



Inspection Report

THOMAS EDMONDS
204 MULBERRY ST.
WEST UNION, IL 62477

Customer ID: **334782**
Certificate: **33-B-0435**
Site: 001
THOMAS F EDMONDS

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 29-APR-2021

2.40(a)(1) Critical Repeat

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

There were two vervet monkeys that died in April 2021 due to unknown causes. The female was acting sick for one day and died in the evening. The male appeared fine for four days after the female vervet died, then he died on the 4th day due to unknown reasons. The licensee stated he tried to call several veterinarians including the person he said serves as his primate vet and advised no one would let him bring in the animals as they did not see vervet monkeys, or they did not have time, and the primate vet could not examine the female until 4 days later. The licensee did not contact his attending vet due to assuming they would not work with his primates. There was no additional planning or research on other veterinary clinics for emergency care for the primates if the primate veterinarian was not available.

The lack of formal arrangements with specialists or the attending veterinarian can cause the lack of timely vet care to be provided which can cause the animal to be in unnecessary pain and discomfort. The lack of vet care could be fatal in an emergency situation. There must be a formal arrangement with a veterinarian for every regulated species that the licensee owns.

Each dealer and exhibitor shall employ an attending veterinarian under formal arrangements. In the case of a part-time

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attending veterinarian or consultant arrangements, the formal arrangements shall include a written program of veterinary care and regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the dealer or exhibitor.

2.40(b)(2) Direct Repeat

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

There is a cougar male approximately 5 months old (Mercury) that was observed to be extremely thin with all ribs, hips, shoulders and spine protruding. The flanks were sunken in. The animal appeared very sick and uncomfortable as shown by his tensed abdomen and arched back. The skin was pulled upward (tenting) to check for dehydration, and the skin stayed up in the pinched position until he moved forward, indicating a serious level of dehydration. The cub was very quiet and moved very little even with people there. During the observation, the cougar passed brownish, liquid diarrhea with flatulence. The smell was very strong and pungent, and the feces was light brown with mucus. The cougar took several drinks of water and had a bowl full of meat that was not being eaten. The licensee advised the cougar was sick a month prior with something similar and had looked worse than on this date. A fecal sample was performed at a veterinarian's on March 24, 2021, although the cub had not been taken in for an exam. The fecal revealed coccidia, and rare amounts of tritrichomonas and strongyloides. The licensee stated that the cub was treated and seemed better, however he felt the cougar started to get sick again approximately 3-4 days before this inspection, losing weight and not eating well. The cougar had not been taken to a veterinarian or treated according to veterinary directions on this second episode of illness. The licensee advised he was waiting for a friend that works at the clinic to be available in the next week to go with him to the veterinary clinic.

The lack of appropriate veterinary care in a timely manner can cause a treatable condition to become chronic or fatal if not attended to as soon as the symptoms begin to appear. This delay caused the cub to suffer unnecessary pain and discomfort.

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The licensee was advised during the inspection to contact a veterinarian immediately and take the animal in due to the severe condition of the animal.

The licensee did call and take the animal to the veterinary hospital at the end of the inspection.

Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include: the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat disease and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with licensee.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000005	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000009	<i>Cats</i>	CATS
000002	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000018	Total	