



Inspection Report

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Sunrise Side Animal Educat'L Park & Nature Trail
1220 N Kobs Rd
Tawas City, MI 48763

Customer ID: **10779**
Certificate: **34-C-0166**
Site: 001
JAMES SVOBODA

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

On Saturday, July 26, 2014 a zoo patron was given a guided tour by an employee of the zoo. The 15 year old attendant opened an unlocked gate allowing the zoo patron access between the perimeter/barrier fence and the primary enclosure. The patron reached into the primary enclosure and the lion bit the tip of her middle finger off.

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.

Do not allow the public access to the area between the primary enclosure and the perimeter/barrier fence.

To be corrected from now on.

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FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The perimeter/barrier fence gate that allows access between the primary enclosure and the perimeter/barrier fence was left unlocked after morning chores on the day of the bite incident. Leaving this gate unlocked led to the patron of the zoo having access to this area.

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.

This gate must remain locked at all times unless the licensee is doing maintenance work in the area.

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EMPLOYEES.

The licensee has a fifteen year old employee that was responsible for the guided tour at the time of the bite incident. The licensee stated that the employee was not allowed in the area between the primary enclosure and the perimeter/barrier fence. The licensee stated that the 15 year old employee opened the unlocked gate and entered the area between the primary enclosure and the perimeter/barrier fence and that the zoo patron followed her in. There is no documentation of any training of this employee.

A sufficient number of adequately trained employees shall be utilized to maintain the professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart. Such practices shall be under a supervisor who has a background in animal care.

All employees must receive proper training in how to safely give guided tours of the facility. This training must be documented and available for inspection.

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This was a focused inspection of the lion bite incident at the facility.

Inspection and exit conducted with the licensee.

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