

## United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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## **Inspection Report**

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Customer ID: 9658

Certificate: 73-C-0139

Site: TRA

JOE SCHREIBVOGEL

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Aug-05-2015

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## HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

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One male tabby tiger cub born 7/17/2015 (19 days old) is located in a public viewing area next to older cubs that are used for public contact. The tiger cub is housed in a play pen type enclosure with no secondary heating or cooling method for climate control. The enclosure is located off to the side behind the public barriers, but it is still located in front of the enclosures holding the tigers used for public contact. The public does not walk directly by the tiger cub in the playpen, however there is a walkway approximately ten feet away from the tiger cub that the public uses to gain access to the area of public contact for the older cubs. The licensee has contact with the general viewing public and states he is the primary caretaker for all of the cubs. The licensee stated that there is no public contact with the young cub. The license also stated the cub is typically located on the RV and not normally out in the public viewing area.

Animals this young in the absence of their parents are not able to adequately thermoregulate and exposure to temperatures which may be comfortable for adults may still be detrimental to the health of young cubs. Exposure to an excessive number of people and other animals at this young age poses a disease risk to the cub. Even indirect exposure via the licensee who has contact with the members of the public and other animals can pose a similar risk to the cub of this age. The practices described above do not constitute handling the cub as carefully as possible and unnecessarily risks harm and discomfort. Young animals may appear to cope with temperature extremes, however when they are this young they are not able to thermoregulate and exposure to certain temperatures can be detrimental to the health of the animal. The licensee must ensure that if tigers are to be removed from the mother that handling must be done as carefully as possible in a temperature regulated environment and that exposure to members of the public and other animals does not occur until the cubs are immunocompetent and vaccinated.

The licensee moved the animal to a climate controlled RV prior to the exit briefing.

To be corrected from this day forward.

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