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### **Inspection Report**

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR RESCUED ANIMALS 17552 F M 14 TYLER, TX 75706 Customer ID: 7538

Certificate: 74-C-0418

Site: 002

TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 08-APR-2021

#### 2.40 Critical

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

Accurate and timely communication with a veterinarian does not appear to have occurred for the following animals.

- \* Amir (male tiger, DOB 8/7/98): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, the veterinarian noted Amir "needed a slight increase in weight, with a dental check in the future". On May 9, 2018 daily records indicated he did not eat his complete diet for the day. From May 9th through June 19th he consistently refused to eat larger and larger portions of his food. On June 19th he was found dead in his yard. At no time between May 9th and June 19th was it noted that a veterinarian examined this animal.
- \* Greg (male tiger, DOB 10/8/98): According to facility records, this animal was noted to have a distended abdomen on Sept 18, 2018. Records also indicate he was not eating his complete diet for several weeks prior to Sept 18th and was finally euthanized on Oct 2, 2018. At no time between Sept 18, 2018 and Oct 2, 2018 do records indicate that a veterinarian examined this animal.
- \* Juda (male lion, DOB 4/1/00): During the Jan 2018 USDA veterinary check, Juda was noted to be thin, to have muscle atrophy in his rear legs and was wobbly. Records indicate the veterinarian recommended Metacam for a couple of days. The notes also stated that if there was no improvement, then the veterinarian should be contacted. The next note in Juda's record indicates he was euthanized on July 15, 2018. There are no notes or documents indicating the veterinarian

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examined this animal between Jan 2018 and July 2018.

\* Kumari (female tiger, DOB 7/8/07): The only records available for Kumari were from Sept 7, 2019 forward. Starting on that date until the day she died, she was not eating her complete diet. On Sept 19, 2019 records indicated she was observed eating dirt. On Sept 24, 2019 she underwent an ovariohysterectomy. She died the next day. There are no records indicating a veterinarian examined her before Sept 24th.

\* Kenya (female lion, DOB 1999): Records indicate Kenya was noted to be bloated on June 3, 2020 and breathing heavily on June 9, 2020. She was euthanized on June 17, 2020. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian prior to being euthanized.

\* Sarge (male tiger, DOB 5/24/02): Records available for Sarge indicate blood was taken on Mar 31, 2020. He was having diarrhea in Sept and Oct, then was euthanized on Nov 2, 2020. There is nothing indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between Mar 31, 2020 and the date of euthanasia.

\* Scrunches (female lion, DOB 11/2001): Records available for Scrunches indicate she had an episode of vomiting and nausea In Aug 2018. No records were found indicating a veterinarian was contacted about this episode. On Jan 9, 2019 she was noted to be dragging herself around the enclosure. A veterinarian was consulted via phone call on Jan 17, 2019 however the cat was not examined by the veterinarian until she was euthanized on Jan 23, 2019.

\* Sierra (female tiger, DOB 9/14/98): On April 21, 2018 records indicate Sierra "looked dizzy this afternoon". Over the next several months she had multiple episodes of stumbling, back end weakness, and collapsing. She was euthanized on Aug 18, 2018. There are no records indicating she was examined by a veterinarian between April 21 and Aug 18, 2018.

\* Tara (female tiger, DOB 4/2/03): Records indicate Tara was observed vomiting on Feb 17, 2020 but was not evaluated by a veterinarian until Feb 24, 2020 when she died under anesthesia.

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\* Coco (male cougar, DOB 11/19/03): Records indicated Coco was noticed to be lame in March 2018. He was euthanized on June 8, 2018. There are no records indicating he was examined by a veterinarian between March and June 2018.

\* Dakari (serval, DOB unknown): According to the attending veterinarian, this cat was treated by the facility for a week prior to seeking medical care with the veterinarian. The animal ultimately died.

All of the above animals showed clinical signs for weeks, sometimes months, without being examined by a veterinarian.

All animals, especially geriatric animals, must be monitored daily by a qualified individual and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication with the veterinarian needs to be established.

To be corrected by: April 26, 2021

#### 2.75(b)(1)(vi)

Records: Dealers and exhibitors.

Records of acquisition were not provided for the following animals:

Bellatrix (bobcat, acquired/DOB 9/24/19)

Ember (bobcat, acquired/DOB 4/15/20)

Sitaara (tiger, acquired/DOB 9/23/20)

Lily (ring-tailed lemur, acquired/DOB 3/19/20)

Dunkin, Sweet Pea, Rocket (Racoons, acquired/DOB 5/28/19)

Whiskey, Tango (foxes, acquired/DOB 4/5/20)

The facility must make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose all required information concerning animals other than dogs or cats, purchased, or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control, or which is transported, sold, euthanized or otherwise disposed of.

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Acquisition and disposition records are necessary to be able to accurately track animals being used in regulated activities to ensure their legal acquisition, proper care, and humane transportation.

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#### 3.81

#### Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

Facilities that house primates must have an appropriate plan for environment enhancement adequate to promote the psychological well-being of nonhuman primates. The plan must be in accordance with the currently accepted professional standards as cited in appropriate professional journals or reference guides, and as directed by the attending veterinarian. When communicating with the attending veterinarian, she indicated she has not seen nor created an enrichment plan for the primates. A plan needs to be created and approved by the attending veterinarian.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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# **Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
7538	74-C-0418	002	TIGER MISSING LINK, INC.	08-APR-2021

Count 000001 000002	Scientific Name Macaca mulatta Panthera leo	Common Name RHESUS MACAQUE LION
000003	Puma concolor	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	Leptailurus serval	SERVAL
000004	Lynx rufus	BOBCAT
000001	Leopardus geoffroyi	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000017	Panthera tigris	TIGER
000002	Lemur catta	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	Sus scrofa domestica	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	Urocyon cinereoargenteus	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000003	Procyon lotor	RACCOON
000038	Total	