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USDA

Inspection Report

NICK SCULAC Customer ID: 7673

Certificate: 84-C-0069

Site: 001 NICK SCULAC

BIG CATS OF SERENITY SPRINGS

24615 SCOTT ROAD

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Jan-07-2013

CALHAN, CO 80808

2.40 (b) (3)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

2.40 Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). (b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include: (3) Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian;

An adult male white Bengal tiger, Thurston, was noted to be extremely thin such that all his ribs were visible and his hip bones were protruding. When asked about this animal, the licensee initially said it was an older animal but, on review of records, this animal was noted to be born in 2007 and acquired by the licensee on 8/26/2012. No one at the facility had noted how extremely thin this animal is nor had this been reported to the attending veterinarian at the time of the inspection.

Extremely thin body condition may indicate underlying problems with nutrition or illness and should be conveyed to the attending veterinarian so the animal may receive appropriate veterinary care.

This animal should be evaluated by a veterinarian by 1/14/2013.

2.75 (b) (1)

Title:

RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.

2.75 Records: Dealers and exhibitors (b)(1) Every dealer other than operators of auction sales and brokers to whom animals are consigned, and exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the following information concerning animals other than dogs and 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 by that dealer or exhibitor. (v) The date of purchase, acquisition, sale, or disposal of the animal(s); (vi) The species of the animal(s) >>>>

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No documentation/records were available to show the disposition of 1 adult Paca which was still listed in the book for current animals on hand. Licensee stated the animal had passed away but could not provide a date or identify which of the 2 Pacas (the acquisition record listed 1 male and 1 female) had died. Maintaining current records of animals to include those acquired and disposed of, is required in order to be able to accurately track animals utilized in regulated activities. Make, keep, and maintain records which fully and correctly disclose the required information regarding acquisition and disposition of animals other than dogs and cats.

To be corrected by: Next Inspection

3.125 (a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

3.125 Facilities, general. (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.

In enclosure #42 housing 3 lions (Daniel, Mona and Chloe) the fence on the north side next to the trap door has several broken wires with sharp edges protruding towards the animals that could cause injuries. During time of inspection this was corrected.

In enclosure # 36 housing 1 mountain lion (Boo) on the south side of the lower elevated wood resting platform is 2 nail heads protruding upward that could potentially injure the animal. This was corrected during time of inspection.

In enclosure # 24 housing 3 tigers (Shanandoah, Aphrodite and Harley) along the door frame on the inside of the den is 4 exposed nails one of the nails is at eye level that could injure the animals.

In enclosure # 60 housing 1 lion (Savanna) on the south side of the elevated wood resting platform is a nail head protruding upward that could potentially cause an injury to the animal.

In enclosure #63 housing 1 tiger (Thurston) on the south side of the elevated wood resting platform is a nail head protruding upward that could potentially cause injury to the animal.

In enclosure # 65 housing 2 tigers (Reyna and Phoebe) on the south side of the elevated wood resting platform is several nail heads protruding upward that could injure the animals.

In enclosure # 64 housing 2 tigers (Amber and Keller) on the west side of the lower elevated wood resting platform is 2 nail heads protruding upwards that could injure the animals. Lying on the ground of the enclosure is the frame from the entrance to the den that has been shredded, chewed and ripped with sharp edges that could potentially injure the animals.

In enclosure # 11 housing 2 tigers (Charlie and Chainsaw) at the entrance to the den is an exposed wood screw head that could potentially cause an injury to the animals.

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In enclosure #53 housing 2 tigers (Bosco and Ivery) the fence on the front gate (north side) near the den has broken wires with sharp edges protruding towards the animals that could cause injuries. This was corrected during time of inspection.

In enclosure # 57 housing 2 tigers (Trini and Sultan) on the south side of the elevated wood resting platform is a piece of wood that is broken away it has some sharp edges with shredded, splintered wood that could potentially cause an injury to an animal and is not in good repair.

In enclosure # 7 housing 3 tigers (Eva, Juanita, and Natasha) along the edge on the northeast side of the elevated wood resting platform are exposed nail heads that could cause injuries to the animals.

Indoor and outdoor facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect and contain the animals.

This is a repeat violation from inspections conducted September 6, 2012, May 18, 2012, January 24, 2012, September 12, 2011, May 18, 2011, January 19, 2011, November 15, 2010, June 2, 2010, April 8, 2010, March 9, 2010, January 19, 2010, October 1, 2009, May 18, 2009, January 20, 2009, September 25, 2008, May 27, 2008, January 2, 2008, September 17, 2007, June 25, 2007, April 6, 2007, July 6, 2006 and July 15, 2005 with an original correction date of July 16, 2006 and July 29, 2005.

3.129 (b) REPEAT

FEEDING.

3.129 Feeding. (b) Food, and food receptacles, if used, shall be sufficient in quantity and located so as to be accessible to all animals in the enclosure and shall be placed so as to minimize contamination.

In enclosure # 51 housing 1 wallaby (Winston) hay is being placed directly on the ground and an accumulation of feces was observed in and around the hay. Feeding on the ground where the hay can become contaminated with fecal material increases the risk of infection with intestinal parasites. Food and food receptacles shall be placed so as to minimize contamination.

This is a repeat violation from inspection conducted on September 12, 2011, November 15, 2010, March 9, 2010, January 19, 2010, October 1, 2009, May 18, 2009,

Inspection conducted with Tracy Thompson, VMO, Animal Care; Jeromy Huntington, Colorado Parks and Wildlife Officer and owner. An exit briefing was conducted with licensee.

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