



## Inspection Report

CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS

Customer ID: **3954**

Certificate: **73-C-0001**

Site: 001

CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS

P. O. BOX J

Type: --RESCINDED--

HUGO, OK 74743

Date: Jan-05-2015

### 2.40 (b) (3)

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

The facility is not utilizing a mechanism to identify, convey, or document treatment of veterinary problems with some of the animals.

**\*\*A female Asian elephant, Nina, has been losing weight and in thin body condition since early 2013. Body weights were taken on 12/19/2013 (5780 lbs), 4/3/2014 (5774 lbs), 11/19/2014 (5386 lbs), and on 12/8/2014 (5280 lbs). The consulting veterinarian has provided guidance regarding increasing the diet and nutritive value of the diet for this elephant but there is not any guidance regarding what percentage of body weight loss would be of concern and would require additional veterinary oversight. This animal has lost 500 lbs in the past 7-8 months, a significant weight loss of 8.7% of total body weight.**

**\*\*Two female Asian elephants, Rosie and Opal, are being treated for stiffness/arthritis with acupuncture and hydrotherapy but this was not prescribed by the attending or consulting veterinarians nor is there documentation as part of the program of veterinary care to show the veterinarians for the facility have approved this treatment plan, treatment goals, nor when there should be a re-evaluation of or change in treatment. The person conducting this treatment was trained by a person who is not a veterinarian nor is accredited to perform acupuncture for veterinary purposes.**

**\*\*A female pygmy hippo, Katie, was noted to be losing weight and not doing well while traveling for exhibition purposes in May 2014. The consulting veterinarian was contacted and the animal was brought to the home facility on 5/16/2014. The consulting veterinarian evaluated the animal on 5/22/2014 and prescribed medication for possible dental disease but there are no records to show that the treatment was given. The hippo was observed 3 more times briefly by the consulting veterinarian (August, September, and October) but the animal was found dead on 11/14/2014. It was determined on the necropsy by the consulting veterinarian that the animal's " body condition is poor with prominent dorsal vertebral spines, illial wings of the hips are visible" and that the most likely cause of death was a heart condition (dilated cardiomyopathy). No weights were ever obtained on the animal and no documentation for daily observation was made to note if her body condition was deteriorating prior to her death.**

Documentation of veterinary conditions, prescribed treatments, and chronic problems that are being monitored is an important component of a functional program for adequate veterinary care as it provides a mechanism for communication between animal care staff and the veterinarians and to ensure that care is

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provided as directed and that the expected outcome is achieved.

\*\*A male llama, Bandit, was noted to have excessively overgrown hooves such that the toes, especially right front and left hind, were curving to the sides. The llama was under veterinary care for an eye problem but no one had noticed or addressed the overgrown hooves.

Excessive growth of hooves changes the angle of the toes, changes the gait, and can lead to chronic problems in the feet and legs such as arthritis.

Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian and that a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

The llama "Bandit" shall have his hooves trimmed by 1/10/2015.

A mechanism for communication of veterinary conditions, treatment, and daily observation shall be established and maintained by 1/17/2015.

Inspection conducted with facility representatives and APHIS AC VMO's on 1/5-6/2014. Exit briefing conducted with facility representatives on 1/6/2014.

Asian elephants inspected: Tommy, Oberto, Hugo, Rosie, Opal, Margaret, Nina, Viola, Kelly, Libby, Alta, Lisa, Beckie, Tracy, Bunny, Suzy, Isa, Lily, Val, Zola, Lulu, Chang, Whimpy, DelRita, Isla.

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The facility is not utilizing an effective mechanism to identify, convey, or document treatment of veterinary problems with some of the animals.

\*\*A female Asian elephant, Nina, has been losing weight and in thin body condition since early 2013. This animal lost 500 lbs during the 7-8 months leading up to the inspection, yet at the time of this inspection, there was not a mechanism in place to provide timely and accurate information on this animal's health and well-being to the consulting veterinarian in charge of her veterinary care.

\*\*A female pygmy hippo, Katie, was noted to be losing weight and not doing well while traveling for exhibition purposes in May 2014. The consulting veterinarian in charge of veterinary care for this animal was contacted, and the animal was returned to the home facility and evaluated by the veterinarian on 5/22/2014. Medication was prescribed, but there are no records to show if the treatment was given. The animal was found dead on 11/14/2014 and it was determined on the necropsy that the animal was suffering from chronic disease, likely related to cardiomyopathy. There is no documentation that weights were obtained on the animal, and no documentation that the facility made daily observations of her condition while her health was declining, and communicated those observations to the veterinarian.

Documentation of veterinary conditions, prescribed treatments, and chronic problems that are being monitored is an important component of a functional program for adequate veterinary care as it provides a mechanism for communication between animal care staff and the veterinarians, and helps to ensure that care is provided as directed and that the expected outcome is achieved.

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There were no non-compliant items identified during the inspection.

NOTE – Inspection was conducted with elephant handler at the Shrine Circus at the Memorial Coliseum in Springfield, MA. Asian Elephants inspected: Becky (47 years); Lisa (46 years); and Traci (47 years). Exit briefing held 5/6/17 on-site with Elephant handler.

\*END OF REPORT\*

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06-MAY-2017



Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3954	73-C-0001	TRA	CARSON & BARNES CIRCUS	06-MAY-17

<b>Count</b>	<b>Species</b>
000003	ASIAN ELEPHANT
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#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

A bottle of hand sanitizer was in the storage container for the food used for the goats , llamas and zebu. Two sacks of feed for the elephants was on the floor in a storage area in a trailer . The floor was damp from recent rain. Hand sanitizer may contaminate the feed for the animals. Storing bags on a damp surface may result in the feed molding which may harm the animals if ingested. All feed must be stored in such a manner that prevents contamination and protects it from deterioration. The hand sanitizer was removed immediately and the feed was placed on a pallet during the inspection.

CORRECTED DURING INSPECTION

The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the circus manager.

Elephants present : Isla and Kelly

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Count	Species
000001	ZEBU
000002	ASIAN ELEPHANT
000002	LLAMA
000005	DOMESTIC GOAT
<b>000010</b>	<b>Total</b>