



Inspection Report

KARL MOGENSEN

Customer ID: 2468

Certificate: 52-C-0035

Site: 001

NATURAL BRIDGE ZOO

NATURAL BRIDGE ZOOLOGICAL PARK

PO BOX 88

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 26 September 2013

NATURAL BRIDGE, VA 24578

2.40 (b)(2) DIRECT NCI REPEAT

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

Each dealer or 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.

***One of the female giraffes has overgrown rear hooves which require trimming. Although the herd is being maintained on gravel, this method appears to not be effective for this particular animal in that her hooves are not improving, but rather have continued to get worse. . Overgrown hooves, when left uncorrected, can over time cause foot and joint problems, resulting in gait abnormalities. For the comfort and health of the animals, trimming must occur frequently enough to prevent this condition. The facility is in the process of building a chute which will allow hoof trimming and other veterinary and husbandry procedures without sedation. Although no specific target dates for correction have been given, on the date of reinspection there was evidence of progress being made on the installation of the chute.

This was a focused inspection conducted to recheck the direct NCI pertaining to the giraffe feet. The zebu's feet were also reinspected and photo shoots with the tiger cub evaluated.

Exit interviews were conducted with staff onsite and with the owner by phone.

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