



Inspection Report

WILDLIFE PARTNERS LLC
4630 N Loop 1604 W Ste 305
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78249

Customer ID: **502049**
Certificate: **74-B-0784**
Site: 004
5879 Rockhill Rd

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 20-JUL-2023

2.40(a)(2) Critical

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

On 7/5/2023, the attending veterinarian made a routine ranch visit and was informed upon arrival that the injured female wildebeest described in the 2.40 (b) (3) citation in this report now had an open fracture on the right rear leg . The attending veterinarian's medical notes indicate the body condition score had declined from the last time she had seen the animal and now there was tissue necrosis around the open fracture site. She recommended euthanasia due to very declining body condition and ongoing infection in the leg. She stated to the USDA inspector that she believed the ranch manger would euthanize the animal as she had instructed. On 7/13/2023 , she inquired about the wildebeest and the ranch manager stated that he had not euthanized the wildebeest because the licensee did not want the animal euthanized. The attending veterinarian's medical records state that the licensee was contacted and the poor prognosis and concerns for animal welfare were discussed with the licensee . The licensee did not agree to euthanize the animal but requested surgical amputation knowing it would be conducted under field conditions and would result in distress to the animal. The licensee stated to the USDA inspector that the surgery was performed because the animal was very valuable and he was trying to save her for financial concerns. The recommended treatment of euthanasia by the attending veterinarian was not followed and as a result this animal had a major surgical procedure in a non-sterile area and died 30 hours later. The attending veterinarian must have the appropriate authority to ensure the provision of adequate veterinary care.

CORRECT BY : 7/25/2023

2.40(b)(2) Critical

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Facility records indicate that on 6/18/2023, a young male impala was found with a wound on his left hip and was unable to move his back legs. Despite treatment there was no improvement and the attending veterinarian and ranch employees made the decision to euthanize the impala. Records indicate that 20 mg Sucostrin (succinylcholine) was used for euthanasia and administered by a ranch employee. Sucostrin (succinylcholine) is aneuromuscular blocking agent which when given in an overdose will result in paralysis of muscles that support breathing. It does not produce unconsciousness which is necessary for a humane death. The use of neuromuscular blocking agents such as Sucostrin is not an appropriate method of euthanasia . When asked by the USDA inspector , the attending veterinarian confirmed she did not order the animal to be destroyed with succinylcholine and did not approve this method. The attending veterinarian informed the USDA inspector that she has provided direction to the facility on other methods of euthanasia for animals

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which meet the definition of euthanasia as defined in the Animal Welfare Act. Appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose and treat diseases and injuries must be provided to ensure adequate veterinary care is provided.

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2.40(b)(3) Critical

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

A female wildebeest was found with an injured lower leg on a routine visit by the attending veterinarian to the facility in April 2023. The attending veterinarian stated to the USDA inspector that she noticed the animal with an apparent fracture to the lower right leg during her routine visit. She asked a ranch employee about the animal and was told by the employee it had been like that for a while and they had separated her from the herd. The attending veterinarian was not notified when the ranch employees first became aware that the wildebeest was injured. A delay in communication with the attending veterinarian about serious conditions such as a fractured leg delays necessary treatment and results in prolonging the animals pain and distress. Daily observations may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian, however a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

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2.134(a)

Contingency planning.

The facility has not yet developed or documented a contingency plan. A plan must be developed and documented to ensure employees have the needed information in case of an emergency that is detrimental to the health and well-being of the animals. The plan must provide for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing, and care of animals in the event of an emergency or disaster. The plan must be documented, reviewed yearly and all employees trained within 30 days of employment on the plan.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee by phone.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000011	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>	ROAN ANTELOPE
000009	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000022	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	BLACK WILDEBEEST
000022	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000006	<i>Tragelaphus spekii</i>	SITATUNGA
000119	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	GREATER KUDU
000052	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000068	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	ADDAX
000008	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000038	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	AFRICAN BUFFALO / CAPE BUFFALO
000025	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	SPRINGBOK
000022	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	SABLE ANTELOPE
000042	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	IMPALA
000020	<i>Nanger granti</i>	GRANT'S GAZELLE
000002	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000017	<i>Cervus nippon</i>	SIKA DEER
000070	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	GEMSBOK
000036	<i>Kobus megaceros</i>	NILE LECHWE
000028	<i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i>	BONGO
000017	<i>Capra nubiana</i>	NUBIAN IBEX
000015	<i>Equus grevyi</i>	GREVY'S ZEBRA
000007	<i>Nanger dama</i>	ADDRA GAZELLE
000026	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	REEVE'S MUNTJAC
000046	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	NYALA
000040	<i>Ovis aries vignei</i>	URIAL SHEEP
000036	<i>Damaliscus pygargus</i>	BONTEBOK / BLESBOK
000001	<i>Oryx leucoryx</i>	ARABIAN ORYX
000022	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000047	<i>Gazella thomsonii</i>	THOMSON'S GAZELLE
000018	<i>Rusa unicolor</i>	SAMBAR DEER
000006	<i>Przewalskium albirostris</i>	WHITE-LIPPED DEER
000898	Total	



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