



USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINT

Complaint No. W14-052	Date Entered 27-Dec-13	Received By KMG
Referred To Howard	Reply Due 27-Jan-14	

Facility or Person Complaint Filed Against

Name City of Monroe, LA (LA Purchase Zoo)		Customer/License/Registration No. 72-C-0148/8041	
Address P.O. Box 123			
City Monroe	State LA	Zip 71210	Phone No 318-329-2400

Complainant

Name Corey S. Mishler		Organization PETA	
Address 1536 16 th Street, NW			
City Washington	State DC	Zip 20036	Phone No./Email address 202-540-2197/ coreym@petaf.org

How was complaint received?
email

Details of Complaint: Citizens that are familiar with this zoo is concerned about a bear that is being held in a "night house" for a long period of time. This house which doesn't have any natural light coming in for the bear, adequate space for the bear to engage in natural activities, and does not have a pool to help the bear to regulate his temperature. These factors caused the bear to become depressed and all are violations of the AWA.

Results: The following non-compliances were identified during the investigation of this complaint.

- 3.128 Space requirements
- 3.126 Facilites indoor.
- (c) Lighting

Application packet provided? Yes No

INSPECTOR
Don Fox, ACI
Brittany Light, ACI

DATE
5-Feb-14

REVIEWED BY
Tami L Howard, DVM, SACS

DATE
7-Feb-14

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Inspection Report

City Of Monroe L A
Louisiana Purchase Zoo
P. O. Box 123
Monroe, LA 71210

Customer ID: 8041
Certificate: 72-C-0148
Site: 001
CITY OF MONROE, L A

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: Feb-05-2014

3.126 FACILITIES, INDOOR.

(c) Lighting.

***** At time of inspection the indoor lock down area for the bears had insufficient lighting to provide for the needs of the bear which has no access to the outdoors. Additional lighting such as the type that provides full spectrum lighting should be of consideration to those animals that would benefit from natural sunlight and do not have access.

Lighting must provide sufficient intensity to allow for inspections of the area and for the husbandry practices required to maintain the area. Lighting which will provide for all of these requirements needs to be added in the lock downs for the bears.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: 2/21/14

3.128 SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

***** At time of inspection the male bear which is housed in the enclosure indoors closest to the human entry door was confined to an area with no access to the outdoors and had been being maintained this way for a prolonged period of time.

This area combined with a like size indoor lock down area used for lock down of another bear at this facility which has access to the outdoor exhibit area is the only additional space the one bear has access to during those periods when the one bear is on exhibit.

This housing practice fails to provide the bear with access to the outdoors, full access to the benefits of sunshine and of fresh air and the value that both of these provide to help insure good health. This housing situation also is a stress factor to this bear as it has to routinely watch as the other bear is outdoors which is possible by the one opening in the wall of each lockdown looking onto the exhibit which is covered with a steel woven wire covering.

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Title:	ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR	Inspector 4045	Feb-07-2014
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Title:	ZOO DIRECTOR		Feb-07-2014



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This bear needs to be provided with space and access to the outdoors which will aid in reducing the current stress being experienced and to prevent long term lack of exposure to the outdoor elements of sunshine and fresh air which aids in good health.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: 5/7/14

This inspection and exit interview conducted by APHIS, USDA, Animal Care Inspectors and the Zoo Director.

This was a focused inspection of the Bear exhibit only.

END OF REPORT.

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