



### Inspection Report

BIG CAT RESCUE CORP

Customer ID: 3137

Certificate: 58-C-0814

Site: 001

BIG CAT RESCUE CORP

12802 EASY ST

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

TAMPA, FL 33625

Date: Mar-03-2011

3.127 (d)

**REPEAT**

#### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

Sec. 3.127 Facilities, outdoor.

(d) Perimeter fence. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence.

\*\*\*\*\*The top part of the perimeter fence containing two hot wires was disconnected from the electrical supply box and the pole holding it was tilted to the side. The perimeter fence was not functional at the time because it did not have electrical current passing through the hot wires.

\*\*\*\*\*There were areas of the fence that had excess vegetation pulling down on the hot wires.

\*\*\*\*\*There was construction material stored against the perimeter fence which makes it **easy for an animal to climb and jump over the perimeter fence.**

\*\*\*\*\*The perimeter fence must be kept in good repair in order to prevent unauthorized animals or persons from having contact with the animals in the facility and to function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility.

\*\*\*\*\*Correction by 3-30-2011. Items identified were in the process of correction while I was in site. Licensee stated that a new fence was going to be constructed.

\*\*\*\*\*An exit interview was conducted with the licensee on 3-3-2011.

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#### 3.125

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

(a) 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.

\*\*\*The enclosure for the white tiger "Zabu" and the lion "Cameron" was under review on the last inspection. The review has been completed. It was determined that this enclosure requires an additional method(s) to contain the animals. Options were discussed with the staff and Founder.

Correct by: 10-29-10.

\*\*This same enclosure has a pine tree in the rear section where three limbs are growing towards the back enclosure fence. These limbs could provide an escape route. These limbs need to be removed to keep the animals contained and to protect them from possible injury.

Correct by: 10-13-10.

An exit briefing was conducted with the Founder.

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#### 3.127 (d)

##### FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

(d) Perimeter fence. On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities (i.e., facilities not entirely indoors) must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. Fences less than 8 feet high for potentially dangerous animals, such as, but not limited to, large felines (e.g., lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, etc.), bears, wolves, rhinoceros, and elephants, or less than 6 feet high for other animals must be approved in writing by the Administrator. The fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility.

\*\*\*At the back of the facility there is a section of 6 foot chain link with strands of barbed wire above the chain link that have become damaged and pulled down because of cut limbs and vines on the wire. Although the facility has a variance for their chain link fencing, the fencing was not in good repair at the time of the inspection and does not function as a secure perimeter fence. This fencing must be repaired or modified and maintained in good repair to protect the animals by restricting entry of unauthorized persons and to function as a secondary containment system for the animals at the facility.  
To be corrected by June 15, 2010.

\*\*\*There is newer white perimeter fencing at the main entrance and parking lot which measures 93 inches at its lowest point and has posts that measure 96 inches. Although the posts are 8 feet in height, the remainder of the fencing is just under 8 feet. All perimeter fencing less than 8 feet must be approved in writing by the Administrator. The previously approved variance for the chain link fencing does not cover any newer fencing such as the white fencing at the entrance of the facility. This fencing and any other fencing not currently 8 feet in height must be modified so that it is 8 feet or the fencing must be covered under a written and approved variance.  
To be corrected by August 8, 2010

This was a focused inspection of the perimeter fencing and select big cat enclosures.  
An exit interview was conducted on June 8, 2010

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