



Inspection Report

CITY OF TOPEKA

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635 S W GAGE BLVD

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

TOPEKA, KS 66606

Date: Jul-26-2010

3.84 (d)

CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

(d) Pest control. An effective program for control of insects, external parasites affecting nonhuman primates, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

Numerous flies were observed on and around a feeding area in the outdoor portion of the gorilla exhibit containing one female gorilla. Facility representatives stated that no fly control program was currently being used in the outdoor portion of the exhibit. Flies can transmit diseases to the animals and contaminate the animal areas and feed. The licensee must establish and maintain an effective program for the control of rodents, insects, birds and mammalian pests.

To be corrected by 12 August 2010.

3.125 (a)

REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) 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.

On 17 April 2010, the daily zoo keeper report referenced a visitor dropping a plastic tumbler cup into an outdoor exhibit containing two bears. One of the bears was observed chewing on the cup prior to its retrieval. On 4 June 2010, the daily zoo keeper report referenced a visitor dropping a "sippy cup" into an outdoor exhibit containing two bears. One of the bears was observed chewing on the cup. Also, on 11 June 2010, the daily zoo keeper report referenced a visitor dropping a plastic bottle into an enclosure containing two bears. Facilities must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury. The facility must develop and implement a maintenance plan which ensures that all animal facilities are maintained in good repair and protect the animals from injury at all times.

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This item also non compliant on 14 April 2010, and 12 August 2009.

3.131 (c)

SANITATION.

(c) 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. Accumulations of trash shall be placed in designated areas and cleared as necessary to protect the health of the animals.

In the "A and M" building, the indoor portion of the hippopotamus enclosure had areas on the vertical bars and bottom portion of the concrete walls (entrance into the shift stall) with areas of peeling paint, and rust. These areas were observed with embedded grime, hair and fecal material, and therefore were not able to be cleaned appropriately. The facility must maintain all surfaces in good repair in order to facilitate acceptable cleaning and husbandry practices and protect the health of the animals. The facility must repair/replace the aforementioned surfaces and ensure that all surfaces are maintained in good repair at all times.

To be corrected by 27 September 2010.

3.131 (d)

REPEAT

SANITATION.


(d) Pest control. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

Two female lions were observed to have lesions on their ears consistent with repeated fly bites. The skin on the top of their ears was covered with a dark brown-black material, and one ear was observed to have fresh blood present. Numerous flies were observed on and around the lions' ears, and both lions were observed shaking their heads and twitching their ears. Although the lions are currently being treated with fly spray and topical wound ointment, facility representatives stated that the outdoor portion of the exhibit had not been treated for flying insects yet this year. Biting flies can cause discomfort, and can transmit diseases to the animals. The licensee must establish and maintain an effective program for the control of rodents, insects, birds and mammalian pests.

This item was also non compliant on 13 January 2010, and 12 August 2009.

The inspection on 26-27 July 2010, and the exit conference on 27 July 2010 were conducted with Natalie R. Cooper, VMO, Jennifer Schmitz, ACI and facility representatives.

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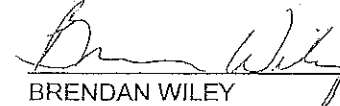

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