



### Inspection Report

JAMES SVOBODA  
1220 N KOBS RD  
TAWAS CITY, MI 48763

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

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 19-JUL-2021

**2.40(a)(1) Direct**

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

The attending veterinarian for this facility retired 1 1/2 years ago. There is no written program of veterinary care from a new attending veterinarian.

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

A written program of veterinary care, and regularly scheduled visits from an attending veterinarian is required.

To be corrected by July 26, 2021.

**2.40(b)(2) Direct**

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

The adult, male brown bear has a 4-5" diameter ulcerated, red, wound above its left eye. The area around the wound is very swollen. The wound started in October of 2020 as a very small lump, and grew to its current size. The licensee is treating the wound with blue coat. There has been no veterinarian at the facility to properly diagnose and recommend

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treatment for this bear.

The adult bobcat is obese, and has matted hair on the neck and back. The bobcat was noted at time of inspection to walk very slowly, and gently.

Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries.

The attending veterinarian must diagnose and recommend treatment for all animals noted to have a disease or injuries to prevent prolonged suffering and pain of the animals held at the facility.

To be corrected by end of business July 20, 2021.

**2.40(b)(3) Direct**

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

The licensee noted a small growth on the adult, male brown bear in October, 2020. The licensee did not contact a veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment plan. The growth grew larger and the licensees wife stated that the bear tore the the growth off with its paw. This created a 4-5" wound that the licensee has been treating with blue coat.

The adult bobcat is obese, and has matted hair on its neck and back. The bobcat also appears to walk gently as if in pain.

Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include daily observations of all animals to assess their health and well-being. If these daily observations are accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian a method of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information

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on problems of animal health and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

The attending veterinarian must be contacted when any problem of animal health and well-being is noticed. The veterinarian must be contacted to formulate a diagnosis, and recommend a treatment plan to prevent prolonged suffering and pain.

To be corrected by end of business July 20, 2021.

#### 3.125(a)

##### Facilities, general.

The shelter for the black bear, and the brown bear is in disrepair. There are boards that have rotted away at the bottom, and one entire side has been torn down by the bears.

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.

Repair or replace the shelter used by the bears to prevent injury to the animals.

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#### 3.127(b)

##### Facilities, outdoor.

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The two bears do not have appropriate shelter from the elements. The shelter provided has rot at the bottom and only has two sides.

Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.

Repair or replace the shelter so that it provides effective shelter from the elements for the bears.

To be corrected by July 26, 2021.

#### 3.131(a)

##### Sanitation.

The sheltered part of the enclosure for the lion has not been cleaned since last fall per the licensee. There are accumulations of feces, hair, and excess food waste with mold. The bobcat enclosure has excessive feces in the litter box and another area around the center post of the enclosure. These two enclosures have a very strong odor.

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.

Enclosures for animals must be cleaned of excreta and food waste as often as necessary to minimize disease hazards and reduce odors.

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### Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000001	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000007	<b>Total</b>	



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**2.40(b)(2)                      Direct                      Repeat**

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

The wound above the brown bears left eye has increased in size and depth and compromises the entire forehead area above the left eye of the bear. The wound has a necrotic center, is ulcerated and is hairless. There is significant swelling around the wound.

The adult bobcat is obese, and has a matted haircoat down the neck and back. The bobcat is still walking very slowly, gently, and stiff legged.

The nine-year-old male lion known as Damba is very thin with prominent vertebral bodies. According to the licensee this lion was last dewormed one month ago with ivermectin. The licensee did not know when a fecal examination was last done for this lion. The lion has not been seen by the attending veterinarian for his thin body condition.

Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of veterinary care that include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat disease and injuries.

A veterinarian must diagnose and recommend treatment for the bear to prevent unrelieved suffering and pain. The

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matting of hair on the bobcat must be removed to prevent pain and possible irritation/infection of the underlying skin. Failure to have this lion evaluated and treated for its condition can lead to it worsening and causing the animal to suffer. This animal needs to be evaluated by the attending veterinarian for this thin body condition.

**2.40(b)(3) Direct Repeat  
Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).**

The licensee noted a small growth on the adult, male brown bear in October, 2020. The licensee did not contact a veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment for the bear. The growth grew larger and the licensee's wife stated that the bear tore the growth off with its paw. This created a 4-5" wound that the licensee has been treating with Blue Kote. During inspection today the wound appears to be deeper, and necrotic.

The obese bobcat still appears to walk slowly, gently, and stiff legged.

The nine-year-old male lion known as Damba is very thin with prominent vertebral bodies. The licensee was not aware that this animal is too thin. Failure to recognize the thinness of the lion and communicate this to the attending veterinarian in a timely manner can lead to a worsening of the condition and suffering of this animal.

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A veterinarian has not been contacted to address any of these health issues.

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Repeat

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The bobcat enclosure still has excessive feces in the litter box, and another area around the center post for the enclosure. There is a strong odor around the enclosure.

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.

Excreta and food waste must be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to minimize disease hazards and odors.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

KURT HAMMEL, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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