

health and well-being. Failure to recognize the significance of the signs/symptoms indicating the severity of the lion's condition which subsequently led to the animal's death before further veterinary examination was obtained, indicates inadequate training of the employees. Also, pertinent information regarding the health and well-being is not being conveyed to the attending veterinarian in a timely manner. The male lion, "Rhondo", died on 4-18-99. The gross necropsy report found the cause of death to be large bowel intussusception which caused a complete bowel blockage. The health records indicate signs such as vomiting, weakness, not eating medications, shallow (and later weak breathing), "can't walk straight", sticky feces, nasal discharge, thick/dry lips, and dry, matted coat, during the period from 4-13-99 to 4-17-99. No further physical examination or diagnostic evaluation by a veterinarian occurred. The records furnished demonstrate that a veterinarian was not contacted until 4-17-99. On 4-17-99 at 12:30, the telephone contact was not directly with the attending veterinarian. The telephone call reportedly addressed the fact that the lion was vomiting, not eating well, and not taking his medication for a few days. The written documents furnished from the facility and the letter from the attending veterinarian do not demonstrate that all of the observed signs of the deteriorating condition (such as weakness, shallow and later weak breathing, inability to walk straight, sticky feces, nasal discharge, thick/dry lips, and dry, matted coat) were communicated to the attending veterinarian. Accurate communication of all the signs and symptoms might have facilitated the attending veterinarian's analysis of the severity of the health situation. During the telephone call, Lagoon was reportedly instructed to continue with all medications. One of the Curators attempted another telephone contact with the attending veterinarian at 17:30, but the office was closed for the evening. Subsequently, no veterinary care was obtained and the lion was found dead at 08:30 on 4-18-99.

Previous Correction Date was by 4-3-99.

CATEGORY III: Non-compliant item(s) identified this inspection

Veterinary Care, section 2.40 (b)

"D" --The licensee is required to establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care including emergency, weekend, and holiday care. Emergency/weekend care was not obtained when needed until after the lion's death, when a necropsy was performed.

To be corrected by: Immediately provide adequate emergency, weekend, and holiday care for all mammals on site covered by the Animal Welfare Act, regulations, and standards.

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Employees, section 3.132

"D" --A sufficient number of adequately trained employees shall be utilized to maintain the professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices set forth in Subchapter A-- Animal Welfare. Such practices shall be under a supervisor who has a background in animal care. Appropriate recognition of the signs and symptoms indicating that the lion was deteriorating and dying lion did not occur. This led to the lion's death without benefit of adequate veterinary care to prevent death and/or to prevent suffering at the end of the animal's demise. (See also the information above under the Category IV, Veterinary Care, discussion.) Provide adequately trained employees who are under a supervisor with a background in animal care.

To be corrected by: 6-15-99

NOTE: If the licensee believes that he cannot meet a correction date, he may request an extension in writing before the due date for the required correction from:

Attn: Dr. Ray Flynn, SACS
USDA, APHIS, AC, Western Region
9580 Micron Ave., Suite J
Sacramento, CA 95827-2623

The request for extension of the correction date should include the reasons why the correction date could not be met, what actions are proposed to correct the non-compliance, and what the proposed completion date will be, so that the Regional Office may adequately evaluate the request.

End of Report.

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ANIMAL INVENTORY

FACILITY Lagoon Corporation LIC/REG # 87-C-0002 DATE 5-12-99

ANIMAL TYPE	# INSPECTED	OLD LARIS CODE
No Animals Inspected		4
Adult Dog		5
Puppy		5
Adult Cat		6
Kitten		6
Guinea Pig		7
Hamster		8
Rabbit		10
Group 1 Nonhuman Primate (Marmoset, Tamarin)		10
Group 2 Nonhuman Primate (Capuchin, Squirrel Monkey)		10
Group 3 Nonhuman Primate (Macaque, African Species)		10
Group 4 Nonhuman Primate (Male Macaque, Large African Species)		10
Group 5 Nonhuman Primate (Baboon)		10
Group 6 Nonhuman Primate (Great Ape)		10
Group 1 Cetacean (Beluga Whale, Killer Whale, Bottlenose Dolphin)		11
Group 2 Cetacean (Common dolphin, White Sided Dolphin)		11
Group 1 Pinniped (Fur Seal, Walrus, Harbor Seal, Sea Lion)		11
Group 2 Pinniped (Bearded Seal, Ringed Seal, Hooded Seal)		11
Polar Bear		11
Sea Otter		11
Sirenian		11
Bear (Other Than Polar Bear)	1	19
Elephant		18
Large Wild/Exotic Felid (Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Cheetah, Mountain Lion)	8	16
Small Wild/Exotic Felid (Bobcat, Lynx, Ocelot, Caracal)		16
Large Wild/Exotic Canid (Wolf)		15
Small Wild/Exotic Canid (Fox, Jackal, Dingo, Coyote, Hvena)		15
Pocket Pet (Hedgehog, Sugar Glider)		18
Wild/Exotic Hoofed Animal (Tapir, Rhino, Hippo, Giraffe, Antelope)	37	20
Wild/Exotic Other Animal (Kangaroo, Opossum, Bat, Porcupine, Weasel)		99 (includes 17, 18)
Farm Animal	17	14