



Inspection Report

Gene Wheeler
Special Memories Zoo
N1426 Midway Road
Hortonville, WI 54944

Customer ID: **7830**
Certificate: **35-B-0198**
Site: 001
GENE WHEELER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: Aug-13-2014

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SANITATION.

There is an area at the facility that houses badgers and fishers. One of the enclosures housing a breeding pair of fishers has a plastic barrel placed on its side with the top cut off. This barrel is to serve as shelter for the animals. Inside the barrel there was a large pile of excreta. The pile of excreta was approximately a foot wide and at least six inches tall. The straw bedding in the enclosure appeared wet and soiled. The zookeeper reported the enclosure had not been cleaned since spring because the fishers are aggressive. Excessive animal excreta/waste and soiled bedding in enclosures increases the risk of disease in the animals. Enclosures must be cleaned regularly and frequently to protect the health and wellbeing of the animals. Appropriate animal handling methods must be employed and practiced to allow regular and frequent cleaning of enclosures.

Correct By: August 18, 2014

Inspection and exit briefing conducted with the zookeeper.

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