



Inspection Report

JOEL ALMQUIST

Customer ID: **8292**

Certificate: **93-C-0581**

Site: 001

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FOREVER WILD EXOTIC ANIMAL SANCTUARY

8545 BUTTERMERE ROAD

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: May-20-2010

PHELAN, CA 92371

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.***

Shade in a number of Felid enclosures may be inadequate for the extremes of temperature present during the summer months. A single layer of shade cloth covering 25-40% of an enclosure will allow for heat buildup. Additionally, many shelter boxes were not in shade at time of inspection, and as such will quickly become overheated. These boxes provide an area out of public view, which can lower the stress of an animal on exhibit. A system must be in place to provide adequate amounts of shade during the upcoming summer months.

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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, 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. Such fences less than 3 feet in distance from the primary enclosure must be approved in writing by the Administrator.

- Gate by freezer has a gap under it that would allow for access by animals the size of small dogs. Perimeter fence must be maintained to restrict access by animals.

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- Felid "Zorro" - corner of enclosure is less than three feet from perimeter fence, and door areas with surrounding gaps are present at the closest point in both fence and enclosure. Enclosure and perimeter fence must be at least three feet apart, or a solid barrier must be present.

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- Wood piled by fence behind small cats reduces the effective height of the perimeter fence. Objects must not be placed up against perimeter fence.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: 5-30-10

3.129 (a)

FEEDING.

*** (a) The food shall be wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. Animals shall be fed at least once a day except as dictated by hibernation, veterinary treatment, normal fasts, or other professionally accepted practices.***

- Felid diet has been changed since last approved in writing by the attending vet. As the diet is not a commercially prepared diet, it must be approved by the attending vet or a nutritionist to ensure it is of sufficient nutritive value. In order to demonstrate such approval, the diet should be in written form, with the appropriate signatures.

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- Pot Belly pig is grossly obese. Large amounts of fruit and vegetables are in the pen, far exceeding the amount a single pig would require in a day. With the large amounts, the animal has been allowed to engage in preferential feeding, as well as overeat. This puts the pig at risk, both from obesity and an unbalanced diet. An adequate diet must be fed, and the amount must be appropriate to allow for gradual weight loss.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: 5-22-10

3.131 (a)

SANITATION.

*** (a) Cleaning of enclosures. Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and to reduce odors.***

Cougar "Nakai" has a buildup of feces present in den box, such that the cat would not be able to avoid contact with feces. Cleaning schedule is inadequate for an animal that routinely poops in the shelter box.

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An exit interview was conducted with facility personnel.

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