3.125 (a) REPEAT

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

***On the southwest side of the tiger/liger enclosure there was a gap approximately 3-4 feet in length where the wire fence was not attached to the ground metal support pole. A section of this fencing was separated from the support pole by approximately 6 inches. The liger in this enclosure was observed rubbing against the fence in this area. The gap in this fence may not allow for the safe containment of the animals and could increase the risk of injury to the animals.

***There were at least two sections approximately 2-3 feet in length where the hardware netting which covered a portion of the top of the serval’s enclosure was not securely fastened to the horizontal metal support pole of the enclosure. A gap approximately 6 inches wide was present at the top of the enclosure between an unsecured section of netting and the metal support pole. The large regions of unsecured hardware netting on top of the enclosure may not allow for the safe containment of the animals and could increase the risk of injury to the animals.

***There were at least three areas within the bobcat enclosure where the ends of twisted wire ties were protruding into the enclosure forming sharp points at levels which could come in contact with the animal. Sharp points increase the risk of injury to the animals.

The licensee must ensure that housing facilities are structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals at all times.

The inspection and exit interview were conducted on August 12, 2013 with facility representatives.

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