



Inspection Report

Kirby Van Burch

Customer ID: 323664

Certificate: 43-C-0320

Site: 001

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Kirby Van Burch Theatre

7812 Cozy Cove

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Jun-22-2011

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2.40 (b) (2) REPEAT DIRECT NCI

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:

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

****The availability of emergency care is inadequate. The Emergency Care portion of the Program of Veterinary Care only states that the Attending Veterinarian is available for emergency care during normal business hours on Monday through Friday. However, no provision is made for emergencies after hours, on weekends, and on holidays. Emergency care must be available 24 hours per day every day of the week to provide timely veterinary care in case of injury or disease. The licensee must establish an adequate plan for emergency care and it must be documented on the Program of Veterinary Care. This affects 5 animals.

****An adult female tiger named 'Princess' is lame on her left rear leg. She bears weight on the leg most of the time, but she occasionally hops, holding her left rear leg in the air when walking. The pads of her feet could not be visualized during the inspection. Lameness is an indication of pain and could be the result of injury or disease of the leg or foot. The licensee must have the tiger examined by a licensed veterinarian within 48 hours to diagnose the problem, prescribe appropriate treatment, and determine an underlying cause for the problem.

****An adult female tiger named "Precious" is lame on her right front leg. She occasionally holds the leg in the air when sitting and walking. On closer inspection, lesions could be seen on the pads of three of her feet. These lesions ranged in color from red to gray to black. The right front footpad has a quarter-sized lesion on digit 2; a dime-sized lesion on the tip with a reddened area on the lateral side of digit 3; and a dime-sized lesion on digit 4. The right rear footpad has a lesion that extends over most of digit 2; a dime-sized lesion on the tip of digit 3; and a dime-sized lesion on digit 5. The left rear footpad has a lesion over half of the heel; a dime-sized lesion on the medial side of digit 3; and a nickel-sized lesion on digit 5. The left front footpad could not be visualized during the inspection. Lameness is an indication of pain and could be the result of injury or disease. The caretaker is providing topical treatment to the right front footpad upon direction from the Attending Veterinarian. However, no treatment is being provided to

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the other footpads. The licensee must have the tiger examined by a licensed veterinarian within 48 hours to diagnose the problem, prescribe appropriate treatment, and determine the underlying cause of the problem.

2.40 (b) (3) DIRECT NCI

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.

****Adequate daily observation is not being provided to assess the health and well-being of the animals. The caretaker was not aware of the footpad lesions of the right rear and the left rear feet of "Precious" and was not aware of the intermittent lameness in "Princess." Therefore, he has not been able to convey these problems to a veterinarian. Unobserved injury or illness results in lack of treatment. The licensee must ensure that the animals are observed daily by someone trained to recognize pain and abnormalities. TO BE CORRECTED FROM THIS DAY FORWARD.

2.131 (d) (1) REPEAT

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

(d)(1) Animals shall be exhibited only for periods of time and under conditions consistent with their good health and well-being.

*****"Princess" and "Precious" have veterinary medical conditions that have not been adequately assessed and are used in on-stage performances and for backstage exhibit. Public exhibition of animals with veterinary medical conditions could lead to stress and/or further deterioration of the animals' conditions. The licensee must ensure that all animals are only exhibited for periods of time and under conditions consistent with their good health and well-being.

The inspection and the exit briefing were conducted by Konnie Plumlee-VMO and Jeff Baker-VMO with the licensee's representatives.

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