



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **27405**
Certificate: **74-C-0614**
Site: 001
SCOTT EDWARDS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: May-22-2013

2.40 (b) (3)

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

(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.

****According to the facility's attending veterinarian he was unaware of the 15 unexplained deaths that occurred in the hoofstock enclosure at the facility since 2012. He was also not consulted in a possible breach birth of a pere david's deer which resulted in the death of the animal. The licensee must inform the attending veterinarian, through direct and frequent communication, of issues with animal health, behavior, and well-being of the regulated animals so that the veterinarian can determine the appropriate course of action to be taken. The licensee is responsible for daily observation of the animals, identifying problems with the animals, and communicating animal well-being issues with the veterinarian in a timely manner. This lack of communication by the licensee to the veterinarian concerning these particular animals potentially caused unnecessary pain, suffering and death of the regulated species.

To be corrected immediately.

3.127 (d) REPEAT FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(d) Perimeter fence. On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities (i.e., facilities not entirely indoors) must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. Fences less than 8 feet high for potentially dangerous animals, such as, but not limited to, large felines (e.g., lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, etc.), bears, wolves, rhinoceros, and elephants, or less than 6 feet high for other animals must be approved in writing by the Administrator. The 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. It must be of

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sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence. Such fences less than 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

****Since Dec 2012 the licensee has had an additional 7 animals die in the enclosure housing the hoofstock. The perimeter fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility from other animals and unauthorized people from going over or under the fence. The current enclosure/perimeter fence for the hoofstock area is an 8 foot game fence. It has several sections with gaps underneath the fence that the licensee has tried to fill with old dead tree logs. There are also areas where the dirt on the inside of the fence has eroded away allowing the wire to curl up. Predators or unauthorized people could easily push their way under these areas. The current fence needs to be constructed and maintained to prevent entry by coyotes and other predators that could cause harm to the enclosed animals.

This was a focused inspection of the exotic hoofstock enclosure housing the deer and guanaco.

Inspection and exit interview conducted with the licensee.

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