



## Inspection Report

THE MOBILE ZOO

Customer ID: **31840**

Certificate: **64-C-0178**

Site: 001

THE MOBILE ZOO

15161 WARD ROAD

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Jan-13-2010

WILMER, AL 36587

### 2.40 (b) (2) DIRECT NCI

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

- (b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
  - (2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

\*\*\*The female potbelly pig is emaciated. She has a large mass in the mammary area that is in contact with the ground. The pig appears alert and is able to move around. She is said to have a good appetite but is unable to gain weight. There are no records indicating the pig has been examined by the veterinarian. This animal shall be examined by the veterinarian and treated accordingly. Correct by January 18, 2010.

### 2.40 (b) (2) ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

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\*\*\*There are two bottles of bovine rhinotracheitis vaccine and one bottle of tetanus toxoid that expired in august of 2009 (8/12, 8/21 and 8/27). All expired medication shall be discarded or clearly labeled expired and stored separately from medications to be used on regulated species. Correct by January 21, 2010.

### 3.125 (a) FACILITIES, GENERAL.

- (a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

\*\*\*There is an old, broken down, wooden dog house type shelter in the primary enclosure for the patagonian cavy. The shelter has boards that have fallen or rotted. This shelter shall be removed from the enclosure to protect the

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patagonian cavies from exposure to exposed nails and broken boards which could cause injury. Correct by January 21, 2010. (affects 7)

\*\*\*There is an electrical wire partially attached to the back fence of the enclosure housing the juvenile llama. The wire has been run along the fence where possible but is not attached toward the front of the enclosure where it droops down in the enclosure allowing the llama to have access to it. This wire could potentially cause injury if the llama were to bite it or run into it. The wire shall be run in a manner that will prevent access or it shall be removed thereby protecting the llama from injury or possibly death. Correct by January 21, 2010. (affects 1)

### 3.127 (b)

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(b) Shelter from inclement weather. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals. Individual animals shall be acclimated before they are exposed to the extremes of the individual climate.

\*\*\*The large enclosure for the scottish highland cattle and the bison does not have a shelter from the cold. There is an inadequate amount of natural barrier from the wind and rain to protect the number of animals in the enclosure. The temperature at night in this area has dropped into the twenties. Low temperatures can cause discomfort. A shelter shall be provided for protection from inclement weather and to prevent discomfort. Correct by January 28, 2010

### 3.127 (c)

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(c) Drainage. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

\*\*\*There is a large puddle of water in front of the watering trough provided for the cattle and bison. The only way for the hoof stock to access the water trough is to walk through the puddled water. Proper drainage must be provided to eliminate the pooling of water in this area to allow the hoof stock dry ground to access the potable water. Correct by January 19, 2010.

### 3.127 (d)

#### 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,

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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 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.

\*\*\*The perimeter fence around the raccoon enclosure is approximately five and a half feet tall and there is no perimeter around the opossum and coatimundi enclosures. A six foot perimeter fence is required for these animals to restrict animals and unauthorized persons from having contact with the animals as required in this section . Correct by February 14, 2010.

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### 2.31 (d) (1) (iii)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

(d) IACUC review of activities involving animals. (1) In order to approve proposed activities or proposed significant changes in ongoing activities, the IACUC shall conduct a review of those components of the activities related to the care and use of animals and determine that the proposed activities are in accordance with this subchapter unless acceptable justification for a departure is presented in writing; Provided, however, That field studies as defined in part 1 of this subchapter are exempt from this requirement. Further, the IACUC shall determine that the proposed activities or significant changes in ongoing activities meet the following requirements:

(iii) The principal investigator has provided written assurance that the activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments;

\*\*\*There is no assurance statement written to indicate that the activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous activities. The statement must be included in the approved protocol to justify the study. Correct by February 14, 2010

### 2.32 (a)

#### PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS.

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the research facility to ensure that all scientists, research technicians, animal technicians, and other personnel involved in animal care, treatment, and use are qualified to perform their duties. This responsibility shall be fulfilled in part through the provision of training and instruction to those personnel.

\*\*\*There are no training records documenting any of the animal caretakers or students have been trained and are fully qualified to perform their responsibilities with the animals in their care. Training must be provided and documentation maintained for review. Correct by February 14, 2010.

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### 2.126

#### ACCESS AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS AND PROPERTY.

(a) Each dealer, exhibitor, intermediate handler, or carrier, shall, during business hours, allow APHIS officials:

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Focused inspection for direct noncompliances on last inspection. The animals have been examined by the Veterinarian and are currently under treatment. Satisfactorily corrected.

No non-compliance.

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### 2.30 (a) (1)

#### REGISTRATION.

(a) Requirements and procedures.

(1) Each research facility other than a Federal research facility, shall register with the Secretary by completing and filing a properly executed form which will be furnished, upon request, by the AC Regional Director. The registration form shall be filed with the AC Regional Director for the State in which the research facility has its principal place of business, and shall be updated every 3 years by the completion and filing of a new registration form which will be provided by the AC Regional Director. Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, where a school or department of a university or college uses or intends to use live animals for research, tests, experiments, or teaching, the university or college rather than the school or department will be considered the research facility and will be required to register with the Secretary. An official who has the legal authority to bind the parent organization shall sign the registration form.

\*\*\*In the past, the zoo has allowed students from the Universities to conduct observational studies on some of the zoo animals. During today's inspection information was provided that indicates that a Principal Investigator associated with the zoo has begun research that requires a research registration. The current studies include training a "go-left/go-right auditory localization response" in which the animals are rewarded with treats for certain behaviors. The food provided the animals is reduced prior to performing the tests in order to motivate them for specific behaviors. This type of study is not considered to be a typical "field study" in that the animals are receiving operant training. These studies are not covered by the University and the IACUC for the University has not approved any of the protocols written for this research. The type of studies listed above are to be discontinued until a valid research registration is obtained. Correct immediately.

### 2.40 (b) (2)

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\*\*\*The grey fox has an ocular discharge and it's left eye appears droopy. These are indications of illness or injury.

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This animal shall be examined and treated accordingly to provide for its health and well-being. Correct by July 3, 2009.

\*\*\*The Himalayan bear was observed continually scratching against the fence or wall. She has alopecia along her dorsum and rump area. The scratching has left abrasions on her skin. The attendant indicated the owner was told about the bears' condition and the owner stated that it was time to deworm the bear. The deworming schedule for the bears is inconsistent and there are no records indicating the bear has been examined for diagnosis and treatment. The bear must be examined and treated accordingly. A proper and effective preventive care schedule must be developed and maintained to provide for the health and well-being of the animals. Correct by July 3, 2009

### 3.81

#### ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT TO PROMOTE PSYCHOLOGICAL WELL-BEING.

Exhibitors, and research facilities must develop, document, and follow 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. This plan must be made available to APHIS upon request, and, in the case of research facilities, to officials of any pertinent funding agency. The plan, at a minimum, must address each of the following:

- (a) Social Grouping
- (b) Environmental Enrichment
- (c) Special Considerations
- (d) Restraint devices
- (e) Exemptions

\*\*\*There is no written Environmental Enhancement Plan. The plan shall be written and approved in consultation with the attending veterinarian. It must address all singly housed primates currently present at the zoo. Correct by July 31, 2009.

### 3.125 (c)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(c) Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies of perishable food.

\*\*\*The storage room, where the freezers containing the meat for the carnivores is located, is very cluttered. There are bags, supplies, dewormers etc., throughout the room. One of the freezers is not working and has been moved away from the wall. On the ground where the freezer was there is an accumulation of rodent droppings. The droppings indicate a pest control problem. The clutter adds to the problem as an attractant for rodents. This room shall be cleaned and organized to discourage vermin infestation. July 6, 2009.

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### 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.

\*\*\*The public barrier in front of the Patagonian cavy enclosure is not complete. There is a three foot span in front of the enclosure at the entrance to the viewing platform that has no barrier. This opening will not deter viewers from walking up to the fence and possibly coming in contact with the animals. A barrier must be provided to protect the animals and public from direct interaction. Correct by May 7, 2008.

### 3.125 (a)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

\*\*\*The resting platform in the corner of the enclosure for the black leopard is falling off of the wall. It appears loose enough that it could fall and potentially cause injury. The platform shall be properly secured or removed to prevent injury. Correct by May 15, 2008.

\*\*\*The capture crate in the coatimundi enclosure has a thin wire mesh top that has a hole in it. There are wire points exposed that the coatimundi may come in contact with and become injured by. Correct by May 30, 2008.

\*\*\*The chain-link composing the roof of the raccoon enclosure is sagging in the center. It appears there are additional support bars running across the roof but the roof appears to be caving in at the center. This structure shall be repaired to prevent collapse thereby ensuring the safety of the raccoons in the enclosure and preventing their escape. Correct by May 30, 2008.

\*\*\*The black bear are digging under the enclosure fence. There are areas beneath the fence where the dirt has been

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removed leaving holes big enough for the bears to get a paw through. Although a new enclosure is being built for the bears, the current enclosure must be maintained to protect the bears and keep them secured within. Correct by May 15, 2008.

### 3.125 (c)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

3.125 (c) (continued)

(c) Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies of perishable food.

\*\*\*The freezer used to store the meat has loose pieces of meat, wrappers, etc., accumulating in the bottom. The sides of the freezer have thick accumulated ice. There are boxes of meat that are open in the freezer and the meat has freezer burn. This freezer shall be thawed and cleaned. All meat stored in the freezer shall be properly wrapped or boxed to adequately protect the meat from contamination and freezer burn. Correct by May 15, 2008.

### 3.127 (a)

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(a) Shelter from sunlight. When sunlight is likely to cause overheating or discomfort of the animals, sufficient shade by natural or artificial means shall be provided to allow all animals kept outdoors to protect themselves from direct sunlight.

\*\*\*There is minimal shade provided for the white tiger in the back pen. There was no shade observed in the outdoor enclosure leaving the only shade provided in the night house. The tiger does have free access to the night house but additional shade must be provided in the outside enclosure to protect the tiger from the direct rays of the sun. Correct by May 15, 2008.

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