



Inspection Report

FELD ENTERTAINMENT INC

Customer ID: 7250

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Site: RED

RED UNIT VARIOUS TRAVELLING LOCATIONS

RINGLING BROS/BARNUM & BAILEY

8607 WESTWOOD CENTER DRIVE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

VIENNA, VA 22182

Date: Jun-10-2011

2.40 (b) (2) REPEAT

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

<<Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries>>

During review of the medical records for Sarah, a 54 year-old Asian elephant, the following notation was made by the Senior Veterinarian on 4/12/11: "History of purulent discharge from the vulva when urinating reported by Elephant Trainer. Purulent discharge noted by me last week and again during walk to venue last night." He notes that an ultrasonographic exam was performed and the conclusion was "possible necrotic leiomyomas, but more consistent with open pyometra." The animal was started on prophylactic treatment for another purpose on 4/12/11 and the written plan was to review blood work (Complete Blood Count (CBC) and Chemistry panel) and reevaluate after a few months dependent upon whether the discharge resolved.

A record of a phone call with the Senior Veterinarian on 6/5/11 noted that the purulent discharge did not resolve with the antibiotic treatment. His directions were "resume twice a day rinse of vulva area to remove material being discharged intermittently. Monitor and consider using endoscope to evaluate source of discharge, although it appears to be from leiomyomas becoming necrotic and causing the discharge." Blood work was performed on 4/14/11 and 5/11/11 which showed a significantly elevated White Blood Count (WBC) (WBC >31,000 and WBC = 30,900, respectively) when compared with the previous blood work which had been performed on 10/12/10 (WBC = 13,300) and on 12/22/09 (WBC = 10,800). Neither a review nor comments by facility veterinarians regarding Sarah's blood work results were found in the medical records.

Sarah's condition was discussed with the Associate Veterinarian on site during this inspection. She stated that she didn't believe the discharge was purulent and that animal's condition was not serious. She stated that the discharge is due to a chronic problem, a rectal fistula communicating with the vestibular area of the reproductive tract, which had been diagnosed prior to her employment (~ 6 years) with the licensee. No record or mention of this diagnosis was seen by APHIS officials during the review of records. She stated that the handlers were managing this condition by periodic flushing. A handler involved in the care of this animal was asked to explain the procedure and how often it was being performed. As he described it, this involved flushing the rectum as needed with water which he stated was sometimes daily but could

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be weekly or even monthly depending on whether discharge was noted or not. A conference call was established during the inspection with the Senior Veterinarian to discuss the discrepancies between his records and how this animal was being treated. When asked what he believed was the cause of the discharge, he stated that it was possibly due to necrotic leiomyomas and that he had advised the handlers the frequency of flushing to twice a day. The handler's description of the flushing procedure was then described to the Senior Veterinarian. The Senior Veterinarian stated that Sarah had an old vestibulo-rectal fistula that changes in size. This had not been noted as a factor in this animal's current condition in any of his records.

Programs of adequate veterinary care shall include the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries. Instructions by the Senior Veterinarian on 6/5/11 to rinse the vulvar area twice a day are not being followed by the handlers. There is a discrepancy between the Senior Veterinarian's medical notes and observations and what was stated by the Associate Veterinarian regarding the character of the discharge and the seriousness of the animal's condition. There has been no documented review of the results of the blood work by facility veterinarians and no concern expressed until APHIS officials called attention to the significant elevation of the WBC in April and May from the earlier results. The Senior Veterinarian's plans from 4/12/11 and 6/5/11 that further diagnostics should be performed if the discharge did not resolve have not been followed at the time of this inspection. No date has been set for repeat of blood work nor for an endoscopic exam. APHIS officials again expressed concern about the elevated WBC and when asked how soon repeat blood work could be performed, the Associate Veterinarian stated it would be some time this month.

The licensee shall conduct the tests necessary to diagnose health problems and develop methods to prevent, control, and treat them.

The licensee shall maintain thorough and complete documentation regarding diagnostics, treatment plans and treatments for the regulated species.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited during the inspection performed on the Blue Unit on 11/18/10.

3.137 (a) (2) REPEAT

PRIMARY ENCLOSURES USED TO TRANSPORT LIVE ANIMALS.

<<Primary enclosures, such as compartments, transport cages, cartons, or crates, used to transport live animals shall be constructed in such a manner that (2) the interior of the enclosure shall be free from any protrusions that could be injurious to the live animals contained therein;>>

Two trailers and one of the two train compartments used as primary enclosures to transport a total of 8 Asian elephants were found to have protrusions that could be injurious to the live animals contained therein.

The first trailer inspected had a wire mesh panel with broken wires protruding into the compartment which is accessible to the animals and poses a risk of injury to these animals.

The second trailer had broken metal trim on the interior surface of the side door used for loading and

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unloading animals that was protruding into the compartment which is accessible to the animals and poses a risk of injury to these animals.

The train compartment (63001) had a ceiling panel that was missing 3 bolts which allowed the sharp metal edge to protrude into the compartment which is accessible to the animals and poses a risk of injury to these animals.

This is a repeat noncompliance previously cited during the inspection performed on the Blue Unit on 11/18/10.

The inspection was conducted by Dr Tracy Thompson, AC VMO and Dr Pamela Smith AC VMO and Cindy Rhodes, ACI at the World Arena and the Fort Carson Army Base train yard in Colorado Springs, CO

The inspection was conducted with the General Manager, Animal Department Supervisor, Operations Manager, Senior Handler, Associate Veterinarian, Veterinary Technician, Assistant General Manager, and an Assistant Handler.

The exit briefing was conducted with the General Manager, Operations Manager, and the Veterinary Technician on site.

8 Asian Elephants inspected: Siam2 (33 yrs), Banko (35 yrs), Baby (50 yrs), Assan (54 yrs), Sarah (54 yrs), Asia (43 yrs), Luna (27 yrs), Tonka (27 yrs).

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ITINERARY *2011***Gold Unit**

**Company headquartered in Vienna, Virginia
Performances throughout the United States as follows:**

<u>City/State</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<i>Winter Quarters</i>	12/13/2010-12/28/2010
West Palm Beach, FL	12/28/2010-01/02/2011
Macon, GA	01/07/2011-01/09/2011
Columbus, GA	01/13/2011-01/16/2011
Savannah, GA	01/20/2011-01/23/2011
Corbin, KY	01/27/2011-01/30/2011
Salisbury, MD	02/03/2011-02/06/2011
Fayetteville, NC	02/10/2011-02/13/2011
Florence, SC	02/18/2011-02/20/2011
Knoxville, TN	02/24/2011-02/27/2011
Augusta, GA	03/03/2011-03/06/2011
Chattanooga, TN	03/10/2011-03/13/2011
Champaign, IL	03/18/2011-03/20/2011
Murray, KY	03/22/2011-03/23/2011
Bowling Green, KY	03/25/2011-03/27/2011
Asheville, NC	03/31/2011-04/03/2011
Indiana, PA	04/07/2011-04/10/2011
Carbondale, IL	04/15/2011-04/17/2011
Cape Girardeau, MO	04/22/2011-04/24/2011
Jonesboro, AR	04/28/2011-05/01/2011
College Station, TX	05/05/2011-05/08/2011
Laredo, TX	05/12/2011-05/15/2011
Hidalgo, TX	05/18/2011-05/22/2011
Odessa, TX	05/26/2011-05/29/2011
Lubbock, TX	06/01/2011-06/05/2011
San Angelo, TX	06/08/2011-06/12/2011
Bossier City, LA	06/16/2011-06/19/2011
Corpus Christi, TX	06/22/2011-06/26/2011
Biloxi, MS	06/30/2011-07/03/2011
Tupelo, MS	07/06/2011-07/10/2011
Waco, TX	07/14/2011-07/17/2011
Lafayette, LA	07/20/2011-07/24/2011
Baton Rouge, LA	07/27/2011-07/31/2011
Little Rock, AR	08/03/2011-08/07/2011
Jackson, MS	08/11/2011-08/14/2011
Loveland, CO	08/18/2011-08/21/2011
Eugene, OR	08/25/2011-08/28/2011
Kent, WA	09/01/2011-09/05/2011
Everett, WA	09/07/2011-09/11/2011
Portland, OR	09/15/2011-09/18/2011
Nampa, ID	09/22/2011-09/24/2011

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ITINERARY **2011 - 2012****Red Unit****Company headquartered in Vienna, Virginia****Performances throughout the United States as follows:**

<u>City/State</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Tampa, FL (rehearsal)	11/16/2010-01/02/2011
Tampa, FL	01/05/2011-01/09/2011
Orlando, FL	01/13/2011-01/17/2011
Jacksonville, FL	01/20/2011-01/23/2011
Birmingham, AL	01/26/2011-01/30/2011
Greenville, SC	02/02/2011-02/06/2011
Greensboro, NC	02/09/2011-02/13/2011
Philadelphia, PA	02/16/2011-02/20/2011
Newark, NJ	02/23/2011-02/27/2011
East Rutherford, NJ	03/02/2011-03/13/2011
Uniondale, NY	03/16/2011-03/21/2011
Youngstown, OH	03/25/2011-03/27/2011
Louisville, KY	03/31/2011-04/03/2011
Hampton, VA	04/07/2011-04/10/2011
Norfolk, VA	04/13/2011-04/17/2011
Richmond, VA	04/20/2011-04/24/2011
Providence, RI	04/28/2011-05/01/2011
Hartford, CT	05/04/2011-05/08/2011
Trenton, NJ	05/11/2011-05/15/2011
<i>TBA - domestic break</i>	<i>05/16/2011-05/22/2011</i>
Hershey, PA	05/25/2011-05/30/2011
Omaha, NE	06/03/2011-06/05/2011
Colorado Springs, CO	06/09/2011-06/12/2011
Las Vegas, NV	06/16/2011-06/19/2011
Phoenix, AZ	06/22/2011-06/26/2011
Tucson, AZ	06/30/2011-07/03/2011
Fresno, CA	07/06/2011-07/10/2011
San Diego, CA	07/13/2011-07/17/2011
Los Angeles, CA	07/20/2011-07/24/2011
Anaheim, CA	07/27/2011-08/07/2011
Ontario, CA	08/10/2011-08/14/2011
San Jose, CA	08/17/2011-08/21/2011
Bakersfield, CA	08/25/2011-08/28/2011
Oakland, CA	09/01/2011-09/05/2011
Stockton, CA	09/08/2011-09/11/2011
Sacramento, CA	09/15/2011-09/18/2011
Salt Lake City, UT	09/22/2011-09/25/2011
Denver, CO	09/28/2011-10/09/2011
St. Louis, MO	10/13/2011-10/16/2011
Cleveland, OH	10/19/2011-10/24/2011
Wilkes Barre, PA	10/27/2011-10/30/2011
Rosemont, IL	11/03/2011-11/13/2011
Chicago, IL	11/15/2011-11/27/2011
Indianapolis, IN	11/30/2011-12/04/2011

*Additional venues currently being negotiated

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<u>City/State</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<i>Winter Quarters (Orlando, FL)</i>	<i>12/06/2010-01/03/2011</i>
Miami, FL	01/07/2011-01/17/2011
Nashville, TN	01/21/2011-01/23/2011
Charlotte, NC	01/26/2011-01/30/2011
Columbia, SC	02/03/2011-02/06/2011
Raleigh, NC	02/09/2011-02/13/2011
Atlanta, GA	02/17/2011-02/21/2011
Duluth, GA	02/24/2011-02/27/2011
Huntsville, AL	03/02/2011-03/06/2011
Cincinnati, OH	03/10/2011-03/20/2011
Washington, D.C.	03/23/2011-03/27/2011
Baltimore, MD	03/30/2011-04/10/2011
Fairfax, VA	04/14/2011-04/24/2011
Charleston, WV	04/27/2011-05/01/2011
Albany, NY	05/05/2011-05/08/2011
Columbus, OH	05/12/2011-05/15/2011
<i>Mobile, AL (domestic break)</i>	<i>05/18/2011-06/05/2011</i>
Mobile, AL	06/09/2011-06/12/2011
New Orleans, LA	06/16/2011-06/19/2011
Oklahoma City, OK	06/23/2011-06/26/2011
San Antonio, TX	06/29/2011-07/04/2011
Houston, TX	07/07/2011-07/24/2011
Dallas, TX	07/27/2011-08/07/2011
Fort Worth, TX	08/10/2011-08/14/2011
Austin, TX	08/17/2011-08/21/2011
Lexington, KY	08/26/2011-08/28/2011
Moline, IL	09/01/2011-09/04/2011
Kansas City, MO	09/07/2011-09/11/2011
Grand Rapids, MI	09/15/2011-09/18/2011
Peoria, IL	09/21/2011-09/25/2011
Manchester, NH	09/29/2011-10/02/2011
Worcester, MA	10/05/2011-10/10/2011
Boston, MA	10/12/2011-10/16/2011
Bridgeport, CT	10/20/2011-10/23/2011
Rochester, NY	10/26/2011-10/30/2011
Pittsburgh, PA	11/02/2011-11/06/2011
Auburn Hills, MI	11/09/2011-11/13/2011

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According to Mikota in biology, medicine and surgery of the ele, any WBC counts above 18,000-20,000 should be considered elevated. neutrophils are more accurately described as heterophils and are in normal range at 2000-4000

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Adding Pam to this.

I've also done some looking for pyometra or uterine infections and they seem to be very rare in eles.

There is a mention in Mikota's medical mgmt. book of a uterine infection in a 46 yr. old circus ele. vague symptoms and a low grade fever (do they take temps with Sarah?). E. coli and beta hemolytic Strep were isolated.

They really need to culture this one. Did they tell you that they haven't cultured it or are you assuming since there is no mention that they haven't?

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INH eliminates only active, growing bacteria. sometimes used for other uses but still not finding any specific ones. Everything I see only mentions it's use for TB. I've looked in a bunch of different places.

Here's another thing to think about (not to use in the report but a possibility): If I had an ele that was MAPIA positive and had a purulent discharge from the repro tract, I would also be culturing it for TB. There have been cases of TB in repro tracts. Two that I can think of off the top of my head and prob. more.

If they aren't going to culture this discharge, they should at least hit it with a broad spectrum and not something with all of the toxic side effects of INH.

But you already knew that.....

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