



Inspection Report

KOWIACHOBEE ANIMAL PRESERVE INC

Customer ID: 14803

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KOWIACHOBEE ANIMAL PRESERVE INC

2861 FOURTH AVE S E

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: May-23-2012

NAPLES, FL 34117

2.40 (a) (2)

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

(a) Each exhibitor shall have an attending veterinarian who shall provide adequate veterinary care to its animals in compliance with this section.(2) exhibitor shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

On 4/5/12, the male tiger named Subaliczar, was examined by a veterinarian for hind limb lameness and paresis, metabolic bone disease and fractured right femur. The CT scan report showed osteopenia was present throughout his skeleton. Bilateral distal ulna fractures, right femoral fractures, multiple rib fractures and left ischial fracture present. The male lion cub Shaunbay was examined on 4/13/12 and the report states he had severe metabolic bone disease with multiple fractures. The veterinarian in his written summary states "Subaliczar and Shaunbay will need to be on full cage rest in a small dog kennel for the next few months while he receives his new diet to ensure that he does not do harm to his weakened bone structure or cause displacement of the fractures. He cannot be allowed to run, jump, play with other cubs or be left unattended in large spaces as this may cause further injury." During this inspection I observed these lion and tiger cubs laying in the living room of the licensee's home with a lion cub nearby. This exhibitor needs to provide adequate veterinary care to this tiger cub placing the tiger cub its cage for full rest for several months as outlined by the veterinarians written report. This licensee shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use.

CORRECTED DURING INSPECTION

The veterinarian reports on 4/5/12 and 4/13/12, states this tiger and lion cub Subaliczar and Shaunbay, will need to be assessed monthly with full body radio-graphs to rule out additional fractures, pain and discomfort that may be caused from the metabolic disease process and to monitor them on their new diet to assess improvement. During this inspection on 5/23/12 there is no evidence that these cubs have been re-examined as requested by the veterinarian. This licensee shall assure that the attending veterinarian has appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care and to oversee the adequacy of other aspects of animal care and use, thus these cubs needs to be re-examined as stated by the veterinarian.

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TO BE CORRECTED BY: JUNE 7, 2012.

2.131 (c) (1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

(c)(1) During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

A male tiger cub named Subaliczar born on 11/15/2011, and a male lion cub named Shaunbay born on 12/5/11, were allowed to walk freely and petted by the public at this facility on 3/23/12, without barriers. On 5-17-12, this lion was on exhibit on a leash at a business plaza in close to the public. This tiger and lion cub being petted and on a leash near the public at this size are not being handled with minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of the animals and the public. This tiger and lion cub are strong and quick enough to cause injury during with public contact. Tiger and lion cubs of this size and age must be exhibited to the public with sufficient distance and/or barriers so as to assure the safety of the animals and the public.

TO BE CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY

There are wide openings under numerous gates / barriers in front of the enclosures housing the cougar, leopard and jaguar. The large spaces in these barriers could allow the public to go under them and have contact with these animals and cause injury. These animals are not being exhibited with minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of the animals and the public.

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2.131 (c) (3)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

(c)(3) During public exhibition, dangerous animals such as lions must be under the direct control and supervision of a knowledgeable and experienced animal handler.

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A male tiger cub named Subaliczar born on 11/15/2011, and a male lion cub named Shaunbay born on 12/5/11, were allowed to walk freely and petted by the public at this facility on 3/23/12. On 5-17-12, this lion was on exhibit on a leash at a business plaza closely near the public. This tiger and lion cub being petted and on a leash near the public at this size are not in direct control by its handler. This tiger and lion cub are strong and quick enough to cause injury during public contact. I reviewed a local news clip showing one handler sitting down with the lion cub on a loose leash and one handler walking the lion cub with the public in close proximity. This does not define direct control of this lion when it could easily lunge towards the public and cause injury. For the safety of the public and the cubs they must be exhibited under the direct control of its handler.

Note: The lion on 4/13/12, weighed 43 lbs and the tiger on 4/5/12, weighted 41.5 lbs according to health records.

TO BE CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY

3.129 (a) FEEDING.

(a) The food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. Animals shall be fed at least once a day except as dictated by hibernation, veterinary treatment, normal fasts, or other professionally accepted practices.

The reports for the male lion cub Shaunbay on 12/5/11, and male tiger cub Subaliczar on 11/5/11, show both diagnosed with severe metabolic bone disease with multiple fractures. The reports show the initial diets for these cubs for the first few weeks was milk matrix as base product, KMR, ground turkey & chicken red meat chunks. The reports the day of the examinations showed Red meat, beef and bones for the tiger and ground chicken with supplemental added as of the diet for the lion. The reports show the diets for these cubs had insufficient amount of daily calcium. There is a previous written diet dated 10/15/2011, by the attending veterinarian that is not adequate. It states what the cougar is eating at six weeks old and what the female lion is eating and what will be introduced with supplements. It only mentions the cubs not the adults at the facility and does not give the amounts of chicken, beef, turkey and formula. It states a table spoon of calcium to any formula, however not the product the facility should use.

I observed both the lion, tiger, and cougar cubs during this inspection. The lion and tiger cub did walk a few steps after laying down and did appear to have no lameness. There current diet reviewed still does not include the amount of meats the cubs are being fed and does not mention the adult felids. The additional supplements for the cubs are stated on the written diet but not the adult felids. The licensee is currently seeing a nutritionist and will need an approved daily diet for these cubs and other large felids at the facility, including quantities of food and supplements for all. Diets for all animals must be of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain animals in good health.

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