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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE
(TYPE OR PRINT)

RENEWAL

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SEND THE COMPLETED FORM TO:
USDA APHIS ANIMAL CARE
Eastern Region
920 Main Campus Drive
Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27606-5210
(919) 855-7100

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LICENSE NO./GUST NO. 55-C-0225 40032	RENEWAL DATE 30-Oct-2009	FEES	
		AMOUNT 235.00	DATE RECEIVED 3 SEPT 2009

1. NAME(S) OF OWNER(S) AND MAILING ADDRESS
TIGER WORLD INC
4405 Cook Rd
Rockwell, NC 28138

COUNTY: ROWAN TELEPHONE (803) - 230 - 1239

2. ALL BUSINESS NAME, LOCATIONS, AND ALL SITES HOUSING ANIMALS (P. O. Box not acceptable)
4405 Cook Rd
Rockwell, NC 28138
County: ROWAN

TELEPHONE (804) 279 6363

3. IF PREVIOUSLY LICENSED - NAME AND ADDRESS

PREVIOUS LICENSE NO.:

4. NAME AND ADDRESS OF OTHER BUSINESS(S) HANDLING ANIMALS IN WHICH APPLICANT/LICENSEE HAS AN INTEREST

5. TYPE OF LICENSE

A - Dealer (Breeder) B - Dealer C - Exhibitor

7. NATURE OF BUSINESS (Check item that describes nature of your business)

A - Zoo B - Aquariums C - Auction
 D - Breeder E - Pets F - Roadside Zoo
 G - Circus H - Animal Acts I - Carnival
 J - Drive thru K - Pet Store L - Broker

Zoo

6. DATE OF LAST BUSINESS YEAR

FROM			TO		
MO	DAY	YEAR	MO	DAY	YEAR
0	1	0 8	1	2	3 1 0 8

8. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

Partnership Corporation Individual
 Other (Specify) _____

9. LIST OWNERS, PARTNERS, AND OFFICERS

NAME AND TITLE	ADDRESS
LEA M. JAWNAKAS President/Director	4405 COOK RD. ROCKWELL, NC 28138
(b)(6), (b)(7)c	4400 COOK RD. ROCKWELL, NC 28138
(b)(6), (b)(7)c	4405 COOK RD. ROCKWELL, NC 28138

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TOTAL NO. OF ANIMALS PURCHASED IN THE LAST BUSINESS YEAR

TOTAL NO. OF ANIMALS SOLD IN THE LAST BUSINESS YEAR

TOTAL GROSS AMOUNT DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF ANIMALS

DOLLAR AMOUNT OF WHICH FEE IS BASED (Sections 2.6 and 2.7)

11. EXHIBITOR ONLY (No. of animals holding now or held during the last business year, whichever is greater)

DOGS	0	RABBITS	0
CATS	0	NONHUMAN PRIMATES	12
GUINEA PIGS	0	MARINE MAMMALS	0
HAMSTERS	0	WILD OR EXOTIC MAMMALS	57
OTHER (i.e., farm animals) (List Species and No.)	0	TOTAL:	69

CERTIFICATION

I hereby make application for a license under the Animal Welfare Act 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq. I certify that the information provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby acknowledge receipt of and certify to the best of my knowledge I am in compliance with all regulations and standards in 9 CFR, Subpart A, Parts 1, 2, and 3. I certify that I am over 18 years of age.

13. NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print)

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14. DATE

LEA M. JAWNAKAS President Sept. 1, 2009





United States
Department of
Agriculture

Marketing and
Regulatory
Programs

Animal and
Plant Health
Inspection
Services

Animal Care



EXPIRATION DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2010

This is to certify that

TIGER WORLD, INC

is a licensee
under the

CLASSIFICATION

Animal Welfare Act

(7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.)

CERTIFICATE NO.

65-0-0003

CUSTOMER NO.

40399

Chelsea Spivey

Deputy Administrator

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Tiger Cub Gets Out Of Cage During Training Exercise

Posted: 11:14 pm EDT April 23, 2010 Updated: 9:45 am EDT April 24, 2010

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VIDEO:  [Tiger Scared Students](#)

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Tiger World said none of their cats have ever escaped and no one has ever been hurt at the park.

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State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State

SOSID: 1017705
Date Filed: 12/18/2007 11:58:00 AM
Elaine F. Marshall
North Carolina Secretary of State
C200734500073

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
FOR NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Pursuant to §55A-15-03 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned corporation hereby applies for a Certificate of Authority to conduct affairs in the State of North Carolina, and for that purpose submits the following:

1. The name of the corporation is Tiger World, Inc.

and if that name is unavailable for use in the State of North Carolina, the name the corporation wishes to use is: _____

2. The state or country under whose laws the corporation was organized is: South Carolina

3. The date of incorporation was 1/8/2007 ; its period of duration is: perpetual

4. The street address of the principal office of the corporation is:

Number and Street 4405 Cook Road

City, State, Zip Code Rockwell, NC 28138

5. The mailing address *if different from the street address* of the principal office of the corporation is:

6. The street address and county of the registered office in the State of North Carolina is:

Number and Street 4405 Cook Road

City, State, Zip Code Rockwell, NC 28138 County: Rowan

7. The mailing address *if different from the street address* of the registered office in the State of North Carolina is:

8. The name of the registered agent in the State of North Carolina is: Lea M. Jaunakais

9. The names and usual business addresses of the current officers of the corporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Business Address</u>
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<u>Lea M. Jaunakais</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>4405 Cook Road</u> <u>Rockwell, NC 28138</u>
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P. O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
FOR NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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10. (Check one of the following.)

- a. The corporation has members.
b. The corporation does not have members.

11. Attached is a certificate of existence (or document of similar import), duly authenticated by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the state or country of incorporation.

12. If the corporation is required to use a fictitious name in order to conduct affairs in this State, a copy of the resolution of its board of directors, certified by its secretary, adopting the fictitious name is attached.

13. This application will be effective upon filing, unless a date and/or time is specified: _____

This the 18th day of September, 2007

Tiger World, Inc.
Name of Corporation

[Signature]
Signature

Lea M. Jaunakais, President
Type or Print Name and Title



Notes:

1. Filing fee is \$125. This document and one exact or conformed copy of this application must be filed with the Secretary of State.

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CORPORATIONS DIVISION
TREASURER'S OFFICE

P. O. BOX 29622

RALEIGH, NC 27626-0622



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary

North Carolina

DEPARTMENT OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

PO Box 29622 Raleigh, NC 27626-0622 (919)807-2000

Date: 9/29/2010

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Corporation Names

Name	Name Type
NC TIGER WORLD, INC.	LEGAL
NC TIGER WORLD, INC.	CSL LEGAL

Non-Profit Corporation Information

SOSID:	1017705
Status:	Current-Active
Effective Date:	12/18/2007
Dissolution Date:	
Annual Report Due Date:	
Citizenship:	FOREIGN
State of Inc.:	SC
Duration:	PERPETUAL

Registered Agent

Agent Name:	JAUNAKAIS, LEA M.
Office Address:	4405 COOK ROAD ROCKWELL NC 28138

Mailing Address:	4405 COOK ROAD ROCKWELL NC 28138
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Principal Office

Office Address:	4405 COOK ROAD ROCKWELL NC 28138
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Mailing Address:	4405 COOK ROAD ROCKWELL NC 28138
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Officers

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ABOUT US

Tiger World is a non-profit animal conservation and educational center dedicated to rescue, rehabilitation, and preservation of exotic animals.



Tiger World is a different kind of Zoo. Our educational tours personally guide visitors throughout the preserve learning about each animal providing an individual hands on experience. You will see the animals in a natural setting and have the opportunity to observe them running, playing, swimming, sleeping, eating, and interacting with their handlers.

Our goal is to provide the best environment in captivity for the animals while also offering a stimulating learning environment for visitors. The intimate setting is a great place to bring the family and experience the animals up close and personal.

Tiger World is a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit public charity. We depend on admissions, membership dues, animal adoptions, and tax-deductible donations for funding. Public support is critical to our future.

OUR GOALS

Education - To provide a stimulating learning environment for generations to come. Education is the key to the development of our children. We feel that wildlife and nature sparks the imagination. Tiger World will not just exhibit animals but will also give the people an understanding of endangered wildlife with guided educational tours and a hands on approach to learning.

Conservation & Preservation - To promote awareness about the Endangered and Threatened Species of the world. Our wildlife numbers are decreasing at an alarming rate in their native habitats. In 1978 tigers were added to the Endangered Species List. Worldwide, tiger populations have dropped by almost 98% since 1900 when there were over 100,000 tigers in Asia. The demise of animal populations is due to man. One person can make a world of difference in the choices they make. For example not buying certain products you could be conserving not just our animals but our ecosystem.

Protection & Safety - To maintain a safe secure preserve for the public and endangered and threatened wildlife. Unfortunately reserves in other countries, like Africa and India, are not safe. Poaching, Illegal Trade, and Habitat Destruction are just some of the problems that reserves are facing today. Our facility exists because we need to protect these animals. Zoos and private facilities have provided assistance to responsible genetically diverse breeding programs that will help bring animals like the tiger back from the brink of extinction. This reason alone shows the necessity for a place like Tiger World.



TOUR PACKAGES

Tiger World provides a unique experience for young and old alike - an intimate backstage pass to the world of exotic animals. Tiger World offers a wide variety of animals in natural habitats including:

- Bears
- Lynx
- Birds
- Monkeys
- Lemurs
- Reptiles
- Leopards
- Tigers
- Ligers
- Wolves
- Lions
- and more

We also have featured weekend events like Keeper Talks, Walk on the Wild Side, Safari Camps, Boo at the Zoo, and our Christmas with the Claws. In addition, Tiger World can accommodate private events, functions, and parties. Please call or check our website for more details.

STAYCATION SPECIAL!

Educational Guided Tour Packages Include:

- A guided exploration of the conservation center with a licensed animal handler.
- Fun facts about all the animals you'll encounter.
- Use of our scenic picnic area.
- Interactive Keeper Talk with some of our animals.
- Tours can be customized to fit your curriculum.



The State of South Carolina



Office of Secretary of State Mark Hammond

Certificate of Incorporation, Nonprofit Corporation

I, Mark Hammond, Secretary of State of South Carolina Hereby certify that:

TIGER WORLD, INC.,

a nonprofit corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina on January 8th, 2007, and having a perpetual duration unless otherwise indicated below, has as of the date hereof filed a Declaration and Petition for Incorporation of a nonprofit corporation for Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable, or other eleemosynary purpose.

Now, therefore, I Mark Hammond, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested by Chapter 31, Title 33, Code of 1976 and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, conferred by Chapter 31, Title 33, Code of 1976 and Acts amendatory thereto.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina this 18th day of October, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Hammond".

Mark Hammond, Secretary of State

Note: This certificate does not contain any representation concerning fees or taxes owed by the Corporation to the South Carolina Tax Commission or whether the Corporation has filed the annual reports with the Tax Commission. If it is important to know whether the Corporation has paid all taxes due to the State of South Carolina, and has filed the annual reports, a certificate of compliance must be obtained from the Tax Commission.

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Inspection Report

TIGER WORLD INC

Customer ID: 40032

4405 COOK RD

Certificate: 55-C-0225

Site: 001

TIGER WORLD INC

ROCKWELL, NC 28138

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Feb-16-2010

No non-compliances noted on inspection.

This was a focused inspection of a tiger and a liger currently undergoing veterinary treatment for medical conditions.

End of report

APR 16 2010

Prepared By:


NICOLETTE PETERVARY, V M O USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER Inspector 6005

Feb-16-2010

Received By:

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Date:

Title:

Feb-16-2010



Inspection Report

TIGER WORLD INC

Customer ID: 40032

4405 COOK RD

Certificate: 55-C-0225

Site: 001

TIGER WORLD INC

ROCKWELL, NC 28138

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Dec-07-2009

2.40 (b) (2)

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

(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;

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

Some of the lion and tiger enclosures have chewed plastic barrels with sharp holes in them. One tiger enclosure has a tire with several portions missing. The wolf enclosure contains a worn, chewed ball that appears to be disintegrating. While toys are a source of enrichment that can positively impact the lives of the animals, excessively worn or damaged toys can injure the animals via lacerations or ingestion of broken pieces. Excessively worn or damaged toys must be removed to prevent injuries to the animals.

Corrected at the time of inspection.

End of report

Prepared By:

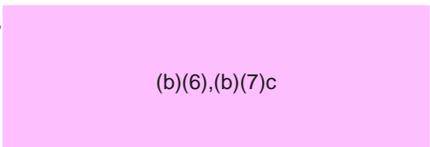

NICOLETTE PETERVARY, V M O USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER Inspector 6005

Dec-07-2009

Received By:


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Date:

Title:

Dec-07-2009



Inspection Report

TIGER WORLD INC

Customer ID: 40032

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ROCKWELL, NC 28138

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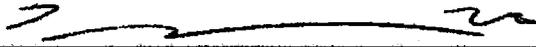
Date: Sep-14-2009

No non-compliances noted during this inspection.

Exit interview conducted with owner.

End of report

Prepared By:


NICOLETTE PETERVARY, V M O USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

Title:

VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER Inspector 6005

Sep-14-2009

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LEX JAUNAKAIS

Date:

Title:

OWNER

Sep-14-2009



INSPECTION REPORT

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TIGER WORLD INC

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TIGER WORLD INC

**4405 COOK RD
ROCKWELL, NC 28138**

**Inspection
Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: AUG-18-2008**

3.75 (c) (1)

HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL

Any surfaces that come in contact with nonhuman primates must: (i) Be free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning and sanitation, or that affects the structural strength of the surface;

***Indoor enclosure for 2 mangabeys has many areas of rust. Support beam on bottom left is completely rusted thru. Indoor enclosure for 3 snow macaques is also rusted. Need to replace structurally damaged metal and resurface rusted metal to ensure all surfaces can be adequately cleaned and sanitized. Correct by October 15, 2008.

3.125 (a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

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.

***Barrier fence in several areas (by main entry gate, by Tarzan/Bagheera leopard, by Willie lion) is loose. Need to tighten fence and make sure fence is securely attached to support posts. Correct by September 18, 2008.

Prepared By:

F BINKLEY, D V M, USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER Inspector ID: 1020

AUG-18-2008

Received By:

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Lee Jaunekals

Date:

Title: LICENSEE

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INSPECTION REPORT

TIGER WORLD INC

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**4405 COOK RD
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**Site: 001
TIGER WORLD INC**

**Inspection
Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: JUN-03-2008**

2.40

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

Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care .

***White tiger "Laska" had fly strike on tips of both ears and several ticks on the left ear. Need to provide better insect control and treatment. Also, several bottles of outdated drugs were found in the kitchen area. Need to dispose of all outdated drugs in a timely manner. Correct all by June 5, 2008.

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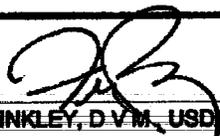
SANITATION.

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

***Numerous flies were swarming the meat preparation table while meat was being cut up. There were fly traps present, but they were not effective in controlling the flies. Several garbage cans were nearby without lids which contributed to the fly problem. Need to have more effective pest control to prevent contamination of meat. Correct by June 15, 2008.

NOTE: This facility is not open to the public yet. Before opening, all public barriers must be completed.

Prepared By:


F BINKLEY, D.V.M., USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER Inspector ID: 1020

JUN-03-2008

Received By:

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Lea Jalnakais

Date:

Title: LICENSEE

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Customer ID: 40032

Certificate: 55-C-0225

**4405 COOK RD
ROCKWELL, NC 28138**

Site: 001

TIGER WORLD INC

Inspection

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: DEC-12-2007

All items in compliance.

Prepared By:

F BINKLEY, DVM, USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

Title:

Inspector ID: 1020

DEC-12-2007

Received By:

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Lea Jaunakas

Date:

Title: LICENSEE

DEC-12-2007



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INSPECTION REPORT

**LEA JAUNAKAIS
TIGER WORLD INC**

**Customer ID: 40032
Certificate: --**

**4405 COOK RD
ROCKWELL, NC 28138**

OCT 11 2007

**Site: 001
TIGER WORLD INC**

**Inspection
Type: PRELICENSE INSPECTION #2
Date: OCT-10-2007**

All items in compliance. Applicant is ready to be licensed as a "C" exhibitor. Check for \$30 was received for license fee.

Prepared By:

F Binkley
F BINKLEY, D.V.M., USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

Title:

SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER, License ID: 4003

OCT-10-2007

Received By:

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Lea Jaunakais

Date:

Title: APPLICANT

OCT-10-2007



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INSPECTION REPORT

**LEA JAUNAKAIS
TIGER WORLD INC**

Customer ID: 40032

Certificate: --

**4405 COOK RD
ROCKWELL, NC 28138**

10/17/2007

Site: 001

TIGER WORLD INC

Inspection

Type: PRELICENSE INSPECTION #1

Date: OCT-02-2007

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SANITATION.

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.

***Ceiling panels in barn where food storage/preparation is located are water-damaged, have large holes, and in some places are falling down. Need to keep premises in good repair to prevent food from becoming contaminated from deteriorated ceiling pane

Inventory: 2 tigers, 1 lion

NOTE: APPLICANT HAS TWO MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PASS INSPECTION WITHIN THE NEXT 90 DAYS. PLEASE CONTACT INSPECTOR WHEN READY FOR NEXT INSPECTION. NO COVERED ACTIVITIES PERMITTED UNTIL USDA LICENSE IS OBTAINED.

Prepared By:

F BINKLEY, D.V.M., USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER (License #): 1020

OCT-02-2007

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Lea Jaunakais

Date:

Title: APPLICANT

OCT-02-2007

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Subject NC-Tiger Gets Out Of Cage During Training Exercise

Sent: Sat, Apr 24, 2010 10:59 am
Subject: [REXANO] NC-Tiger Cub Gets Out Of Cage During Training Exercise

Video

<http://www.wsocvtv.com/news/23251469/detail.html>

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To Kevin L Bolin/NC/APHIS/USDA@USDA
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Subject media links-tiger world escape

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Inspection Report

TIGER WORLD INC

Customer ID: 40032

Certificate: 55-C-0225

Site: 001

TIGER WORLD INC

4405 COOK RD

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

ROCKWELL, NC 28138

Date: May-03-2010

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

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.

***After receiving new information regarding height of fencing necessary to ensure containment of big cats such as lions and tigers, the big cat enclosures at this facility were re-evaluated. One of the big cat enclosures housing 2 ligers and one tiger in the front of the facility is only 11 feet high and has no angled kick-in at the top. There is one area of the fence that is used as a double-entry where there are two 8 foot high fences. The cats in this pen are too large to ensure they are adequately contained with a fence of this height. Need to add additional safety measure such as additional height and kick-ins to ensure animals are adequately contained under all conditions. Correct by June 1, 2010.

Some other big cat pens are 12-13 feet high with no angled kick-in at the top. Need to add additional safety measures as above. Animals affected: 13 lions/tigers. Correct these cages by December 31, 2010.

NOTE: Incident involving trailer is currently under review.

Exit interview was conducted with licensee.

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