continued treating the wound by flushing it with water and sent at least a dozen pictures of the wound to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who declined to examine the tiger in person. On January 16, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was called to TCAS for another tiger and the keeper asked the veterinarian to stitch up Nati's wound while she was there. The veterinarian agreed and put a few stitches in the gaping wound. The keeper, who has no formal veterinary training, also requested (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) give Nati a sedative after she received her stitches so that she wouldn't tear them out. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) complied and Nati quickly healed after she received veterinary care and was sedated long enough for the wound to begin to heal. Throughout the treatment of Nati's injury, keepers felt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) didn't have a sense of urgency in treating Nati, and she was more interested in providing veterinary care methods that were less cost prohibitive, rather than considering what would be best for Nati.

On January 16, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) euthanized a tiger named Amara by injecting anesthesia fluid through her ribs and directly into her heart. Witnesses say they could immediately see Amara begin reacting to the anesthesia and her death appeared prolonged and painful.

Currently, TCAS is attempting to put two lions named Max and Luna together. They are sharing an outdoor enclosure with separate lockouts so one lion is always stuck in a small 20' by 6' lockout enclosure half the time, while the other lion is in the outdoor enclosure. The floor of the lockout enclosures is concrete and spending too much time on concrete can lead to lameness, injury, foot health issues and discomfort. Employees are concerned that Luna may be severely injured or killed when TCAS puts her into the enclosure with Max.

#### Safety

The transportation methods the sanctuary uses for the big cats are unsafe. An employee was injured when a lion woke up during transportation on July 13, 2019. TCAS did not have worker's compensation insurance. The employee was fired while on medical leave, six days after the incident.

TCAS is a member of the RV club Harvest Host. The sanctuary allows members to camp inside the first perimeter fence of the facility, which is unattended and unsupervised from 5pm to 8am each day. The area that the RVs are parked gives the campers access to the petting zoo animals including goats, a goose, mini donkeys, a mini horse and a mammoth jack. The guests also camp within reaching distance of an enclosure that houses two tigers and keepers are concerned a guest may reach in the cage when the facility is closed and be injured by the tigers. Keepers are also concerned by the lack of video surveillance at TCAS. They are concerned a camper may jump the gate and enter the park while it is closed.

Improperly transporting and loaning animals to non USDA license holders TCAS frequently hands off Endangered Species Act and Animal Welfare Act protected animals to non USDA license holders and passes the animals around to family and friends who have no knowledge of their care, putting the animals at great risk.

In 2016 TCAS purchased two geoffroy's cats for public hands-on interactions. Both spent at least a year living in a dog kennel.

In 2017 TCAS traded [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Best Exotics LLC a geoffroy's cat for an ESA protected ringtail lemur. The lemur, named Leonard, was housed alone, and was taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2019 TCAS traded Pablo the cotton top tamarin for a troop of lemurs from Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us that was to be Leonard's troop. However, the troop was kept off exhibit and never introduced. When the troop of lemurs began reproducing, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took one of the babies home and began bottle feeding it. They named it Bug. One of the babies was left with the parents. Ferraro showed up at TCAS and took the baby lemur from the parents and wanted Bug, as well. TCAS paid Ferraro for Bug so [REDACTED] could keep the lemur. Ferraro removed the remaining baby lemur from TCAS and took it with her. The lemurs reproduced again and Lily was one of the babies. TCAS purchased Lily the lemur from Ferraro for an employee named [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Ferraro then picked up the entire troop of lemurs and removed them from TCAS. The only remaining lemurs at TCAS are Leonard, Bug and Lily, who are all housed separately from each other. Bug and Lily are removed from TCAS daily and taken home with the employees.

On July 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a six-week-old white lion named Luna from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Luna was improperly housed with various individuals who did not hold a USDA license including [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On August 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a puma named Alema from Jason Clay of East

Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Alema had a severe coccidia infection. Alema was taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2018 Werner Ferris had a pig at his home that was his son's pet that drowned in his swimming pool. Werner Ferris asked his daughter to pick up a new pig to replace the pig that had drowned. His daughter picked up a wild boar that was not a suitable replacement. The boar was exchanged with a different pig that someone had donated to TCAS. It is unclear whether any safety precautions were taken to prevent the replacement pig from drowning at Werner Ferris house.

In July 2019, TCAS obtained three four-month-old tiger cubs from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari. The cubs, named Ava, Eloise and Rosie, were taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Brian Werner Ferris, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) On at least one occasion reporters were allowed to play with and interact with the cubs, who were much older than the 12 week age limit that the USDA places on cub interactions. On another occasion in 2019, staff was required to bring Eloise out on a choke-chain style collar and leash and let sanctuary donors play with and interact with her. On multiple occasions in 2019 Werner Ferris took Eloise and Rosie with him for the night to take swimming at a home he was leasing in the Woods addition, Tyler, TX. Photos show a cub wearing a choker-chain style collar and leash while swimming in a pool with Werner Ferris' ex-wife.

TCAS obtained a baby rhesus macaque, a species known to carry herpes b, which is transmittable to humans. Photos show the macaque at the home of [REDACTED]

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] and at the home of a friend of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) named [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] a self-employed dog groomer, posted a fundraiser to raise money for a monkey enclosure. According to the fundraiser, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) plans to keep TCAS's rhesus macaque at her house.

In December 2020, TCAS obtained a tiger cub named Sitaara who immediately began getting passed around to various households including the homes of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] On December 24, 2020, photos and videos show Sitaara at [REDACTED] home where she interacted with a kangaroo, coyote and rhesus macaque that were also located at the home. Video shows Sitaara running loose in [REDACTED] backyard in a residential neighborhood. On December 31, 2020 Sitaara was passed off to spend the night with [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her family who did not even know Sitaara's name. [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos of her family bottle feeding Sitaara. The entire family had just recovered from COVID-19, potentially exposing Sitaara to infection.

TCAS's baby kangaroo is being passed around and is shown in photos at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

TCAS's employee [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) runs an animal rehab facility from her home called "A Wild Life Animal Rehabilitation." She only recently became licensed and admitted numerous times that she was caring for many animals out

of her home without a license. Her nonprofit number was issued in June, 2020 and her EIN is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is also licensed as a rehabber, and the two individuals work together to obtain native species of animals to utilize for petting interactions with their friends and relatives, which they document on social media. They are imprinting on the animals so they are unreleasable, and then keeping them at TCAS. They are cohabitating native wildlife, some of which are sick with transmittable illnesses, with domestic pets, livestock, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, and non-indigenous wildlife.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home is packed full of animals including domestic, exotic and native permitted wildlife and numerous animals have died in her care. Animals being cohabitated in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home include 2-3 adult dogs, 3 puppies, 5-6 cats, a ringtail lemur, a coyote, chickens, 2 pet squirrels, a bearded dragon, corn snakes, 2 ferrets, 2 chinchillas, hedgehogs, raccoons, bats, birds of prey, native birds and a beaver. She also brings home other people's exotic pets, such as a kangaroo, a monkey and a tiger cub. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transports the animals back and forth from her home to TCAS's facility, exposing the animals to diseases. In December 2020, she brought a tiger cub to her home to co-mingle with her animals. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has made public Facebook posts stating that the wild coyotes she was rehabbing were going to live at TCAS, along with photos of the coyotes in the living room with her dogs and cats and in her kitchen. On May 8, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted that the coyotes were sick with parvovirus and one passed away. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos showing the surviving coyote on a leash in front of a bobcat pen at TCAS. In May 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made public Facebook posts saying a bobcat she picked up from Florida that was living at her home will live her life at TCAS "once she's older and off the bottle." On June 3, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted a video of 6 baby raccoons being bottle fed at TCAS and she said in the video that she did not have her wildlife rehabilitation permits or license yet. Most alarming is that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a beaver on March 11, 2021. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has posted numerous photos and videos of herself petting the beaver and playing with it. She is allowing numerous other individuals to play with the beaver including TCAS employee's (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who have posted videos and photos of themselves playing with the beaver. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is inviting her friends over to pet the beaver and use it for photo ops. This beaver may never be able to be released into the wild because of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) mishandling. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has a rhesus macaque monkey and a kangaroo at her home and she allows the kangaroo to interact with native permitted wildlife including the beaver that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transports her exotic animals back and forth from her home to TCAS and in Dec. 2020 she took a tiger cub home with her. At TCAS she keeps a bobcat and a fox in the same enclosure together.

TCAS posted photos of two chinchillas at the sanctuary on Dec. 11, 2020. The chinchillas have a plastic home and a plastic wheel in their cage which may be hazardous to them if ingested.

Numerous animals have been obtained or disposed of at TCAS with the acquisition and disposition of the animals kept secret. Currently, there are two adult sloths hidden in TCAS's baby room. All of the windows in the baby

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room have been covered in cardboard and blankets so no one can see the sloths  
are in there.

Nearly 4,000 people have joined an online group to express their concerns  
about Tiger Creek Sanctuary. We have sent dozens of animal neglect complaints  
with corresponding evidence to agencies including USDA-APHIS, Texas Parks and  
Wildlife, the IRS, Wyoming Attorney General and Texas Attorney General.

The animals need your help immediately. We are asking that you do everything  
in your power to correct this situation. Please notify me of the complaint  
number that your agency assigns to this complaint.

When did the incident(s) occur?:  
2015-present

#### Other Actions

Has this been reported to any other organizations/agencies?:  
YES

If yes, which organization/agency?:  
IRS, Texas Attorney General, Wyoming Attorney General, APHIS Animal Care

When?:  
Januray, February and March 2021  
What is the status of the complaint?:  
Unknown



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## Memorandum

To:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Agriculture-APHIS  
Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch

From: Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM

cc: Dr. Elizabeth Goldentyer, Marjorie Bolden, Dr. Rosemary Sifford, Dr. Elizabeth Theodorson, Dr. Robert Gibbens,

Date: May 5, 2021

Subject: OIG Hotline Complaint PS-3301-00071

This correspondence is in response to OIG Hotline Complaint PS-3301-00071 against Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, an Animal Care inspector. The complainant, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(E) has alleged that Dr. Digesualdo has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. In addition, the following allegations were also made by (b) (6), (b) (7)(E)

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) also stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Animal Care responded to the allegations by checking its records and inspecting the establishment. Our records indicate that the establishment located in 17552 F M 14 Tyler, Texas 75706, is not registered as Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary but rather as Great Cats in Crisis under # 10-C-0002 and as National Foundation of Rescued Animals under # 74-C-0418 for the same address. (b) (6), (b) (7)(D) is listed as the representative for both. The last inspection performed at this location was in May 2018. The COVID-19 pandemic precluded inspections during 2020.

Dr. Digesualdo conducted an inspection at the Tyler, Texas address on April 8, 2021. In summary, the findings revealed records of 9 animals from 2018-2020 displaying clinical signs for weeks to months without examination by a veterinarian resulting in death or euthanasia, missing acquisition documentation for 7 animals from 2019-2020, and no environment enhancement plan to promote psychological well-being in nonhuman primates.

Enclosed is supporting documentation combined into a single pdf document. This documentation includes the inspection reports for both entities. APHIS will continue to monitor the establishment at 17552 F M 14 Tyler, Texas 75706 under registrations # 74-C-0418 and # 10-C-0002 for compliance with the AWA.

Thank you for the extension of time granted in order to thoroughly evaluate this complaint.

Sincerely,

Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM  
Research Program Manager  
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

**Attachments:**

2 inspection reports  
Original complaint

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## Inspection Report

GREAT CATS IN CRISIS  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
STE 1000  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

**2.40(b)(3)                    Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

\* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.

\* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.

\* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.

\* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.

\* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.

\* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

- \* Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)
- \* Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)
- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
- \* Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/18/20)
- \* Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Raccoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)
- \* Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

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**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
503949	10-C-0002	001	GREAT CATS IN CRISIS	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000039	<b>Total</b>	



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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS  
17552 F M 14  
TYLER, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538  
Certificate: 74-C-0418  
Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

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examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

- \* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.
- \* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.
- \* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.
- \* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.
- \* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.
- \* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

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\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian. All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)(vi)

#### **Records: Dealers and exhibitors.**

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)

Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)

Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)

Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)

Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)

Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by: May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7538	74-C-0418	002	TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000017	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000038	<b>Total</b>	

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) APHIS  
**To:** Theodorson, Elizabeth C - APHIS; Clarke, Carol L - APHIS  
**Cc:** Sifford, Rosemary B - APHIS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) APHIS  
**Subject:** PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo  
**Date:** Friday, April 2, 2021 1:53:44 PM

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Good afternoon,

AICB received the subject OIG Hotline Complaint dated March 31, 2021. Please review the information below and obtain sufficient information to address the allegation.

Receipt of your response by May 3, 2121, would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Allegation:** Complainant, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) has alleged that Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo from Aledo, TX, has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. The following allegations were also brought forward by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). If needed, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) can be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) or via e-mail at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Please note, that the above is a summary of the allegations provided in the complaint. I have more detailed information that can be provided if needed.

Public Law 95-452, sec. 7, prohibits the unwarranted disclosure of the complainant's identity or the taking of reprisal action against the complainant. In those instances where the complainant is anonymous or wishes to remain confidential, no attempts should be made to discover the identity of the complainant. The complaint should be provided or discussed only with those who need to resolve the issues. The typed complaint should not be provided to the subject; however, you may discuss with the subject all relevant issues to completely resolve the complaint.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigator

Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch (AICB)  
APHIS, MRP-BS, Human Resources Division

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** [Yager, Cody M - APHIS](#)  
**To:** [Digesualdo, Cynthia L - APHIS](#)  
**Subject:** FW: OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 8:18:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [330100071.APHIS.pdf.pdf](#)  
[2021 OIG PS 3301 00071 Tiger Creek.pdf](#)

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**From:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 2:48 PM  
**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more

Cody -- can Cindy and you go through the complaint and address the allegations point-by-point by July 14?

Also, do you know when we will be doing the next inspection?

Thanks.....Bob

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 11:30 AM  
**To:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more

Hi! The ACIB investigator just relayed that there was much more to the complaint than she sent me regarding our VMO and Tiger Creek Sanctuary. See enclosed.

A few weeks earlier I spoke to the head of ACIB, Daniel Dove, who expressed some

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mentioned he was going to give you a call about it but I do not believe he ever did. Enclosed for your convenience is our original response

ACIB is requesting a new response by July 14<sup>th</sup> that addresses the complete complaint. I think the facility was due for a follow inspection, soon anyway. Just let me know when AWO plans to revisit. Best regards.

Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM  
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Below you will find information on this Hotline submission:

Submitted As: allows name to be included

#### Submitter Information

Name:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Address:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

City:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

State:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Zip:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Phone:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Are you employed with the USDA?:

NO

What agency are you employed with?:

What is your GS Level?:

E-mail:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

#### Allegation Details

Alleged Person Status:

USDA Employee

Alleged Person Rank/Title/Grade:

USDA-APHIS inspector

Alleged Person Last Name:

Digesualdo

Alleged Person First Name:

Cynthia

Alleged Person Middle Initial:

List this Person address:

List this Person city:

Aledo

List this Person state:

TX

List this Person zip:

Where does this Person work?:

USDA Animal Welfare Inspector

Complaint Summary:

We are also asking you to investigate misconduct within the USDA-APHIS program in Texas, specifically lack of inspections and enforcement by Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, USDA-APHIS inspector for the TCAS who has not completed an inspection at the facility in three years.

Digesualdo and the other Texas USDA-APHIS employees need to be audited and investigated. As a result of their blatant negligence, many animals at Tiger Creek Sanctuary (owned by Brian Werner Ferris and operated by his daughter [b] (6), [b] (7)(C) and her friend [b] (6), [b] (7)(C) are dying without critically needed veterinary care. Animals are also being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked openly. It would be grossly unethical and negligent for the USDA-APHIS to let this go on, especially since these animals are still in imminent danger.

We have an abundance of proof that Brian Werner Ferris has perpetually violated the Animal Welfare Act, the Lacey Act, and the Endangered Species Act and his USDA license should be revoked. Werner Ferris has clearly lied about animal acquisitions, hid animals, and denied critical veterinary care or timely euthanasia to suffering animals. He operates his roadside zoo under the false guise of a sanctuary and inspector Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick, dying and dead animals.

Among many other shortcomings, Digesualdo has never legitimately tracked any vet care, animal inventory, breeding, birth, or death records. Consequently, this has given Werner Ferris a free card to illegally trade and traffic animals.

Our group includes inside informants, former employees, relatives and

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business acquaintances from Tiger Creek Sanctuary who have collected documents, photographs, videos and other evidence showing a pattern of misconduct and a blatant disregard for the lives of the animals at this USDA licensed facility. We are now escalating our claims and contacting the USDA Inspector General, congress members and others to help enforce the laws that the USDA is responsible for enforcing.

#### Conditions

Recent visitors say the animals are kept in filthy conditions and the facility reeks of urine. Feces in enclosures appeared "ashy," indicating it has remained in the enclosures for a long period of time. Many of the wildcats have no access to grass and their shelters do not adequately protect them from the elements. Water receptacles are not being cleaned and the containers are described as being "black" with filth.

The wildcats at TCAS are locked out of their lockdowns during the day because they are "on exhibit." Employees felt this was cruel, especially on hot days, because the cats were unable to cool off in their lockdown area. This was especially concerning for elderly cats who were unable to cool off on days when the temperature was greater than 90 degrees.

The sanctuary has a severe flea infestation problem. In 2019 a bobcat named Boudreaux became so infested with fleas that he became anemic and needed vitamin injections from a veterinarian.

The diet the animals are being fed is not sufficient. The sanctuary accepts donations of meat that is rotten including a shipment of emu meat that came unrefrigerated. It was brown, smelly and the cats didn't want to eat it but it was the only meat available at the sanctuary. The animal's diets are frequently restricted when the sanctuary is behind on their feed bills. In 2017 a tiger named Amir was getting 16lbs of food a day and TCAS cut his diet back to 16lbs per week. Keepers complained to management that the tiger's dietary restriction was cruel and was not approved by a veterinarian.

Several animals have experienced significant health issues from the diet they received which caused blockages, bloody stool and choking. A lion named Manda choked on a chicken bone but recovered and a lion named Nasaba choked on a chicken bone and died.

Much of the animal care staff has been fired by TCAS and the sick and dying animals are now being cared for by caretakers with limited big cat experience.

#### Lack of veterinary care

TCAS's animals are rapidly deteriorating and the owner and manager prefer euthanasia to veterinary care. "It's cheaper to buy another one than to call a veterinarian," the owner and manager have been overheard saying. When wildcats are sedated for medical tests at the facility, and medical

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issues are identified, TCAS prefers euthanasia to medical treatment because euthanasia is less costly.

On numerous occasions TCAS delayed the euthanasia of sick or elderly animals until the animals were so far gone that they were starving, unable to move, and lying in their own feces and urine for up to a week.

At least 11 big cats at TCAS have died in the past year including Amara the tiger, China the tiger, Tara the tiger, Ishon the tiger, Lily the tiger, Gunther the tiger, Kenya the lion, Sarge the tiger, Sheba the tiger, Bagheera the black leopard and Juda the lion.

Former staff says a sick horse wandered away and died on the property and its carcass was left to decay in the woods at the facility. Another sick horse was shot and buried on the property to avoid paying veterinary bills. Two horses were shot to be utilized for food for the cats, but it took 2-3 shots each to kill the horses and one horse had to watch the other horse be shot before then being shot itself.

TCAS doesn't always notify the public when a cat dies and will continue using the cat's name and image to solicit donations, sometimes many years later.

TCAS did not have a regular attending veterinarian from 2014-2017. In 2017 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) became the attending veterinarian and former keepers did not feel she was capable of providing appropriate veterinary care for the exotic animals at the facility. They felt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was inexperienced in handling big cats and was using the animals at TCAS to experiment on and learn from.

In early 2015 Brian Werner Ferris' (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a cotton top tamarin monkey named Pablo that was her personal pet. She quickly became bored of him and donated him to TCAS where he spent years living in a bird cage in the employee break room. He became very aggressive and employees began wearing welding gloves in order to clean his cage. In early 2019, Werner Ferris took Pablo back from TCAS and decided to keep him as a pet at his home. While at the home of Werner Ferris, Werner Ferris fed Pablo rhubarb and he became very sick. Werner Ferris did not obtain veterinary treatment for Pablo. He was left to recover on his own. Once recovered, Pablo was brought back to TCAS briefly before being traded for other animals from a dealer named Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us.

In 2017 a 15-year-old puma named Coco began limping. For two weeks Coco was dragging around his front leg before TCAS called in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined the leg was fractured and needed to be surgically repaired. It is unclear whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) X-rayed the leg. Coco dragged around his front leg for an additional two weeks after the veterinarian's diagnosis. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) performed surgery on May 25, 2017. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had never worked on a cat this big before and used pins meant to repair a dog's leg. Keepers feel (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) inexperience caused needless pain and suffering for Coco. On August 9, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tried to fix the botched surgery by upgrading to stainless steel plates. Another veterinarian named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assisted with this procedure. When the surgery was complete, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told TCAS staff that the repair was unsuccessful and to "try another vet" because she couldn't do anything else to help Coco. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used a continuous stitch on Coco's leg and keepers were concerned about the stitching method because if the stitch got hooked on anything they feared the entire thing would tear out. TCAS waited more than two weeks after the second failed surgical repair before bringing in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who spent five hours trying to repair Coco's leg on August 28, 2017 before determining there was no way to attach the pins and plates where they would hold and heal properly. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) decided to amputate Coco's leg. The entire procedure took nine hours. In early 2018 Coco started showing signs that his other front leg was injured. By March, he was having a difficult time getting around. In June, he started dragging his remaining front leg. Coco dragged around his leg for approximately four days before (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and he was euthanized on June 8, 2018. It is unclear whether the cause of Coco's fractured front legs was ever determined by a veterinarian.

In late September 2017 a traveling Tiger Show ran by Judith and Jergen Nerger (Nerger's Tigers) dropped off two sick tigers at TCAS. One of the tigers had to be euthanized immediately because she was so sick and the other tiger, named Tibor, did not receive any medical attention. By November he was showing significant health issues. Tibor was no longer eating and keepers had resorted to putting meat on a bamboo skewer and pushing it through the fence near Tibor's face in an attempt to get him to eat. Keepers asked TCAS management numerous times to bring in a veterinarian for Tibor but management refused. By November 11, Tibor was comatose. Keepers again asked management to bring in a veterinarian and they again refused. It was raining and Tibor was lying outside and unable to move to get to shelter. Keepers strung a tarp over him and stayed with him for four hours while he died. Keepers felt TCAS's refusal to obtain veterinary care for Tibor was cruel and caused Tibor to experience prolonged suffering.

Four tigers at TCAS were obtained from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari, Myrtle Beach, SC. The tigers were kept in enclosures with their siblings; Arula and Kumari were caged together and Mustang and Bon were caged together. Werner Ferris wanted to breed Bon with Arula, even though he was unsure if they were related, so both pairs of tigers were split from their cage mates for the introduction. When TCAS tried introducing the two tigers, Bon attacked Arula and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was directed to fire two 12 gauge bean bag rounds into Bon, striking him in his left shoulder and his ribcage. Arula sustained four deep lacerations on her body during this incident and did not receive veterinary care for her injuries. After the failed introduction, all four tigers were housed individually. After being split from his littermate, Bon began chewing and sucking on his tail and self mutilating it daily.

In early 2018 an elderly tiger named Lexie became ill. Keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Lexie and they refused. As Lexie's mobility began declining keepers had a difficult time getting her out of her lockout enclosure to clean it. Lexie began urinating where she was laying which caused painful infected wounds on her legs. By February 5, Lexie could no longer move at all and keepers called sanctuary management, texted management and posted in a group chat, asking for a veterinarian to be brought in. They were scolded for requesting veterinary care for Lexie. When Lexie was nearly dead, TCAS brought in a veterinarian to do tests on Lexie. Lexie was so sick that Brian Werner Ferris instructed the keepers to enter the enclosure with Lexie and he photographed them crying next to the dying cat. Werner Ferris then changed into a different shirt and had his own pictures taken with Lexie, which he used on social media. Several days later, Lexie was euthanized.

On August 20, 2018, a tiger named Sierra needed to be euthanized. TCAS's attending veterinarian, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) brought anesthesia rather than euthanasia drugs. A keeper was instructed to hold down Sierra while the veterinarian injected the anesthesia directly into Sierra's heart. Sierra immediately began twitching and convulsing and the keeper had to stay with Sierra for five minutes as she died a "slow, horrible death."

In May 2019, animal care staff noticed that Pepe the lion had a growth that was getting bigger. As they noticed this growth getting bigger and bigger they kept asking the head of animal care what to do about it and he just ignored it, and refused to do anything. When a new keeper took over as the Director of Animal Care, they got the growth tested, and it was cancer. Pepe was 18-years-old and given the size of the wound, and the fact that he had cancer, keepers felt that at that point TCAS should consider humanely euthanizing him. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not want to euthanize Pepe, she decided to have the growth removed. Because of where the growth was located, the removal required a pretty big cut on Pepe's side. After the removal, Pepe's movement wasn't restricted and so a few days later the stitches pulled out and the cut split open. A keeper begged to get a veterinarian out there to sew Pepe up and finally got a vet out of Hawkins, Texas (she was the former vet of Tiger Creek) to come out and stitch him up. The vet had to squat on her knees in the dark with no lights, in order to sew up Pepe. The stitches broke open again a couple days later, leaving the wound agape. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) talked with the vet and came up with an "experimental" treatment. Keepers were instructed to flush the wound out with water each day for a total of 20 minutes (a practice referred to as hydrotherapy at Tiger Creek) and give Pepe pain management medications until the wound was healed so that they could then treat his cancer with chemotherapy drugs. Pepe hated water and the hydrotherapy process was very uncomfortable for him. While Pepe was being treated for his open wound he was only allowed outside at night to prevent the public from viewing his injury. It took about two months for Pepe's wound to heal. Shortly after finishing hydrotherapy, Pepe started chemotherapy and became increasingly ill. He experienced weakness in his back

legs, declining mobility, he became lethargic and he lost his appetite. He lost so much weight that his ribs and spine were visible. He spent the last few weeks of his life kept in a small lockout enclosure away from public view. On November 22, 2019, Pepe was euthanized by a veterinarian who used a long needle to inject anesthesia into Pepe's ribcage where she thought his heart was. It took at least five minutes for him to die and every time Keepers thought Pepe had passed away he would wake up and roar again.

In September, 2019, a tiger named Kumari began showing signs of illness such as a swollen belly. After exhibiting symptoms for a week, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and did some tests. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined Kumari had endometriosis and a week later performed surgery to remove Kumari's uterus. After the surgery was complete, Kumari was left unsupervised in her transfer crate in TCAS's maintenance building from about 5:30 p.m. the evening of the surgery to 6:30 a.m. the next day. Kumari died around 10:00am Sept. 25, 2019, while inside the transfer cage, waiting to be put back in her enclosure. A veterinarian was not brought in to assess Kumari's cause of death.

TCAS had a serval named Zuri that would self mutilate her tail, chewing and sucking it until the end of her tail was an open sore. On several occasions keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Zuri, but TCAS refused. The head of animal care, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said Zuri was just "stupid." Zuri also had pancreatitis and recovered from it. She was prescribed medication and a special diet for the rest of her life. No one informed the keepers of the diet or medication so after Zuri got better she was no longer receiving treatment and became sick again. In early 2019, Zuri had to be euthanized.

In late 2019 a serval named Simba was moved from his normal enclosure to a small off exhibit enclosure. For about two weeks keepers told TCAS management that something was wrong with Simba as he had stopped eating and appeared lethargic, but staff refused to obtain veterinary care for Simba. Simba then spent two days vomiting and keepers again requested Simba receive veterinary care but TCAS management declined. The next morning the keepers found Simba lethargic, dehydrated and barely moving. They immediately called TCAS's head of animal care and they were told they could not call a veterinarian or take Simba to the vet themselves. They were instructed to wait until the head of animal care arrived at the facility. While waiting for TCAS's head of animal care to arrive, the keeper took Simba out of his enclosure and put him in a transport kennel and Simba began gasping and convulsing and passed away. Simba was not seen by a veterinarian until after his death. A necropsy showed Simba had been eating the hay used as bedding in his enclosure. After Simba's death, none of the cats at the sanctuary were allowed to have hay as bedding. Keepers felt if they had been allowed to seek veterinary care for Simba when he first became ill he would still be alive. They also feel if they had been allowed to immediately take Simba to the veterinarian on the morning he passed away, rather than waiting for TCAS animal care director to arrive, Simba's life could have been saved.

On December 24, 2019 a keeper noticed a young tiger named Nati had developed a growth. The keeper notified TCAS management but they refused to get veterinary care for Nati. The next day the growth had burst and the keeper sent a photo of the wound to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and to the sanctuary manager. The veterinarian and manager decided there was nothing they could do about the wound due to the location, and they instructed the keeper to flush the wound out with water each day. For 21 days Nati's wound was not assessed by a veterinarian and her wound grew from golf ball size to a hole the size of a dinner plate. The keeper flushed the wound out every day and took photographs of the injury that he sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) along with messages expressing his concerns. The wound began developing white nodules and tissue growth that the keeper worried was infection. The wound showed no signs of closing and continued to grow in size. When the keeper expressed his concerns, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said she would rather euthanize Nati than pay for veterinary treatment. Nati was only two years old and the keeper felt she was much too young for euthanasia. The keeper continued treating the wound by flushing it with water and sent at least a dozen pictures of the wound to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who declined to examine the tiger in person. On January 16, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was called to TCAS for another tiger and the keeper asked the veterinarian to stitch up Nati's wound while she was there. The veterinarian agreed and put a few stitches in the gaping wound. The keeper, who has no formal veterinary training, also requested (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) give Nati a sedative after she received her stitches so that she wouldn't tear them out. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) complied and Nati quickly healed after she received veterinary care and was sedated long enough for the wound to begin to heal. Throughout the treatment of Nati's injury, keepers felt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) didn't have a sense of urgency in treating Nati, and she was more interested in providing veterinary care methods that were less cost prohibitive, rather than considering what would be best for Nati.

On January 16, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) euthanized a tiger named Amara by injecting anesthesia fluid through her ribs and directly into her heart. Witnesses say they could immediately see Amara begin reacting to the anesthesia and her death appeared prolonged and painful.

Currently, TCAS is attempting to put two lions named Max and Luna together. They are sharing an outdoor enclosure with separate lockouts so one lion is always stuck in a small 20' by 6' lockout enclosure half the time, while the other lion is in the outdoor enclosure. The floor of the lockout enclosures is concrete and spending too much time on concrete can lead to lameness, injury, foot health issues and discomfort. Employees are concerned that Luna may be severely injured or killed when TCAS puts her into the enclosure with Max.

#### Safety

The transportation methods the sanctuary uses for the big cats are unsafe. An employee was injured when a lion woke up during transportation on July 13, 2019. TCAS did not have worker's compensation insurance. The employee was fired while on medical leave, six days after the incident.

TCAS is a member of the RV club Harvest Host. The sanctuary allows members to camp inside the first perimeter fence of the facility, which is unattended and unsupervised from 5pm to 8am each day. The area that the RVs are parked gives the campers access to the petting zoo animals including goats, a goose, mini donkeys, a mini horse and a mammoth jack. The guests also camp within reaching distance of an enclosure that houses two tigers and keepers are concerned a guest may reach in the cage when the facility is closed and be injured by the tigers. Keepers are also concerned by the lack of video surveillance at TCAS. They are concerned a camper may jump the gate and enter the park while it is closed.

Improperly transporting and loaning animals to non USDA license holders TCAS frequently hands off Endangered Species Act and Animal Welfare Act protected animals to non USDA license holders and passes the animals around to family and friends who have no knowledge of their care, putting the animals at great risk.

In 2016 TCAS purchased two geoffroy's cats for public hands-on interactions. Both spent at least a year living in a dog kennel.

In 2017 TCAS traded (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Best Exotics LLC a geoffroy's cat for an ESA protected ringtail lemur. The lemur, named Leonard, was housed alone, and was taken home by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2019 TCAS traded Pablo the cotton top tamarin for a troop of lemurs from Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us that was to be Leonard's troop. However, the troop was kept off exhibit and never introduced. When the troop of lemurs began reproducing, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took one of the babies home and began bottle feeding it. They named it Bug. One of the babies was left with the parents. Ferraro showed up at TCAS and took the baby lemur from the parents and wanted Bug, as well. TCAS paid Ferraro for Bug so (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could keep the lemur. Ferraro removed the remaining baby lemur from TCAS and took it with her. The lemurs reproduced again and Lily was one of the babies. TCAS purchased Lily the lemur from Ferraro for an employee named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Ferraro then picked up the entire troop of lemurs and removed them from TCAS. The only remaining lemurs at TCAS are Leonard, Bug and Lily, who are all housed separately from each other. Bug and Lily are removed from TCAS daily and taken home with the employees.

On July 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a six-week-old white lion named Luna from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Luna was improperly housed with various individuals who did not hold a USDA license including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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On August 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a puma named Alema from Jason Clay of East

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Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Alema had a severe coccidia infection. Alema was taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2018 Werner Ferris had a pig at his home that was his son's pet that drowned in his swimming pool. Werner Ferris asked his daughter to pick up a new pig to replace the pig that had drowned. His daughter picked up a wild boar that was not a suitable replacement. The boar was exchanged with a different pig that someone had donated to TCAS. It is unclear whether any safety precautions were taken to prevent the replacement pig from drowning at Werner Ferris house.

In July 2019, TCAS obtained three four-month-old tiger cubs from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari. The cubs, named Ava, Eloise and Rosie, were taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Brian Werner Ferris, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) On at least one occasion reporters were allowed to play with and interact with the cubs, who were much older than the 12 week age limit that the USDA places on cub interactions. On another occasion in 2019, staff was required to bring Eloise out on a choke-chain style collar and leash and let sanctuary donors play with and interact with her. On multiple occasions in 2019 Werner Ferris took Eloise and Rosie with him for the night to take swimming at a home he was leasing in the Woods addition, Tyler, TX. Photos show a cub wearing a choker-chain style collar and leash while swimming in a pool with Werner Ferris' ex-wife.

TCAS obtained a baby rhesus macaque, a species known to carry herpes b, which is transmittable to humans. Photos show the macaque at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] and at the home of a friend of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) named [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a self-employed dog groomer, posted a fundraiser to raise money for a monkey enclosure. According to the fundraiser, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) plans to keep TCAS's rhesus macaque at her house.

In December 2020, TCAS obtained a tiger cub named Sitaara who immediately began getting passed around to various households including the homes of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] On December 24, 2020, photos and videos show Sitaara at [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home where she interacted with a kangaroo, coyote and rhesus macaque that were also located at the home. Video shows Sitaara running loose in [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) backyard in a residential neighborhood. On December 31, 2020 Sitaara was passed off to spend the night with [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her family who did not even know Sitaara's name. [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos of her family bottle feeding Sitaara. The entire family had just recovered from COVID-19, potentially exposing Sitaara to infection.

TCAS's baby kangaroo is being passed around and is shown in photos at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

TCAS's employee [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) runs an animal rehab facility from her home called "A Wild Life Animal Rehabilitation." She only recently became licensed and admitted numerous times that she was caring for many animals out

of her home without a license. Her nonprofit number was issued in June, 2020 and her EIN is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is also licensed as a rehabber, and the two individuals work together to obtain native species of animals to utilize for petting interactions with their friends and relatives, which they document on social media. They are imprinting on the animals so they are unreleasable, and then keeping them at TCAS. They are cohabitating native wildlife, some of which are sick with transmittable illnesses, with domestic pets, livestock, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, and non-indigenous wildlife.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home is packed full of animals including domestic, exotic and native permitted wildlife and numerous animals have died in her care. Animals being cohabitated in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home include 2-3 adult dogs, 3 puppies, 5-6 cats, a ringtail lemur, a coyote, chickens, 2 pet squirrels, a bearded dragon, corn snakes, 2 ferrets, 2 chinchillas, hedgehogs, raccoons, bats, birds of prey, native birds and a beaver. She also brings home other people's exotic pets, such as a kangaroo, a monkey and a tiger cub. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transports the animals back and forth from her home to TCAS's facility, exposing the animals to diseases. In December 2020, she brought a tiger cub to her home to co-mingle with her animals. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has made public Facebook posts stating that the wild coyotes she was rehabbing were going to live at TCAS, along with photos of the coyotes in the living room with her dogs and cats and in her kitchen. On May 8, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted that the coyotes were sick with parvovirus and one passed away. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos showing the surviving coyote on a leash in front of a bobcat pen at TCAS. In May 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made public Facebook posts saying a bobcat she picked up from Florida that was living at her home will live her life at TCAS "once she's older and off the bottle." On June 3, 2020, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted a video of 6 baby raccoons being bottle fed at TCAS and she said in the video that she did not have her wildlife rehabilitation permits or license yet. Most alarming is that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a beaver on March 11, 2021. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has posted numerous photos and videos of herself petting the beaver and playing with it. She is allowing numerous other individuals to play with the beaver including TCAS employee's (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who have posted videos and photos of themselves playing with the beaver. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is inviting her friends over to pet the beaver and use it for photo ops. This beaver may never be able to be released into the wild because of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) mishandling. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has a rhesus macaque monkey and a kangaroo at her home and she allows the kangaroo to interact with native permitted wildlife including the beaver that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) transports her exotic animals back and forth from her home to TCAS and in Dec. 2020 she took a tiger cub home with her. At TCAS she keeps a bobcat and a fox in the same enclosure together.

TCAS posted photos of two chinchillas at the sanctuary on Dec. 11, 2020. The chinchillas have a plastic home and a plastic wheel in their cage which may be hazardous to them if ingested.

Numerous animals have been obtained or disposed of at TCAS with the acquisition and disposition of the animals kept secret. Currently, there are two adult sloths hidden in TCAS's baby room. All of the windows in the baby

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room have been covered in cardboard and blankets so no one can see the sloths  
are in there.

Nearly 4,000 people have joined an online group to express their concerns  
about Tiger Creek Sanctuary. We have sent dozens of animal neglect complaints  
with corresponding evidence to agencies including USDA-APHIS, Texas Parks and  
Wildlife, the IRS, Wyoming Attorney General and Texas Attorney General.

The animals need your help immediately. We are asking that you do everything  
in your power to correct this situation. Please notify me of the complaint  
number that your agency assigns to this complaint.

When did the incident(s) occur?:  
2015-present

#### Other Actions

Has this been reported to any other organizations/agencies?:  
YES

If yes, which organization/agency?:  
IRS, Texas Attorney General, Wyoming Attorney General, APHIS Animal Care

When?:  
Januray, February and March 2021  
What is the status of the complaint?:  
Unknown



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*Memorandum*

To:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Agriculture-APHIS  
Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch

From: Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM

cc: Dr. Elizabeth Goldentyer, Marjorie Bolden, Dr. Rosemary Sifford, Dr. Elizabeth Theodorson, Dr. Robert Gibbens,

Date: May 5, 2021

Subject: OIG Hotline Complaint PS-3301-00071

This correspondence is in response to OIG Hotline Complaint PS-3301-00071 against Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, an Animal Care inspector. The complainant, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from [REDACTED] has alleged that Dr. Digesualdo has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. In addition, the following allegations were also made by [REDACTED]

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

[REDACTED] also stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]

Animal Care responded to the allegations by checking its records and inspecting the establishment. Our records indicate that the establishment located in 17552 F M 14 Tyler, Texas 75706, is not registered as Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary but rather as Great Cats in Crisis under # 10-C-0002 and as National Foundation of Rescued Animals under # 74-C-0418 for the same address. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is listed as the representative for both. The last inspection performed at this location was in May 2018. The COVID-19 pandemic precluded inspections during 2020.

Dr. Digesualdo conducted an inspection at the Tyler, Texas address on April 8, 2021. In summary, the findings revealed records of 9 animals from 2018-2020 displaying clinical signs for weeks to months without examination by a veterinarian resulting in death or euthanasia, missing acquisition documentation for 7 animals from 2019-2020, and no environment enhancement plan to promote psychological well-being in nonhuman primates.

Enclosed is supporting documentation combined into a single pdf document. This documentation includes the inspection reports for both entities. APHIS will continue to monitor the establishment at 17552 F M 14 Tyler, Texas 75706 under registrations # 74-C-0418 and # 10-C-0002 for compliance with the AWA.

Thank you for the extension of time granted in order to thoroughly evaluate this complaint.

Sincerely,

Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM  
Research Program Manager  
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

**Attachments:**

2 inspection reports  
Original complaint

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## Inspection Report

GREAT CATS IN CRISIS  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
STE 1000  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

**2.40(b)(3)                    Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

\* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.

\* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.

\* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.

\* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.

\* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.

\* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

- \* Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)
- \* Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)
- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
- \* Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/18/20)
- \* Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Raccoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)
- \* Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

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**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
503949	10-C-0002	001	GREAT CATS IN CRISIS	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000039	<b>Total</b>	



## Inspection Report

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS  
17552 F M 14  
TYLER, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538  
Certificate: 74-C-0418  
Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

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**2.40                    Critical**

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- \* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.
- \* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.
- \* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.
- \* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.
- \* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

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\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian. All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)(vi)

#### **Records: Dealers and exhibitors.**

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)

Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)

Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)

Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)

Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)

Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by: May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7538	74-C-0418	002	TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000017	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000038	<b>Total</b>	

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - APHIS  
**To:** Theodorson, Elizabeth C - APHIS; Clarke, Carol L - APHIS  
**Cc:** Sifford, Rosemary B - APHIS; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - APHIS  
**Subject:** PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo  
**Date:** Friday, April 2, 2021 1:53:44 PM

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Good afternoon,

AICB received the subject OIG Hotline Complaint dated March 31, 2021. Please review the information below and obtain sufficient information to address the allegation.

Receipt of your response by May 3, 2121, would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Allegation:** Complainant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) has alleged that Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo from Aledo, TX, has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. The following allegations were also brought forward by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). If needed, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) can be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) or via e-mail at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Please note, that the above is a summary of the allegations provided in the complaint. I have more detailed information that can be provided if needed.

Public Law 95-452, sec. 7, prohibits the unwarranted disclosure of the complainant's identity or the taking of reprisal action against the complainant. In those instances where the complainant is anonymous or wishes to remain confidential, no attempts should be made to discover the identity of the complainant. The complaint should be provided or discussed only with those who need to resolve the issues. The typed complaint should not be provided to the subject; however, you may discuss with the subject all relevant issues to completely resolve the complaint.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigator

Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch (AICB)  
APHIS, MRP-BS, Human Resources Division

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** [Gibbens, Robert - APHIS](#)  
**To:** [Yager, Cody M - APHIS](#)  
**Cc:** [Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS](#)  
**Subject:** FW: OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more  
**Date:** Monday, June 7, 2021 3:48:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [330100071.APHIS.pdf.pdf](#)  
[2021 OIG PS 3301 00071 Tiger Creek.pdf](#)

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Cody -- can Cindy and you go through the complaint and address the allegations point-by-point by July 14?

Also, do you know when we will be doing the next inspection?

Thanks.....Bob

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 11:30 AM  
**To:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** OIG Hotline PS-3301-00071- there was more

Hi! The ACIB investigator just relayed that there was much more to the complaint than she sent me regarding our VMO and Tiger Creek Sanctuary. See enclosed.

A few weeks earlier I spoke to the head of ACIB, Daniel Dove, who expressed some

(b) (5)

I mentioned he was going to give you a call about it but I do not believe he ever did. Enclosed for your convenience is our original response

ACIB is requesting a new response by July 14<sup>th</sup> that addresses the complete complaint. I think the facility was due for a follow inspection, soon anyway. Just let me know when AWO plans to revisit.  
Best regards.

Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM  
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Below you will find information on this Hotline submission:

Submitted As: allows name to be included

#### Submitter Information

Name:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Address:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

City:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

State:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Zip:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Phone:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Are you employeed with the USDA?:

NO

What agency are you employed with?:

What is your GS Level?:

E-mail:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

#### Allegation Details

Alleged Person Status:

USDA Employee

Alleged Person Rank/Title/Grade:

USDA-APHIS inspector

Alleged Person Last Name:

Digesualdo

Alleged Person First Name:

Cynthia

Alleged Person Middle Initial:

List this Person address:

List this Person city:

Aledo

List this Person state:

TX

List this Person zip:

Where does this Person work?:

USDA Animal Welfare Inspector

Complaint Summary:

We are also asking you to investigate misconduct within the USDA-APHIS program in Texas, specifically lack of inspections and enforcement by Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, USDA-APHIS inspector for the TCAS who has not completed an inspection at the facility in three years.

Digesualdo and the other Texas USDA-APHIS employees need to be audited and investigated. As a result of their blatant negligence, many animals at Tiger Creek Sanctuary (owned by Brian Werner Ferris and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) are dying without critically needed veterinary care. Animals are also being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked openly. It would be grossly unethical and negligent for the USDA-APHIS to let this go on, especially since these animals are still in imminent danger.

We have an abundance of proof that Brian Werner Ferris has perpetually violated the Animal Welfare Act, the Lacey Act, and the Endangered Species Act and his USDA license should be revoked. Werner Ferris has clearly lied about animal acquisitions, hid animals, and denied critical veterinary care or timely euthanasia to suffering animals. He operates his roadside zoo under the false guise of a sanctuary and inspector Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick, dying and dead animals.

Among many other shortcomings, Digesualdo has never legitimately tracked any vet care, animal inventory, breeding, birth, or death records. Consequently, this has given Werner Ferris a free card to illegally trade and traffic animals.

Our group includes inside informants, former employees, relatives and

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business acquaintances from Tiger Creek Sanctuary who have collected documents, photographs, videos and other evidence showing a pattern of misconduct and a blatant disregard for the lives of the animals at this USDA licensed facility. We are now escalating our claims and contacting the USDA Inspector General, congress members and others to help enforce the laws that the USDA is responsible for enforcing.

#### Conditions

Recent visitors say the animals are kept in filthy conditions and the facility reeks of urine. Feces in enclosures appeared "ashy," indicating it has remained in the enclosures for a long period of time. Many of the wildcats have no access to grass and their shelters do not adequately protect them from the elements. Water receptacles are not being cleaned and the containers are described as being "black" with filth.

The wildcats at TCAS are locked out of their lockdowns during the day because they are "on exhibit." Employees felt this was cruel, especially on hot days, because the cats were unable to cool off in their lockdown area. This was especially concerning for elderly cats who were unable to cool off on days when the temperature was greater than 90 degrees.

The sanctuary has a severe flea infestation problem. In 2019 a bobcat named Boudreaux became so infested with fleas that he became anemic and needed vitamin injections from a veterinarian.

The diet the animals are being fed is not sufficient. The sanctuary accepts donations of meat that is rotten including a shipment of emu meat that came unrefrigerated. It was brown, smelly and the cats didn't want to eat it but it was the only meat available at the sanctuary. The animal's diets are frequently restricted when the sanctuary is behind on their feed bills. In 2017 a tiger named Amir was getting 16lbs of food a day and TCAS cut his diet back to 16lbs per week. Keepers complained to management that the tiger's dietary restriction was cruel and was not approved by a veterinarian.

Several animals have experienced significant health issues from the diet they received which caused blockages, bloody stool and choking. A lion named Manda choked on a chicken bone but recovered and a lion named Nasaba choked on a chicken bone and died.

Much of the animal care staff has been fired by TCAS and the sick and dying animals are now being cared for by caretakers with limited big cat experience.

#### Lack of veterinary care

TCAS's animals are rapidly deteriorating and the owner and manager prefer euthanasia to veterinary care. "It's cheaper to buy another one than to call a veterinarian," the owner and manager have been overheard saying. When wildcats are sedated for medical tests at the facility, and medical

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issues are identified, TCAS prefers euthanasia to medical treatment because euthanasia is less costly.

On numerous occasions TCAS delayed the euthanasia of sick or elderly animals until the animals were so far gone that they were starving, unable to move, and lying in their own feces and urine for up to a week.

At least 11 big cats at TCAS have died in the past year including Amara the tiger, China the tiger, Tara the tiger, Ishon the tiger, Lily the tiger, Gunther the tiger, Kenya the lion, Sarge the tiger, Sheba the tiger, Bagheera the black leopard and Juda the lion.

Former staff says a sick horse wandered away and died on the property and its carcass was left to decay in the woods at the facility. Another sick horse was shot and buried on the property to avoid paying veterinary bills. Two horses were shot to be utilized for food for the cats, but it took 2-3 shots each to kill the horses and one horse had to watch the other horse be shot before then being shot itself.

TCAS doesn't always notify the public when a cat dies and will continue using the cat's name and image to solicit donations, sometimes many years later.

TCAS did not have a regular attending veterinarian from 2014-2017. In 2017 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) became the attending veterinarian and former keepers did not feel she was capable of providing appropriate veterinary care for the exotic animals at the facility. They felt (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was inexperienced in handling big cats and was using the animals at TCAS to experiment on and learn from.

In early 2015 Brian Werner Ferris' (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) obtained a cotton top tamarin monkey named Pablo that was her personal pet. She quickly became bored of him and donated him to TCAS where he spent years living in a bird cage in the employee break room. He became very aggressive and employees began wearing welding gloves in order to clean his cage. In early 2019, Werner Ferris took Pablo back from TCAS and decided to keep him as a pet at his home. While at the home of Werner Ferris, Werner Ferris fed Pablo rhubarb and he became very sick. Werner Ferris did not obtain veterinary treatment for Pablo. He was left to recover on his own. Once recovered, Pablo was brought back to TCAS briefly before being traded for other animals from a dealer named Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us.

In 2017 a 15-year-old puma named Coco began limping. For two weeks Coco was dragging around his front leg before TCAS called in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined the leg was fractured and needed to be surgically repaired. It is unclear whether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) X-rayed the leg. Coco dragged around his front leg for an additional two weeks after the veterinarian's diagnosis. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) performed surgery on May 25, 2017. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) had never worked on a cat this big before and used pins meant to repair a dog's leg. Keepers feel (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) inexperience caused needless pain and suffering for Coco. On August 9, 2017, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) tried to fix the botched surgery by upgrading to stainless steel plates. Another veterinarian named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) assisted with this procedure. When the surgery was complete, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) told TCAS staff that the repair was unsuccessful and to "try another vet" because she couldn't do anything else to help Coco. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) used a continuous stitch on Coco's leg and keepers were concerned about the stitching method because if the stitch got hooked on anything they feared the entire thing would tear out. TCAS waited more than two weeks after the second failed surgical repair before bringing in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who spent five hours trying to repair Coco's leg on August 28, 2017 before determining there was no way to attach the pins and plates where they would hold and heal properly. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) decided to amputate Coco's leg. The entire procedure took nine hours. In early 2018 Coco started showing signs that his other front leg was injured. By March, he was having a difficult time getting around. In June, he started dragging his remaining front leg. Coco dragged around his leg for approximately four days before (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and he was euthanized on June 8, 2018. It is unclear whether the cause of Coco's fractured front legs was ever determined by a veterinarian.

In late September 2017 a traveling Tiger Show ran by Judith and Jergen Nerger (Nerger's Tigers) dropped off two sick tigers at TCAS. One of the tigers had to be euthanized immediately because she was so sick and the other tiger, named Tibor, did not receive any medical attention. By November he was showing significant health issues. Tibor was no longer eating and keepers had resorted to putting meat on a bamboo skewer and pushing it through the fence near Tibor's face in an attempt to get him to eat. Keepers asked TCAS management numerous times to bring in a veterinarian for Tibor but management refused. By November 11, Tibor was comatose. Keepers again asked management to bring in a veterinarian and they again refused. It was raining and Tibor was lying outside and unable to move to get to shelter. Keepers strung a tarp over him and stayed with him for four hours while he died. Keepers felt TCAS's refusal to obtain veterinary care for Tibor was cruel and caused Tibor to experience prolonged suffering.

Four tigers at TCAS were obtained from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari, Myrtle Beach, SC. The tigers were kept in enclosures with their siblings; Arula and Kumari were caged together and Mustang and Bon were caged together. Werner Ferris wanted to breed Bon with Arula, even though he was unsure if they were related, so both pairs of tigers were split from their cage mates for the introduction. When TCAS tried introducing the two tigers, Bon attacked Arula and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was directed to fire two 12 gauge bean bag rounds into Bon, striking him in his left shoulder and his ribcage. Arula sustained four deep lacerations on her body during this incident and did not receive veterinary care for her injuries. After the failed introduction, all four tigers were housed individually. After being split from his littermate, Bon began chewing and sucking on his tail and self mutilating it daily.

In early 2018 an elderly tiger named Lexie became ill. Keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Lexie and they refused. As Lexie's mobility began declining keepers had a difficult time getting her out of her lockout enclosure to clean it. Lexie began urinating where she was laying which caused painful infected wounds on her legs. By February 5, Lexie could no longer move at all and keepers called sanctuary management, texted management and posted in a group chat, asking for a veterinarian to be brought in. They were scolded for requesting veterinary care for Lexie. When Lexie was nearly dead, TCAS brought in a veterinarian to do tests on Lexie. Lexie was so sick that Brian Werner Ferris instructed the keepers to enter the enclosure with Lexie and he photographed them crying next to the dying cat. Werner Ferris then changed into a different shirt and had his own pictures taken with Lexie, which he used on social media. Several days later, Lexie was euthanized.

On August 20, 2018, a tiger named Sierra needed to be euthanized. TCAS's attending veterinarian, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) brought anesthesia rather than euthanasia drugs. A keeper was instructed to hold down Sierra while the veterinarian injected the anesthesia directly into Sierra's heart. Sierra immediately began twitching and convulsing and the keeper had to stay with Sierra for five minutes as she died a "slow, horrible death."

In May 2019, animal care staff noticed that Pepe the lion had a growth that was getting bigger. As they noticed this growth getting bigger and bigger they kept asking the head of animal care what to do about it and he just ignored it, and refused to do anything. When a new keeper took over as the Director of Animal Care, they got the growth tested, and it was cancer. Pepe was 18-years-old and given the size of the wound, and the fact that he had cancer, keepers felt that at that point TCAS should consider humanely euthanizing him. However, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not want to euthanize Pepe, she decided to have the growth removed. Because of where the growth was located, the removal required a pretty big cut on Pepe's side. After the removal, Pepe's movement wasn't restricted and so a few days later the stitches pulled out and the cut split open. A keeper begged to get a veterinarian out there to sew Pepe up and finally got a vet out of Hawkins, Texas (she was the former vet of Tiger Creek) to come out and stitch him up. The vet had to squat on her knees in the dark with no lights, in order to sew up Pepe. The stitches broke open again a couple days later, leaving the wound agape. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) talked with the vet and came up with an "experimental" treatment. Keepers were instructed to flush the wound out with water each day for a total of 20 minutes (a practice referred to as hydrotherapy at Tiger Creek) and give Pepe pain management medications until the wound was healed so that they could then treat his cancer with chemotherapy drugs. Pepe hated water and the hydrotherapy process was very uncomfortable for him. While Pepe was being treated for his open wound he was only allowed outside at night to prevent the public from viewing his injury. It took about two months for Pepe's wound to heal. Shortly after finishing hydrotherapy, Pepe started chemotherapy and became increasingly ill. He experienced weakness in his back

legs, declining mobility, he became lethargic and he lost his appetite. He lost so much weight that his ribs and spine were visible. He spent the last few weeks of his life kept in a small lockout enclosure away from public view. On November 22, 2019, Pepe was euthanized by a veterinarian who used a long needle to inject anesthesia into Pepe's ribcage where she thought his heart was. It took at least five minutes for him to die and every time Keepers thought Pepe had passed away he would wake up and roar again.

In September, 2019, a tiger named Kumari began showing signs of illness such as a swollen belly. After exhibiting symptoms for a week, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was brought in and did some tests. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) determined Kumari had endometriosis and a week later performed surgery to remove Kumari's uterus. After the surgery was complete, Kumari was left unsupervised in her transfer crate in TCAS's maintenance building from about 5:30 p.m. the evening of the surgery to 6:30 a.m. the next day. Kumari died around 10:00am Sept. 25, 2019, while inside the transfer cage, waiting to be put back in her enclosure. A veterinarian was not brought in to assess Kumari's cause of death.

TCAS had a serval named Zuri that would self mutilate her tail, chewing and sucking it until the end of her tail was an open sore. On several occasions keepers asked TCAS to obtain veterinary care for Zuri, but TCAS refused. The head of animal care, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said Zuri was just "stupid." Zuri also had pancreatitis and recovered from it. She was prescribed medication and a special diet for the rest of her life. No one informed the keepers of the diet or medication so after Zuri got better she was no longer receiving treatment and became sick again. In early 2019, Zuri had to be euthanized.

In late 2019 a serval named Simba was moved from his normal enclosure to a small off exhibit enclosure. For about two weeks keepers told TCAS management that something was wrong with Simba as he had stopped eating and appeared lethargic, but staff refused to obtain veterinary care for Simba. Simba then spent two days vomiting and keepers again requested Simba receive veterinary care but TCAS management declined. The next morning the keepers found Simba lethargic, dehydrated and barely moving. They immediately called TCAS's head of animal care and they were told they could not call a veterinarian or take Simba to the vet themselves. They were instructed to wait until the head of animal care arrived at the facility. While waiting for TCAS's head of animal care to arrive, the keeper took Simba out of his enclosure and put him in a transport kennel and Simba began gasping and convulsing and passed away. Simba was not seen by a veterinarian until after his death. A necropsy showed Simba had been eating the hay used as bedding in his enclosure. After Simba's death, none of the cats at the sanctuary were allowed to have hay as bedding. Keepers felt if they had been allowed to seek veterinary care for Simba when he first became ill he would still be alive. They also feel if they had been allowed to immediately take Simba to the veterinarian on the morning he passed away, rather than waiting for TCAS animal care director to arrive, Simba's life could have been saved.

On December 24, 2019 a keeper noticed a young tiger named Nati had developed a growth. The keeper notified TCAS management but they refused to get veterinary care for Nati. The next day the growth had burst and the keeper sent a photo of the wound to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and to the sanctuary manager. The veterinarian and manager decided there was nothing they could do about the wound due to the location, and they instructed the keeper to flush the wound out with water each day. For 21 days Nati's wound was not assessed by a veterinarian and her wound grew from golf ball size to a hole the size of a dinner plate. The keeper flushed the wound out every day and took photographs of the injury that he sent to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) along with messages expressing his concerns. The wound began developing white nodules and tissue growth that the keeper worried was infection. The wound showed no signs of closing (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) continued to grow in size. When the keeper expressed his concerns, (b)(6) said she would rather euthanize Nati than pay for veterinary treatment. Nati was only two years old and the keeper felt she was much too young for euthanasia. The keeper continued treating the wound by flushing it with water and sent at least a dozen pictures of the wound to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) who declined to examine the tiger in person. On January 16, 2020, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was called to TCAS for another tiger and the keeper asked the veterinarian to stitch up Nati's wound while she was there. The veterinarian agreed and put a few stitches in the gaping wound. The keeper, who has no formal veterinary training, also requested (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) give Nati a sedative after she received her stitches so that she wouldn't tear them out. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) complied and Nati quickly healed after she received veterinary care and was sedated long enough for the wound to begin to heal. Throughout the treatment of Nati's injury, keepers felt (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) didn't have a sense of urgency in treating Nati, and she was more interested in providing veterinary care methods that were less cost prohibitive, rather than considering what would be best for Nati.

On January 16, 2020, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) euthanized a tiger named Amara by injecting anesthesia fluid through her ribs and directly into her heart. Witnesses say they could immediately see Amara begin reacting to the anesthesia and her death appeared prolonged and painful.

Currently, TCAS is attempting to put two lions named Max and Luna together. They are sharing an outdoor enclosure with separate lockouts so one lion is always stuck in a small 20' by 6' lockout enclosure half the time, while the other lion is in the outdoor enclosure. The floor of the lockout enclosures is concrete and spending too much time on concrete can lead to lameness, injury, foot health issues and discomfort. Employees are concerned that Luna may be severely injured or killed when TCAS puts her into the enclosure with Max.

#### Safety

The transportation methods the sanctuary uses for the big cats are unsafe. An employee was injured when a lion woke up during transportation on July 13, 2019. TCAS did not have worker's compensation insurance. The employee was fired while on medical leave, six days after the incident.

TCAS is a member of the RV club Harvest Host. The sanctuary allows members to camp inside the first perimeter fence of the facility, which is unattended and unsupervised from 5pm to 8am each day. The area that the RVs are parked gives the campers access to the petting zoo animals including goats, a goose, mini donkeys, a mini horse and a mammoth jack. The guests also camp within reaching distance of an enclosure that houses two tigers and keepers are concerned a guest may reach in the cage when the facility is closed and be injured by the tigers. Keepers are also concerned by the lack of video surveillance at TCAS. They are concerned a camper may jump the gate and enter the park while it is closed.

Improperly transporting and loaning animals to non USDA license holders TCAS frequently hands off Endangered Species Act and Animal Welfare Act protected animals to non USDA license holders and passes the animals around to family and friends who have no knowledge of their care, putting the animals at great risk.

In 2016 TCAS purchased two geoffroy's cats for public hands-on interactions. Both spent at least a year living in a dog kennel.

In 2017 TCAS traded (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Best Exotics LLC a geoffroy's cat for an ESA protected ringtail lemur. The lemur, named Leonard, was housed alone, and was taken home by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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In 2019 TCAS traded Pablo the cotton top tamarin for a troop of lemurs from Dominique Ferraro of Zebras R Us that was to be Leonard's troop. However, the troop was kept off exhibit and never introduced. When the troop of lemurs began reproducing, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took one of the babies home and began bottle feeding it. They named it Bug. One of the babies was left with the parents. Ferraro showed up at TCAS and took the baby lemur from the parents and wanted Bug, as well. TCAS paid Ferraro for Bug so (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could keep the lemur. Ferraro removed the remaining baby lemur from TCAS and took it with her. The lemurs reproduced again and Lily was one of the babies. TCAS purchased Lily the lemur from Ferraro for an employee named (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Ferraro then picked up the entire troop of lemurs and removed them from TCAS. The only remaining lemurs at TCAS are Leonard, Bug and Lily, who are all housed separately from each other. Bug and Lily are removed from TCAS daily and taken home with the employees.

On July 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a six-week-old white lion named Luna from Jason Clay of East Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Luna was improperly housed with various individuals who did not hold a USDA license including (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

On August 3, 2018, TCAS obtained a puma named Alema from Jason Clay of East

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Texas Zoo and Gator Park and Franklin Drive Thru Safari. Alema had a severe coccidia infection. Alema was taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

In 2018 Werner Ferris had a pig at his home that was his son's pet that drowned in his swimming pool. Werner Ferris asked his daughter to pick up a new pig to replace the pig that had drowned. His daughter picked up a wild boar that was not a suitable replacement. The boar was exchanged with a different pig that someone had donated to TCAS. It is unclear whether any safety precautions were taken to prevent the replacement pig from drowning at Werner Ferris house.

In July 2019, TCAS obtained three four-month-old tiger cubs from Doc Antle of Myrtle Beach Safari. The cubs, named Ava, Eloise and Rosie, were taken home by [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Brian Werner Ferris, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) On at least one occasion reporters were allowed to play with and interact with the cubs, who were much older than the 12 week age limit that the USDA places on cub interactions. On another occasion in 2019, staff was required to bring Eloise out on a choke-chain style collar and leash and let sanctuary donors play with and interact with her. On multiple occasions in 2019 Werner Ferris took Eloise and Rosie with him for the night to take swimming at a home he was leasing in the Woods addition, Tyler, TX. Photos show a cub wearing a choker-chain style collar and leash while swimming in a pool with Werner Ferris' ex-wife.

TCAS obtained a baby rhesus macaque, a species known to carry herpes b, which is transmittable to humans. Photos show the macaque at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and at the home of a friend of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) named [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a self-employed dog groomer, posted a fundraiser to raise money for a monkey enclosure. According to the fundraiser, [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) plans to keep TCAS's rhesus macaque at her house.

In December 2020, TCAS obtained a tiger cub named Sitaara who immediately began getting passed around to various households including the homes of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). On December 24, 2020, photos and videos show Sitaara at [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home where she interacted with a kangaroo, coyote and rhesus macaque that were also located at the home. Video shows Sitaara running loose in [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) backyard in a residential neighborhood. On December 31, 2020 Sitaara was passed off to spend the night with [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her family who did not even know Sitaara's name. [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) posted photos of her family bottle feeding Sitaara. The entire family had just recovered from COVID-19, potentially exposing Sitaara to infection.

TCAS's baby kangaroo is being passed around and is shown in photos at the home of [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

TCAS's employee [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) runs an animal rehab facility from her home called "A Wild Life Animal Rehabilitation." She only recently became licensed and admitted numerous times that she was caring for many animals out

of her home without a license. Her nonprofit number was issued in June, 2020 and her EIN is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is also licensed as a rehabber, and the two individuals work together to obtain native species of animals to utilize for petting interactions with their friends and relatives, which they document on social media. They are imprinting on the animals so they are unreleasable, and then keeping them at TCAS. They are cohabitating native wildlife, some of which are sick with transmittable illnesses, with domestic pets, livestock, exotic livestock, exotic fowl, and non-indigenous wildlife.

[REDACTED] home is packed full of animals including domestic, exotic and native permitted wildlife and numerous animals have died in her care. Animals being cohabitated in [REDACTED] home include 2-3 adult dogs, 3 puppies, 5-6 cats, a ringtail lemur, a coyote, chickens, 2 pet squirrels, a bearded dragon, corn snakes, 2 ferrets, 2 chinchillas, hedgehogs, raccoons, bats, birds of prey, native birds and a beaver. She also brings home other people's exotic pets, such as a kangaroo, a monkey and a tiger cub. [REDACTED] transports the animals back and forth from her home to TCAS's facility, exposing the animals to diseases. In December 2020, she brought a tiger cub to her home to co-mingle with her animals. [REDACTED] has made public Facebook posts stating that the wild coyotes she was rehabbing were going to live at TCAS, along with photos of the coyotes in the living room with her dogs and cats and in her kitchen. On May 8, 2020, [REDACTED] posted that the coyotes were sick with parvovirus and one passed away. [REDACTED] posted photos showing the surviving coyote on a leash in front of a bobcat pen at TCAS. In May 2020, [REDACTED] made public Facebook posts saying a bobcat she picked up from Florida that was living at her home will live her life at TCAS "once she's older and off the bottle." On June 3, 2020, [REDACTED] posted a video of 6 baby raccoons being bottle fed at TCAS and she said in the video that she did not have her wildlife rehabilitation permits or license yet. Most alarming is that [REDACTED] obtained a beaver on March 11, 2021. [REDACTED] has posted numerous photos and videos of herself petting the beaver and playing with it. She is allowing numerous other individuals to play with the beaver including TCAS employee's [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

[REDACTED], who have posted videos and photos of themselves playing with the beaver. [REDACTED] is inviting her friends over to pet the beaver and use it for photo ops. This beaver may never be able to be released into the wild because of [REDACTED] mishandling. [REDACTED] has a rhesus macaque monkey and a kangaroo at her home and she allows the kangaroo to interact with native permitted wildlife including the beaver that [REDACTED] obtained. [REDACTED] transports her exotic animals back and forth from her home to TCAS and in Dec. 2020 she took a tiger cub home with her. At TCAS she keeps a bobcat and a fox in the same enclosure together.

TCAS posted photos of two chinchillas at the sanctuary on Dec. 11, 2020. The chinchillas have a plastic home and a plastic wheel in their cage which may be hazardous to them if ingested.

Numerous animals have been obtained or disposed of at TCAS with the acquisition and disposition of the animals kept secret. Currently, there are two adult sloths hidden in TCAS's baby room. All of the windows in the baby

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room have been covered in cardboard and blankets so no one can see the sloths  
are in there.

Nearly 4,000 people have joined an online group to express their concerns  
about Tiger Creek Sanctuary. We have sent dozens of animal neglect complaints  
with corresponding evidence to agencies including USDA-APHIS, Texas Parks and  
Wildlife, the IRS, Wyoming Attorney General and Texas Attorney General.

The animals need your help immediately. We are asking that you do everything  
in your power to correct this situation. Please notify me of the complaint  
number that your agency assigns to this complaint.

When did the incident(s) occur?:  
2015-present

#### Other Actions

Has this been reported to any other organizations/agencies?:  
YES

If yes, which organization/agency?:  
IRS, Texas Attorney General, Wyoming Attorney General, APHIS Animal Care

When?:  
Januray, February and March 2021  
What is the status of the complaint?:  
Unknown



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*Memorandum*

*To:*

**(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

U.S. Department of Agriculture-APHIS  
Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch

*From:* Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM

*cc:* Dr. Elizabeth Goldentyer, Marjorie Bolden, Dr. Rosemary Sifford, Dr. Elizabeth Theodorson, Dr. Robert Gibbens,

*Date:* May 5, 2021

*Subject:* OIG Hotline Complaint PS-3301-00071

This correspondence is in response to OIG Hotline Complaint PS-3301-00071 against Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo, an Animal Care inspector. The complainant, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from (b) (6) has alleged that Dr. Digesualdo has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. In addition, the following allegations were also made by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) also stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Animal Care responded to the allegations by checking its records and inspecting the establishment. Our records indicate that the establishment located in 17552 F M 14 Tyler, Texas 75706, is not registered as Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary but rather as Great Cats in Crisis under # 10-C-0002 and as National Foundation of Rescued Animals under # 74-C-0418 for the same address. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is listed as the representative for both. The last inspection performed at this location was in May 2018. The COVID-19 pandemic precluded inspections during 2020.

Dr. Digesualdo conducted an inspection at the Tyler, Texas address on April 8, 2021. In summary, the findings revealed records of 9 animals from 2018-2020 displaying clinical signs for weeks to months without examination by a veterinarian resulting in death or euthanasia, missing acquisition documentation for 7 animals from 2019-2020, and no environment enhancement plan to promote psychological well-being in nonhuman primates.

Enclosed is supporting documentation combined into a single pdf document. This documentation includes the inspection reports for both entities. APHIS will continue to monitor the establishment at 17552 F M 14 Tyler, Texas 75706 under registrations # 74-C-0418 and # 10-C-0002 for compliance with the AWA.

Thank you for the extension of time granted in order to thoroughly evaluate this complaint.

Sincerely,

Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM  
Research Program Manager  
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

**Attachments:**

2 inspection reports  
Original complaint

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GREAT CATS IN CRISIS  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
STE 1000  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

**2.40(b)(3)                    Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

\* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.

\* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.

\* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.

\* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.

\* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.

\* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

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All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

- \* Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)
- \* Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)
- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
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**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

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Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
503949	10-C-0002	001	GREAT CATS IN CRISIS	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000039	<b>Total</b>	



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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS  
17552 F M 14  
TYLER, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538  
Certificate: 74-C-0418  
Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

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**2.40                    Critical**

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7538	74-C-0418	002	TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.	08-APR-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000017	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
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000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000038	<b>Total</b>	

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**Subject:** PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo  
**Date:** Friday, April 2, 2021 1:53:44 PM

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Good afternoon,

AICB received the subject OIG Hotline Complaint dated March 31, 2021. Please review the information below and obtain sufficient information to address the allegation.

Receipt of your response by May 3, 2121, would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Allegation:** Complainant, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) has alleged that Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo from Aledo, TX, has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. The following allegations were also brought forward by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). If needed, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) can be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) or via e-mail at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Please note, that the above is a summary of the allegations provided in the complaint. I have more detailed information that can be provided if needed.

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Thank you,

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Investigator

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Cody,

Is this the facility you were referring to in your earlier email?

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Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

**2.40(b)(3)                    Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

- \* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.
- \* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.
- \* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.
- \* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.
- \* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.
- \* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

- \* Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)
- \* Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)
- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
- \* Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)
- \* Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)
- \* Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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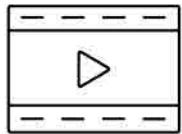
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
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000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
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000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
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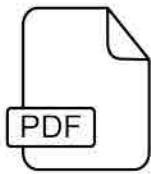
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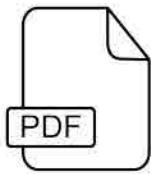
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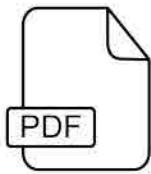
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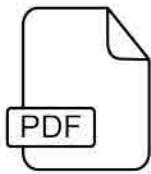
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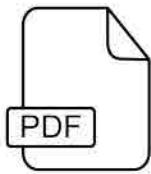
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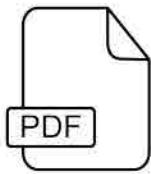
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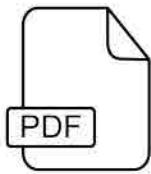
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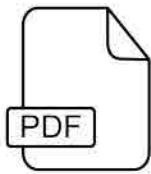
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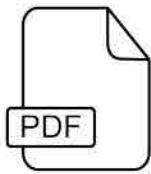
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## Inspection Report

GREAT CATS IN CRISIS  
1747 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
STE 1000  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

Customer ID: 503949  
Certificate: 10-C-0002  
Site: 001  
GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 08-APR-2021

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**2.40(b)(3)                    Critical**

**Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

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Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

\* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.

\* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in

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**Prepared By:** CYNTHIA DIGESUALDO

USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

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**Received by Title:** Facility Representative

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Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

- \* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.
- \* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.
- \* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.
- \* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea in Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.
- \* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.
- \* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated

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by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

### 2.75(b)(1)

#### Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

- \* Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)
- \* Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)
- \* Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)
- \* Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)
- \* Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)
- \* Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

**3.81**

**Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.**

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

To be corrected by May 1, 2021

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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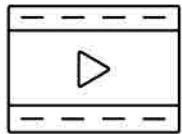
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000018	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000004	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000001	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000002	<i>Sus domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG
000039	<b>Total</b>	



CFR:2.40(b)(3)

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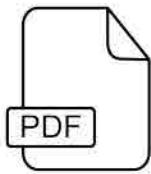
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**Inspection No:** 2016090000580919

**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Coco and Simba daily records



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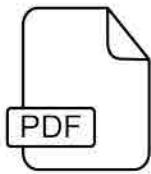
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**Inspection No:** 2016090000580919

**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Juda daily records



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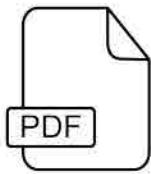
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**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Kumari daily records



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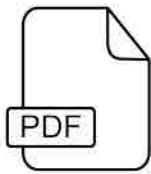
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**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** China daily records



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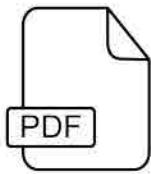
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**Inspection No:** 2016090000580919

**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Sierra daily records



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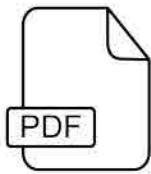
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**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Greg daily records



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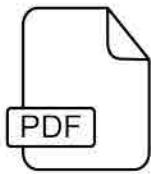
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**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Scrunches daily records



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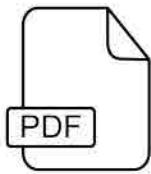
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**Inspection No:** 2016090000580919

**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Amir daily records



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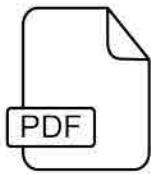
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**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Sarge daily records



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**Certificate:** 10-C-0002

**Date and Time:** Thu Apr 08 15:15:00 GMT 2021 **Legal Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Inspection No:** 2016090000580919

**Facility Name:** GREAT CATS IN CRISIS

**Description:** Lily daily records

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**From:** [Yager, Cody M - APHIS](#)  
**To:** [Steele, Jeremy T - APHIS](#)  
**Subject:** FW: AC draft response to PS-3301-00071 OIG complaint  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:44:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [2021 PS-3301-00071OIG complaint C. Digesualdo .docx](#)

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <carol.l.clarke@usda.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:38 PM  
**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <cody.m.yager@usda.gov>; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov>; Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov>  
**Subject:** AC draft response to PS-3301-00071 OIG complaint

Hi! Enclosed is a proposed response to the OIG hotline complaint against Tiger Creek Sanctuary in Tyler, Texas and the inspector.

Please review for comment and accuracy.

I realize everyone has many other concerns therefore a response by May 4<sup>th</sup> will be greatly appreciated. Best regards,

Carol  
301 887 7794

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**From:** [Clarke, Carol L - APHIS](#)  
**To:** [Yager, Cody M - APHIS](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 10:57:00 AM

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Thanks

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**From:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 3, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?

Correct, no photos were taken.

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 3, 2021 8:19 AM  
**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?

Hi! Were there any pictures taken of 74-C-0410 / Big Cats in Crisis under 10-C-0002?

I do not believe so based on the reports but I am just double checking. I plan to submit our response today.

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USDA/APHIS-Animal Care  
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**From:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:46 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?

If you are confused now...hold on tight . "Tiger Creek" doesn't appear on either report because that's not what they call themselves for either of their USDA license. What's more important is the address.

Here's the other report:

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**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:39 AM  
**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>; Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?

Hi! If I am confused so will the inspector assigned to the case. Is it possible to generate an inspection report that says 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek? Please let me know. Best regards

Carol  
301 887 7794

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**From:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:36 AM  
**To:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>; Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?

It's the same facility. I know, it's confusing. Both licenses were issued the same report.

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 10:32 AM  
**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>; Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?

Hi! In looking at this again, I thought the facility in question was 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek instead of the Big Cats in Crisis under 10-C-0002. Here is the past Email on this. Please clarify. Best regards.

Carol  
301 887 7794

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>; Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

Dear All:

Thanks for the report.

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(b) (5), (b) (7)(E) Please let me know what additional information you can provide.

Since the deadline for submission has been extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>, it is my hope to create a first draft for your review by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Looking forward to your response. Best regards,

*Carol*

301 887 7794

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**From:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 6:25 PM

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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

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Here's the report and happy to send any updates.

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 3:33 PM

**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>

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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

Hi! Thanks for the update, can you send me the inspection report and any follow up info?

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**From:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 4:28 PM

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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

Hey Carol,

Just wanted to update you on this inspection. Cindy was able to conduct an inspection at Great Cats in Crisis/ National Foundation of Rescued Animals last week. Multiple instances were found where important medical information was not being given to the AV in an accurate and timely manner on large cats. The facility also had no environmental enrichment plan for their NHP and were missing acquisition records. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks  
Cody

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 5, 2021 12:28 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

OK, I will wait on the extension request.

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There is not a Tiger Creek in eFile.

Cody – do you know what facility this is?

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Dear All:

Please see the OIG complaint below.

Please maintain confidentiality and let me know when a visit will be conducted. I will try to pull the reports next week. Best regards,

*Carol*  
301 887 7794

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) APHIS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) usda.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 2, 2021 1:54 PM  
**To:** Theodorson, Elizabeth C - APHIS <[elizabeth.c.meek@usda.gov](mailto:elizabeth.c.meek@usda.gov)>; Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sifford, Rosemary B - APHIS <[rosemary.sifford@usda.gov](mailto:rosemary.sifford@usda.gov)> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - APHIS (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@usda.gov>  
**Subject:** PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

Good afternoon,

AICB received the subject OIG Hotline Complaint dated March 31, 2021. Please review the information below and obtain sufficient information to address the allegation.

Receipt of your response by May 3, 2121, would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Allegation:** Complainant, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) has alleged that Dr. Cynthia Digesualdo from Aledo, TX, has not completed an inspection at the Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary (TCAS) facility in 3 years. The following allegations were also brought forward by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
- Animals are being illegally bred, sold, and trafficked, in violation of the Animal Welfare Act.
- TCAS runs a roadside zoo, under the false guise of a sanctuary and Dr. Digesualdo refuses to do her job which is resulting in many sick and dead animals.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). If needed, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) can be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) or via e-mail at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D).

Please note, that the above is a summary of the allegations provided in the complaint. I have more detailed information that can be provided if needed.

Public Law 95-452, sec. 7, prohibits the unwarranted disclosure of the complainant's identity or the taking of reprisal action against the complainant. In those instances where the complainant is anonymous or wishes to remain confidential, no attempts should be made to discover the identity of the complainant. The complaint should be provided or discussed only with those who need to resolve the issues. The typed complaint should not be provided to the subject; however, you may discuss with the subject all relevant issues to completely resolve the complaint.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigator

Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch (AICB)

APHIS, MRP-BS, Human Resources Division

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**From:** [Yager, Cody M - APHIS](#)  
**To:** [Clarke, Carol L - APHIS](#); [Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS](#)  
**Cc:** [Gibbens, Robert - APHIS](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 10:51:00 AM

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Correct, no photos were taken.

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**From:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 3, 2021 8:19 AM  
**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?

Hi! Were there any pictures taken of 74-C-0410 / Big Cats in Crisis under 10-C-0002?

I do not believe so based on the reports but I am just double checking. I plan to submit our response today.

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Riverdale, MD 20737  
(cell) 301 887 7794

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If you are confused now...hold on tight . "Tiger Creek" doesn't appear on either report because that's not what they call themselves for either of their USDA license. What's more important is the address.

Here's the other report:

[https://aphis.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/EFLSiteInspection\\_c/a6et0000000TqZTAA0/view](https://aphis.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/EFLSiteInspection_c/a6et0000000TqZTAA0/view)

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Hi! If I am confused so will the inspector assigned to the case. Is it possible to generate an inspection report that says 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek? Please let me know. Best regards

Carol  
301 887 7794

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It's the same facility. I know, it's confusing. Both licenses were issued the same report.

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Hi! In looking at this again, I thought the facility in question was 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek instead of the Big Cats in Crisis under 10-C-0002. Here is the past Email on this. Please clarify. Best regards.

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Dear All:

Thanks for the report. (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)  
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Since the deadline for submission has been extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>, it is my hope to create a first draft for your review by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Here's the report and happy to send any updates.

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Hi! Thanks for the update, can you send me the inspection report and any follow up info?

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Hey Carol,

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Thanks

Cody

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**To:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS; Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS  
**Cc:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?  
**Date:** Monday, May 3, 2021 9:19:31 AM

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Hi! Were there any pictures taken of 74-C-0410 / Big Cats in Crisis under 10-C-0002?

I do not believe so based on the reports but I am just double checking. I plan to submit our response today.

Carol Clarke, DVM, DACLAM  
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Here's the other report:

<https://aphis.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/EFLSiteInspection/c/a6et0000000TqZTAA0/view>

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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?

Hi! If I am confused so will the inspector assigned to the case. Is it possible to generate an inspection report that says 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek? Please let me know. Best regards

Carol  
301 887 7794

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It's the same facility. I know, it's confusing. Both licenses were issued the same report.

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Hi! In looking at this again, I thought the facility in question was 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek instead of the Big Cats in Crisis under 10-C-0002. Here is the past Email on this. Please clarify. Best regards.

Carol  
301 887 7794

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**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:14 AM  
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Dear All:

Thanks for the report.

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

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(b) (5), (b) (7)(E) Please let me know what additional information you can provide.

Since the deadline for submission has been extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>, it is my hope to create a first draft for your review by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Looking forward to your response. Best regards,

*Carol*  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 21, 2021 6:25 PM

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Here's the report and happy to send any updates.

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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

Hi! Thanks for the update, can you send me the inspection report and any follow up info?

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**From:** Yager, Cody M - APHIS <[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>  
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Hey Carol,

Just wanted to update you on this inspection. Cindy was able to conduct an inspection at Great Cats in Crisis/ National Foundation of Rescued Animals last week. Multiple instances were found where important medical information was not being given to the AV in an accurate and timely manner on large cats. The facility also had no environmental enrichment plan for their NHP and were missing acquisition records. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks  
Cody

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OK, I will wait on the extension request.

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Oh OK. I will ask for an extension just to play it safe if that is OK with AWO. Best regards,

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Carol -- for OIG complaints like this, we are not able to tell you when we will inspect. We can tell you when we can get the inspection done by.

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Hi! I found them on the internet <https://tigercreek.org/who-we-are/> and the address seems to match the one for 74-C-0418.

Just let me know when someone can inspect. The deadline for a response is May 3<sup>rd</sup> but I can

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I was just looking this up myself. I didn't find this account under the given name Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary either, but it might be this

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). If needed, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) can be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) or via e-mail at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D).

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**To:** [Yager, Cody M - APHIS](#); [Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS](#); [Gibbens, Robert - APHIS](#)  
**Subject:** AC draft response to PS-3301-00071 OIG complaint  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:39:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [2021 PS-3301-00071OIG complaint C. Digesualdo .docx](#)

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Hi! Enclosed is a proposed response to the OIG hotline complaint against Tiger Creek Sanctuary in Tyler, Texas and the inspector.

Please review for comment and accuracy.

I realize everyone has many other concerns therefore a response by May 4<sup>th</sup> will be greatly appreciated. Best regards,

Carol  
301 887 7794

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**To:** [Yager, Cody M - APHIS](#)  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:54:38 AM

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Thanks

Cody

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OK, I will wait on the extension request.

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Oh OK. I will ask for an extension just to play it safe if that is OK with AWO. Best regards,

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Carol -- for OIG complaints like this, we are not able to tell you when we will inspect. We can tell you when we can get the inspection done by.

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Hi! I found them on the internet <https://tigercreek.org/who-we-are/> and the address seems to match the one for 74-C-0418.

Just let me know when someone can inspect. The deadline for a response is May 3<sup>rd</sup> but I can request an extension if needed. Best regards,

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There is not a Tiger Creek in eFile.

Cody – do you know what facility this is?

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Investigator

Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch (AICB)

APHIS, MRP-BS, Human Resources Division

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Dear All:

Please see the OIG complaint below.

Please maintain confidentiality and let me know when a visit will be conducted. I will try to pull the reports next week. Best regards,

*Carol*  
301 887 7794

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**Subject:** PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

Good afternoon,

AICB received the subject OIG Hotline Complaint dated March 31, 2021. Please review the information below and obtain sufficient information to address the allegation.

Receipt of your response by May 3, 2121, would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) stated that TCAS is owned by Brian Werner Ferris, and operated by his daughter (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) and her friend (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). If needed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) can be reached at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) or via e-mail at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Please note, that the above is a summary of the allegations provided in the complaint. I have more detailed information that can be provided if needed.

Public Law 95-452, sec. 7, prohibits the unwarranted disclosure of the complainant's identity or the taking of reprisal action against the complainant. In those instances where the complainant is anonymous or wishes to remain confidential, no attempts should be made to discover the identity of the complainant. The complaint should be provided or discussed only with those who need to resolve the issues. The typed complaint should not be provided to the subject; however, you may discuss with the subject all relevant issues to completely resolve the complaint.

Thank you,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigator

Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch (AICB)

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**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo was the right facility inspected?  
**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:39:06 AM

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Hi! If I am confused so will the inspector assigned to the case. Is it possible to generate an inspection report that says 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek? Please let me know. Best regards

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It's the same facility. I know, it's confusing. Both licenses were issued the same report.

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Thanks for the report.

(b) (5), (b) (7)(E)  
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**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:35:00 AM

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It's the same facility. I know, it's confusing. Both licenses were issued the same report.

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Hi! In looking at this again, I thought the facility in question was 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek instead of the Big Cats in Crisis under 10-C-0002. Here is the past Email on this. Please clarify. Best regards.

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OK, I will wait on the extension request.

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Oh OK. I will ask for an extension just to play it safe if that is OK with AWO. Best regards,

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Hi! I found them on the internet <https://tigercreek.org/who-we-are/> and the address seems to match the one for 74-C-0418.

Just let me know when someone can inspect. The deadline for a response is May 3<sup>rd</sup> but I can request an extension if needed. Best regards,

TIGER CREEK ANIMAL SANCTUARY  
17552 Farm to Market Road 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

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I was just looking this up myself. I didn't find this account under the given name Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary either, but it might be this

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- As a result of TCAS blatant negligence, many animals are dying without critically needed veterinary care.
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Please note, that the above is a summary of the allegations provided in the complaint. I have more detailed information that can be provided if needed.

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Thank you,

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**Date:** Friday, April 23, 2021 11:32:13 AM  
**Attachments:** RE PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo.msg

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Hi! In looking at this again, I thought the facility in question was 74-C-0410 Tiger Creek instead of the Big Cats in Crisis under 10-C-0002. Here is the past Email on this. Please clarify. Best regards.

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Dear All:

Thanks for the report. [REDACTED] (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)  
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Since the deadline for submission has been extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>, it is my hope to create a first draft for your review by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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Dear All:

Thanks for the report.

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Please let me know what additional information you can

provide.

Since the deadline for submission has been extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>, it is my hope to create a first draft for your review by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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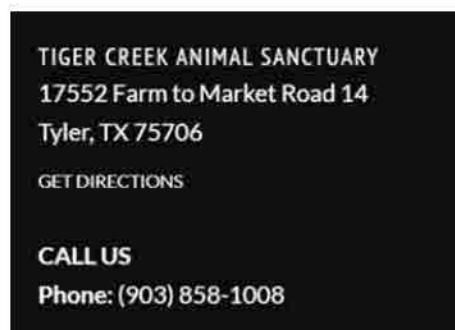
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I was just looking this up myself. I didn't find this account under the given name Tiger Creek Animal Sanctuary either, but it might be this site. [https://aphis.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/EFLRelated\\_Site\\_c/a6bt000000N3vWAAS/view](https://aphis.lightning.force.com/lightning/r/EFLRelated_Site_c/a6bt000000N3vWAAS/view)

(b) (7)(E)

Martha Keller, DVM, MS, DACAW  
Assistant Director - AWO  
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**From:** Gibbens, Robert - APHIS <[robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov](mailto:robert.m.gibbens@usda.gov)>  
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**To:** Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>; Keller, Martha - APHIS <[Martha.Keller@usda.gov](mailto:Martha.Keller@usda.gov)>;  
Wafer, Lemnique - MRP-APHIS <[Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov](mailto:Lemnique.Wafer@usda.gov)>; Yager, Cody M - APHIS  
<[cody.m.yager@usda.gov](mailto:cody.m.yager@usda.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bassage, Lance H - APHIS <[lance.h.bassage@usda.gov](mailto:lance.h.bassage@usda.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: PS-3301-00071 Cynthia L. Digesualdo

There is not a Tiger Creek in eFile.

Cody – do you know what facility this is?

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301 887 7794

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**Sent:** Friday, April 2, 2021 1:54 PM

**To:** Theodorson, Elizabeth C - APHIS <[elizabeth.c.meek@usda.gov](mailto:elizabeth.c.meek@usda.gov)>; Clarke, Carol L - APHIS <[carol.l.clarke@usda.gov](mailto:carol.l.clarke@usda.gov)>

**Cc:** Sifford, Rosemary B - APHIS <[rosemary.sifford@usda.gov](mailto:rosemary.sifford@usda.gov)> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) - APHIS <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@usda.gov>

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Investigator

Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch (AICB)

APHIS, MRP-BS, Human Resources Division

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Investigator  
Administrative Investigations and Compliance Branch (AICB)  
APHIS, MRP-BS, Human Resources Division

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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FORM APPROVED OMB NO.: 0579-0036

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

## APPLICATION FOR LICENSE (TYPE OR PRINT)

### X RENEWAL

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SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO:  
USDA APHIS ANIMAL CARE  
WESTERN  
2150 Centre Ave.  
Building B, Mailstop 3W11  
Fort Collins, CO 80526-8117  
(970) 494-7478

LICENSE NO./CUST NO 74-C-0418 7538	RENEWAL DATE 4-Aug-2017	FEES AMOUNT 0185.00	DATE RECEIVED 06-JUL-17
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#### 1. NAME(S) OF OWNER(S) AND MAILING ADDRESS

Tiger Missing Link Foundation  
17552 F M 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

COUNTY: SMITH TELEPHONE (903) 858-1008

#### 3. IF PREVIOUSLY LICENSED - NAME AND ADDRESS

N/A

#### 4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS(S) HANDLING ANIMALS IN WHICH APPLICANT/LICENSEE HAS AN INTEREST

N/A

#### 5. TYPE OF LICENSE

A - Dealer (Breeder)  B - Dealer  C - Exhibitor

#### 7. NATURE OF BUSINESS (Check item that describes nature of your business)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A - Zoo	<input type="checkbox"/> B - Aquariums	<input type="checkbox"/> C - Auction
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<input type="checkbox"/> J - Drive thru Zoo	<input type="checkbox"/> K - Pet Store	<input type="checkbox"/> L - Broker

#### 6. DATE OF LAST BUSINESS YEAR

FROM			TO		
MO	DAY	YEAR	MO	DAY	YEAR
0	1	0	1	1	5

#### 8. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

Partnership  Corporation  Individual

Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 9. LIST OWNERS, PARTNERS, AND OFFICERS

NAME AND TITLE	ADDRESS
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  Brian Werner, Executive Director	17552 FM. 14 Tyler, TX 75706

#### 10. DEALER ONLY

TOTAL NO. OF ANIMALS PURCHASED IN THE LAST BUSINESS YEAR		DOGS	RABBITS	
TOTAL NO. OF ANIMALS SOLD IN THE LAST BUSINESS YEAR		CATS	NONHUMAN PRIMATES	
TOTAL GROSS AMOUNT DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF ANIMALS		GUINEA PIGS	MARINE MAMMALS	
DOLLAR AMOUNT OF WHICH FEE IS BASED (Sections 2.6 and 2.7)		HAMSTERS	WILD OR EXOTIC MAMMALS	38
		OTHER (i.e., farm animals) (List Species and No.)	TOTAL:	38

#### CERTIFICATION

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#### 12. SIGNATURE

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

APHIS FORM 7003  
(JAN 1995)

(Previous)

#### 13. NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### 14. DATE

6/27/17

JUL 06 2017



EXPIRATION DATE: AUGUST 04, 2018

United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

This is to certify that

TIGER MISSING LINK FOUNDATION

Marketing and  
Regulatory  
Programs

is a licensed  
under the

CLASS C EXHIBITOR

**Animal Welfare Act**

(7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.)

Animal Care  
Animal and  
Plant Health  
Inspection  
Service

Certificate No. 74-C-0418

Customer No. 7538

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Deputy Administrator

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LICENSE NO./CUST NO	RENEWAL DATE	FEES	
74-C-0418 7538	4-Aug-2019	AMOUNT	DATE RECEIVED
		185	

1. NAME(S) OF OWNER(S) AND MAILING ADDRESS

National Foundation For Rescued Animals  
17552 F M 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

COUNTY: Smith TELEPHONE (903) 858 - 1008

3. IF PREVIOUSLY LICENSED - NAME AND ADDRESS

2. ALL BUSINESS NAME, LOCATIONS, AND ALL SITES HOUSING ANIMALS (P. O. Box not acceptable)  
17552 F M 14  
Tyler, TX 75706  
County: Smith

TELEPHONE 903-858-1008

PREVIOUS LICENSE NO.

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6. DATE OF LAST BUSINESS YEAR

FROM			TO		
MO	DAY	YEAR	MO	DAY	YEAR
0	8	0	4	1	9

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Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9. LIST OWNERS, PARTNERS, AND OFFICERS

NAME AND TITLE

ADDRESS

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Brian Werner, Executive Dir.

17552 F M 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

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DOGS		RABBITS	
CATS		NONHUMAN PRIMATES	6
GUINEA PIGS		MARINE MAMMALS	4
HAMSTERS		WILD OR EXOTIC MAMMALS	43
OTHER (i.e., farm animals) (List Species and No.)	TOTAL: 49		

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14. DATE

7/21/19



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Programs

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Plant Health  
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Animal Care

EXPIRATION DATE: AUGUST 04, 2020

This is to certify that  
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is a licensed  
under the

CLASS C EXHIBITOR

## Animal Welfare Act

(7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.)

Certificate No.

74-C-0418

Customer No.

7538

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Expiration Date: 08-04-2021

## United States Department of Agriculture

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*Elizabeth Goldsmith*

Deputy Administrator

Total Number of Animals:

Animal Inventory Range: -

Animal Species List:



United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

CDIGESUALDO

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## Inspection Report

Tiger Missing Link Foundation  
17552 F M 14  
Tyler, TX 75706

Customer ID: 7538  
Certificate: 74-C-0418  
Site: 002  
TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 16-MAY-2018

No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.  
This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

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**Prepared By:**

DIGESUALDO CYNTHIA, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

**Date:**  
17-MAY-2018

**Title:** VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 5055

**Received By:**

JARED JOHNSON

**Date:**  
17-MAY-2018

**Title:** SENT BY EMAIL  
21-01818\_000600



## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7538	74-C-0418	002	TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.	16-MAY-18

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000007	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000004	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000001	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000003	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	Serval
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000003	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000006	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000021	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000052	<b>Total</b>	