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CHATTANOOGA ZOO AT WARNER PARK 1101 MCCALLIE AVE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Sep-29-2010

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37404

2.40 (b) (1)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

2.40(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include: (1) The availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to comply with the provisions of this subchapter;

*The following expired drugs were noted in the animal hospital area:one Dexium inj. 2mg/ml 100ml bottle Lot 8C038 expired Mar 2010, one Atropine Sulfate 100ml inj. bottle lot P148 expired 8/10, one bottle Furosemide 20mg tablets Lot 431751 expired Feb. 2010 Lot 431751 and one bottle of Panacur suspension 10% Lot X EAU expired 4/10. Expired medications may no longer be effective. All expired drugs must be disposed of or labeled expired and segregated in an appropriately labeled, physically separate location. Corrected at time of inspection.

*The sticker on the anesthesia machine states that the machine was due for calibration on 7/7/09. Improper calibration of the anesthesia machine may lead to poor performance which can affect the animal being anesthetized. The machine must be serviced regularly to ensure proper operation. Correct by Dec. 1, 2010.

2.40 (b) (2)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

2.40(b) Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:
(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

*One male white tail deer born July 1990 appears very thin on inspection with ribs and backbone prominent. The deer is alert and moving around its exhibit. Records reviewed show no weights recorded for this animal. The records show that the deer was evaluated on 5/5/09 for weight loss and a fecal was performed. Since then there are no notations of weight or body condition being addressed. A conversation with the staff revealed that a member of the public did file

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a complaint with the zoo about the animal's condition.

*One male mouflon sheep born Sept. 1995 is housed in the petting zoo area with public contact. The animals is thin with a very poor rough haircoat. He is active and moving around the exhibit. Health records show no weights recorded and no notations of weight, body condition or coat condition being addressed.

Older animals often have additional medical needs and need to be monitored more frequently. All health and general care conditions should be reported to the veterinarian and addressed by appropriate methods to ensure the health and well-being of the animals. Documentation should be kept. The facility shall ensure that the appropriate methods are used to prevent, control, diagnose and treat all conditions. Correct by Nov. 1, 2010.

2.50 (c)

TIME AND METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION.

2.50(c) A class "C" exhibitor shall identify all live dogs and cats under his or her control or on his or her premises, whether held, purchased, or otherwise acquired:

- (1) As set forth in paragraph (b)(1) or (b)(3) of this section, or
- (2) By identifying each dog or cat with:
- (i) An official USDA sequentially numbered tag that is kept on the door of the animal's cage or run;
- (ii) A record book containing each animal's tag number, a written description of each animal, the data required by Sec. 2.75(a), and a clear photograph of each animal; and
 - (iii) A duplicate tag that accompanies each dog or cat whenever it leaves the compound or premises.

The adult dog housed in the petting zoo area has a collar on but there are no tags on her collar. It appears that she has lost her official USDA tag. All dogs need to be identified to allow medical and legal tracking. All dogs shall be identified by one of the methods allowed under the Animal Welfare Act Regulations. Correct by Nov. 1, 2010.

2.131 (c) (1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

2.131 (c)(1) 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.

The prairie dog exhibit housing 7 prairie dogs has two public viewing areas consisting of a plexiglass barrier with a wood railing about waist high (approx 3 1/2 ft-4 ft) on an adult human. The sand/dirt in the exhibit has additionally built up against the plexiglass on the inside of the enclosure minimizing the distance from the ground to top of barrier. An adult could reach an arm over the barrier and touch a prairie dog if it were standing in front of the barrier. This may lead to injury to the prairie dog, bite wounds to the human or disease transmission. There must be sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public. Correct by Dec. 1, 2010.

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3.84 (d)

CLEANING, SANITIZATION, HOUSEKEEPING, AND PEST CONTROL.

3.84(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.

Mouse droppings were found in the spider monkey indoor housing building on the counter adjacent to the sink and food/water bowls and on multiple shelves storing other materials. Mice are pests that can transmit disease and cause odor/sanitation issues. The facility's pest control program does not currently specifically address mice. The inspector was told that glue traps are used in the buildings but none were noted in the spider monkey building at the time of inspection. Bait traps were noted outside the building. The facility must establish and maintain an effective program for control of pests including pest mammals. Correct by Nov. 1, 2010.

3.127 (d) REPEAT

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

Sec. 3.127 Facilities, outdoor. (d) Perimeter fence. On or after May 17, 2000, 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...

*The facility does have a perimeter fence but during the inspection it was noted that a door in the perimeter fence leading to a back parking area was left open despite signs on the door for employees to keep the door closed. The vehicle gate in the fence around the parking area was also open. Thus if an animal escaped from its primary enclosure it could escape the zoo property through the open door and gate.

*The decorative sliding entrance doors at the main zoo entrance are made of metal with animal related designs cut out of the metal. The design incorporates large cut out areas through which unwanted animals may enter the zoo or escaped animals may exit.

Lack of an adequate perimeter fence may lead to escape of zoo animals or entrance of unwanted animals and people. All outdoor housing facilities must be enclosed by a functional perimeter fence such that it will keep the zoo animals in and unauthorized animals and persons out.

3.131 (d)

SANITATION.

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

Lots of mouse droppings were found in the loft area of the barn housing the petting zoo goats, sheep and pigs. Bales of hay and bags of shavings are stored in this loft. Mice are pests that can transmit disease and cause odor/sanitation

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An exit briefing was conducted with Director of Exhibits and General Curator.

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