



INSPECTION REPORT

**TIGER MISSING LINK INC.
TIGER CREEK WILDLIFE REFUGE**

**Customer ID: 7538
Certificate: 74-C-0418**

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TYLER, TX 75706**

**Site: 001
TIGER MISSING LINK INC.**

**Inspection
Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: FEB-19-2003**

**3.125 (a) REPEAT NCI DIRECT
FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

THE FACILITY MUST BE CONSTRUCTED OF SUCH MATERIAL AND OF SUCH STRENGTH AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE ANIMALS INVOLVED. THE OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES SHALL BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN GOOD REPAIR TO PROTECT THE ANIMAL FROM INJURY. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE THREE SHEETS (4' x 8") QUARTER OF AN INCH PLYWOOD USED TO PREVENT THE FIVE LARGE CATS (TWO LEOPARDS/THREE LIONS) FROM REACHING THROUGH THE CYCLONE FENCE AT EACH OTHER HAD BEEN DAMAGED BY THE LEOPARDS. ALL DAMAGED WOOD NEED TO BE REPLACED OR REINFORCED TO PROTECT THE ANIMALS FROM INJURY.

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FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

SHELTER APPROPRIATE TO THE LOCAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS FOR THE SPECIES CONCERNED SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL ANIMALS KEPT OUTDOORS TO AFFORD THEM PROTECTION AND PREVENT DISCOMFORT TO SUCH ANIMALS. ONE COUGAR, ONE LION, SIX TIGERS AND ONE LEOPARD WERE NOTED TO NEED ADEQUATE SHELTER BECAUSE OF ANIMAL SIZE (ANIMAL HAD OUT GROWN THE AVAILABLE SHELTER AND /OR HOUSING CONDITIONS) HOUSED IN TRAILER.

PERIMETER FENCE MUST BE IN PLACE AROUND ALL DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS (LARGE FELINES) AND THE FENCE SHOULD BE NOT LESS THAN EIGHT FEET TALL AND AT LEAST THREE FEET AWAY FROM THE PRIMARY ENCLOSURE. THE PERIMETER FENCE AROUND THE FOUR TIGERS HOUSED IN THE TRAILER WAS LESS THAN EIGHT FEET IN HEIGHT (APPROXIMATELY FOUR FEET IN HEIGHT). THIS NONCOMPLIANCE WAS POINTED OUT TO THE MANAGER AND EXPLAINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS.

**3.128 DIRECT
SPACE REQUIREMENTS.**

ENCLOSURES SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED AND MAINTAINED SO AS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT SPACE TO ALLOW EACH ANIMAL TO MAKE NORMAL POSTURAL AND SOCIAL ADJUSTMENTS WITH ADEQUATE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. IT WAS NOTED THAT FOUR TIGERS HOUSED IN A TRAILER DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE SPACE TO MAKE NORMAL POSTURAL AND ADEQUATE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. THE PRIMARY ENCLOSURES LACK RESTING SURFACES FOR EACH

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HOUSED TIGER. THESE NONCOMPLIANCE ITEMS WERE POINTED OUT TO THE MANAGER. TO BE CORRECTED BY: 3-7-03.

THE LAST ROUTINE INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED ON 1-13-03. THIS ROUTINE INSPECTION AND EXIT REVIEW WERE CONDUCTED WITH THE [REDACTED] TERRI BLOCK, USDA SACS, DANIEL JONES DVM AND USDA VMO EARNEST JOHNSON.

INVENTORY: 27-TIGERS, 5-LIONS, 2-COUGARS AND 2-LEOPARDS.

NOTE: CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL NEW HOUSING FACILITIES WERE IN PROGRESS.

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