



Inspection Report

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CENTER,

Customer ID: 3516

Certificate: 84-C-0019

Site: 001

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CTR., INC.

1946 WCR 53

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Mar-16-2011

KEENESBURG, CO 80643

3.125 (a) REPEAT FACILITIES, GENERAL.

<<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 primary enclosure fence for 9 tigers in the East Tiger habitat has a section of fencing on the northeast side that is bowed such that it is no longer structurally sound and may not adequately contain the animals. There are also broken wires along the east side of this enclosure that have sharp ends protruding into the enclosure that pose a risk of injury for these animals.

The eastern primary enclosure for 9 wolves has a hole dug under the enclosure fence from the outside of the fencing on the north side that appears to extend under concrete panels along the inside of the fencing and poses a risk for escape of these animals.

The southwestern primary enclosure for 4 wolves has a concrete shelter structure that has exposed wire/rebar that has sharp edges protruding which pose a risk of injury to these animals.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited during the inspection performed on 11/19/10 and which had a correction date of 11/30/10.

3.127 (d) REPEAT FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

<<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... 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

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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.>>

The outdoor housing for 21 lions is not enclosed by a perimeter fence. A perimeter fence is required for all outdoor housing facilities to protect the animals by restricting animals and unauthorized persons and to act as a secondary containment system for these animals.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited during the inspections performed on 4/23/09, 11/6/06, 5/31/06, and 2/23/06 and which had a correction date of 3/2/06.

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The primary enclosure fence for 9 tigers in the East Tiger habitat has a section of fencing on the northeast side that is bowed such that it is no longer structurally sound and may not adequately contain the animals. There are also broken wires along the east side of this enclosure that have sharp ends protruding into the enclosure that pose a risk of injury for these animals.

The eastern primary enclosure for 9 wolves has a hole dug under the enclosure fence from the outside of the fencing on the north side that appears to extend under concrete panels along the inside of the fencing and poses a risk for escape of these animals.

The southwestern primary enclosure for 4 wolves has a concrete shelter structure that has exposed wire/rebar that has sharp edges protruding which pose a risk of injury to these animals.

The northwestern primary enclosure for 7 wolves had chain link fencing on the ground that was exposed on the north end of the enclosure which is usually buried by dirt and grass. There were sharp edges and the chain links pose a risk for the wolves feet getting caught. This poses a risk of injury to these animals.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited during the inspection performed on 11/19/10 and which had a correction date of 11/30/10.

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elephants... 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.>>

The outdoor housing for 21 lions is not enclosed by a perimeter fence. A perimeter fence is required for all outdoor housing facilities to protect the animals by restricting animals and unauthorized persons and to act as a secondary containment system for these animals.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited during the inspections performed on 4/23/09, 11/6/06, 5/31/06, and 2/23/06 and which had a correction date of 3/2/06.

Accompanied on the inspection by the Owner and Cindy Rhodes, ACI. Exit interview conducted on site.

***This is a corrected report to include an additional noncompliance identified during the inspection under Section 3.125 that was mistakenly left out of the original report.

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3.125 (a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

<<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 shelter structure for two tigers, TJ and Tahoe, has deterioration of the concrete on the top north side that is exposing chain-link fencing material. The structural strength at this end of the shelter compromised and should be repaired to protect the animals from injury.

Housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury.

To be corrected by 11/30/10.

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No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.

This was a focused inspection to evaluate previously cited noncompliances. Accompanied on the inspection by the Owner and Cindy Rhodes, ACI. Exit interview conducted on site with the Owner.

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3.125 (a) REPEAT FACILITIES, GENERAL.

<<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 sheltered housing facility has broken and bent wire at the top of the fencing between several of the outdoor enclosures (Selena and Goldberg and Jack and Lilly) on the south side of the round building. This area poses a risk for the animals for injury or for containment of these animals. The shelter structure in the outdoor enclosure for 5 leopards has several nails that are protruding into the shelter and pose a risk of injury to these animals. The southeast side of the outdoor enclosure for 8 wolves has a large hole dug under the fencing that is large enough for the animals to escape from this enclosure and into the space between this enclosure and an adjacent enclosure for 4 wolves.

The 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.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited on the inspections performed on 8/15/05, 2/23/06, 5/31/06, 7/10/07, 5/15/08, 4/23/09, 12/2/09 and 3/4/10 and which had a correction date of 8/20/05.

3.131 (c) REPEAT SANITATION.

<<Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.>>

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In the indoor tiger housing facility, there are 4 enclosures that have peeling paint on the floor where the animals rest and where food is placed for daily feeding. These surfaces are not able to be adequately cleaned and the paint could be ingested during feeding or grooming.

This is a repeat noncompliance which was cited during the inspections performed on 8/15/05 and 7/21/04 and which had a previous correction date of 8/5/04.

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The outdoor housing facility for 2 tigers has bent wire at the bottom of the enclosure on the west side of the enclosure, causing a gap of ~3 inches from the bottom of the fencing and the ground and which appears to extend ~5 feet in length along the fenceline. This area poses a risk for the animals for injury or for containment of these animals. The outdoor enclosure for 3 servals has a splintered board on the resting platform that poses a risk of injury to these animals. The southeast side of the outdoor enclosure for 10 wolves has 2 large holes dug under the enclosure that extend under the concrete barriers and are potentially large enough for the animals to escape from this enclosure.

The 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.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited on the inspections performed on 8/15/05, 2/23/06, 5/31/06, 7/10/07, 5/15/08, 4/23/09, and 12/2/09 and which had a correction date of 8/20/05.

Accompanied on inspection by the Owner, Cindy Rhodes, ACI, CDOW Area Wildlife Manager, CDOW District Wildlife Manager, and the CDOW Commercial Parks Manager.

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<<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 East outdoor tiger enclosure for one adult male tiger, "Ivan", has bent wire at the bottom of the south chainlink wall that is protruding into the enclosure. This has numerous sharp points that pose a risk for injury for this animal.

The outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited on the inspections performed on 8/15/05, 2/23/06, 5/31/06, 7/10/07, 5/15/08, and 4/23/09 and which had a correction date of 8/20/05.

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3.127 (a)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

<<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.>>

The outdoor enclosure for 2 Mountain Lions ("Liberty" and "Major") does not have sufficient shelter from sunlight for these animals.

Sufficient natural or artificial shade shall be provided for all animals as protection from direct sunlight.

To be corrected by 8/12/09.

Previous noncompliances identified have been corrected.

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In the south tiger habitat, there is a hole in the chain link fencing where the wires are broken that is approximately 8" wide. There is also an area at the bottom of the north end of the fencing of the south tiger habitat that has broken wires that protrude into the southwest tiger enclosure. The southwest bear habitat has at least 3 resting platforms that have rebar protruding from at least one side of the platforms. These items pose a risk for injury to the animals contained in these enclosures.

The housing facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited on the inspections performed on August 15, 2005, February 23, 2008, May 31, 2006, July 10, 2007, and on May 15, 2008 and which had a correction date of August 20, 2005.

3.127 (d) REPEAT FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

<<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.>>

There is no perimeter fence in place for the temporary outdoor housing for one african lion.

All outdoor housing facilities for potentially dangerous animals need to be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is at least 8' high and that is at least 3' from the primary enclosure fencing in order to keep animals and unauthorized persons out and to act as a secondary containment for the enclosed animal.

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This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited during inspections performed on February 23, 2006, May 31, 2006, and November 6, 2006 and which had a correction date of March 2, 2006.

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No noncompliances identified during this inspection. Previously identified noncompliances have been corrected.

Accompanied on inspection by the Owner and APHIS personnel.

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