



Inspection Report

D-D Farm Animal Sanctuary & Rescue
6000 N Creasy Springs Rd
Columbia, MO 65202

Customer ID: 18938

Certificate: 43-C-0228

Site: 001

D-D FARM-ANIMAL SANCTUARY & RESCUE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Sep-16-2014

2.131 (c) (1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

***A group of approximately 70 members of the general public recently visited the facility as untrained volunteers to help with husbandry and maintenance tasks throughout the facility. According to the licensee, one of five untrained volunteers, under his direct supervision, fed a tiger during the visit. According to the licensee, the individual was asked to wear gloves and stand alongside the licensee at approximately 2 1/2 feet from the tiger's primary enclosure, which was a chain-link fence. The individual was then allowed to toss the meat into the tiger's enclosure through an approximately 3 1/2 inch gap between the vertical pole of the gate and the wall of the enclosure. The licensee gestured that the individual's hand came within approximately 1 foot from the animal's primary enclosure while tossing the tiger its food. These distances between the animal's primary enclosure and the member of the general public increase the risk of injury to the animal or the individual. The licensee must establish a program to ensure that there is sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the general public at all times in order to assure the safety of the animals and the public. To be corrected by: immediately and from this point forward.

3.125 (a)

REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) Structural strength.

***The enclosure housing two servals was covered with either hardware netting or wire panels. There were several sections where the netting and panels were not securely fastened to the horizontal metal support poles of the enclosure. For example, on the north side of the enclosure there was an area, approximately 3 feet in length, where the wire panel covering was not securely attached to the support pole and an approximately 2 1/2 inch gap was present. Also, within the middle of the enclosure, there was a gap between the netting and wire panel coverings and the horizontal support pole. These unsecured sections of hardware netting and wire panels which cover the servals' enclosure may not allow for the safe containment of the animals and could increase the risk of injury to the animals. The licensee must ensure that all sections of fencing in these enclosures are securely fastened in order to maintain the structural integrity of the enclosures. Also, the licensee must ensure that all housing facilities are structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals at all times.

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3.125 (d)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(d) Waste disposal

***Within one of the shelter structures for a cougar, there was an accumulation of bedding material that appeared compacted, dark brown, moist and dirt-like in nature. According to the licensee, the bedding was wood chips which had not been changed or cleaned out in at least one to two months. Also, there was another igloo-style shelter within the same enclosure, with a build-up of dirt, debris and several strands of straw. The cougar was initially observed lying within one of the shelters and later the animal's fur appeared to have matted, moist-looking, discolored darkened fur on its back and along its right rear leg. Failure to properly clean the enclosures and employ timely removal and disposal of animal bedding increases the risk of disease hazards. The licensee must ensure that a program to remove and dispose of animal bedding is established in order to minimize vermin infestation, odors and disease hazards. To be corrected by: September 20, 2014.

3.127 (d)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(d) Perimeter fence.

***The perimeter fence measured less than 8 feet (96 inches) high in some areas around the facility which houses large felines and wolves. For example, on the north side of the facility, a region of the fence measured 95 inches in height; on the east side of the facility, a region of the fence measured 90 inches in height; on the southeast side of the facility, regions of the perimeter fence only measured 88 to 90 inches in height; on the south side of the facility, a region of the fence measured 90 1/2 inches in height; on the west side of the facility, a region of the fence measured 89 inches in height. The perimeter fence must be of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. The licensee must ensure that the perimeter fence is at least 8 feet high in order to protect the type of animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility at all times.

In addition to the perimeter fence not being of sufficient height, the inspectors noted several areas along the bottom of the perimeter fence and areas in between the gates and the posts that had areas large enough to allow for potential access (both entry and exit) of animals. For example; on the north side there is a 12 ft. gate that had a measured 6 3/4 inch gap between the post and the gate. On the east side there were at least 2 sections along the bottom, measured at 4 1/2 in x 12 in, and 30 in x 16 in. The larger gap appeared to have had recent animal activity, with freshly exposed earth material in and around a cavity next to a large rock. On the south east side there is a 6 in x 9 in gap of the chain link fencing material being bent upward. On the south side there is a 12 ft. gate that has a gap measured of at least 4 in. between the post and the gate with a gap along the bottom measured of at least 5 1/2 in. The perimeter fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility at all times. To be corrected by: October 16, 2014.

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WATERING.

***The water receptacle for three wolves had a dark green algae-like substance along the inside surface and under the water level of the receptacle. The water inside of the receptacle appeared to be an abnormal greenish brown color. Water receptacles, which are not properly cleaned and sanitized, can harbor disease-causing organisms. This could decrease the animals' acceptability of the water, as well as increase the risk of disease. The licensee must ensure that all water receptacles are kept clean and sanitary.

3.131

(c)

REPEAT

SANITATION.

(c) Housekeeping.

***There were tall weeds and grass within and adjacent to the wolves' enclosure as well as next to regions of the perimeter fence. The weeds and grass reached at least 3-4 feet in height within the wolves' enclosure and surrounding areas of the perimeter fence. There were also regions within the perimeter fence with weeds reaching at least 7 feet in height. Tall weeds and grass can harbor insects, rodents and vermin which can increase the risk of disease in the animals. The licensee must keep the premises clean and in good repair in order to protect the health of the animals and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices at the facility at all times.

The inspection was conducted with the licensee on September 16-17, 2014. An exit interview was conducted with the licensee on September 17, 2014.

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