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Jordan Productions, Inc.
 4040 S. Pearl St.
 Las Vegas, NV 89121

Site TRA
 Davis County Fairgrounds
 151 S. 1100 W.
 Farmington, UT 84025

88-C-0062
 7-21-98
 1630
 Complaint

NARRATIVE

Inspected 2 lions and 4 tigers.

Accompanied on inspection by Jody Jordan and Jairo Obando (lion and tiger trainer).

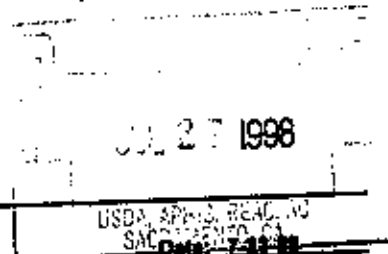
This inspection was to determine the validity of a complaint alleging that the whip was used harshly by the trainer, an object was thrown at a lion, and that the animals were slow and wobbly on their feet.

The 16:30 performance of the circus was observed from the stands. The lions and tigers were observed for almost an hour before the initiation of the 19:30 performance. At the beginning of the 19:30 performance until the lion and tiger act was concluded, this inspector observed from a location beside the mobile primary enclosures adjacent to the round ring used for the performance.

CATEGORY IV: Non-compliant item(s) previously identified that have not been corrected.

Storage of Food, Section 3.125 (c)

-The temperature in the meat storage compartment was not adequate to keep the meat purchased two weeks ago at temperatures low enough to prevent deterioration of the meat. None of the meat was frozen. Mr. Jordan indicated that the meat compartment had been repaired since the previous non-compliance was noted on the inspection of 2/26-27/98. A program should be in place to monitor the freezer to insure that it maintains the raw meat products below freezing for long term storage. A thermometer installed in the freezer would make temperature checks convenient.
 Previous correction date was 03-05-98.



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CATEGORY III: Non-compliant item(s) identified this inspection
"D" Veterinary Care, Section 2.40 (b)

-Two of the tigers exhibited in the 16:30 performance exhibited ataxia (incoordination in their movements). One of these, later identified by Jairo Obando, the trainer, as "Maya", was also obviously limping on the right hind leg. This animal's balance and coordination were affected to the extent that when it performed the fire hoop jump it almost missed the landing on the high pedestal and was wobbly when it landed on the dirt floor of the exhibition ring. The ataxic (wobbly) gait, especially evident in the hind limbs, was obvious as the tiger traveled half way around the perimeter of the ring and jumped up on a pedestal to a sitting position. All of the movements were slow and actions requested by the trainer were performed with reluctance and usually after some hesitation. Another tiger exhibited ataxia to a lesser degree and also moved very slowly. These two tigers consistently exhibited behavior during the performance such as snarling, keeping the ears laid back, and slowness to respond. From these behaviors, the inspector concluded that these two animals were resentful in performing their work. The third tiger performed in a willing, bright, alert manner, as did the two lions. When inspecting the tigers in their primary enclosures at approximately 18:30, two of the tigers, one of which was "Maya", were not bright and alert and the eyes of both tigers did not focus in on this inspector in a normal fashion as did the other adult tiger and two lions at ringside, or the juvenile tiger housed in the back of a transport vehicle. The temperatures were 5-10 degrees cooler on this day than the last several days with highs of approximately 90 degrees and it was not uncomfortably hot in this high-ceiling arena. "Maya" was not exhibited during the second performance at 19:30. A second tiger refused to leave its enclosure for the second performance. This tiger, after a long period when the cage was being shaken and loud noises were produced by striking the cage and bars with white rods approximately 3 1/4 foot long and during which time the tiger was periodically snarling, immediately returned to a defocused state as soon as the commotion stopped. The remaining tiger and two lions performed in a bright, alert manner. The two tigers (one of which is "Maya" who is also limping on the hind leg) with

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ataxia and an abnormally depressed state of awareness require veterinary evaluation.
To be corrected by: A veterinarian must examine these two tigers before the next performance in St. George, UT, which is reported by Mr. Jody Jordan to be at 16:30 on 7-23-98, with a report from the examining veterinarian to be faxed to the Western Regional Office with receipt before this next performance.

NOTE: This inspector received information on 7-22-98 that a performance occurred at the J & J Building Supply store on Flood Street in St. George, UT. This performance was not on the itinerary previously submitted, nor was it mentioned in discussions at the time of the inspection when an appropriate correction time frame which would insure protection of the affected animal's health and safety was being determined.

Policy # 2 (Submission of Traveling Exhibitor Itinerary) which was previously sent out to the USDA Licensed Traveling Exhibitors on approximately March 18, 1998, was reviewed with Jody Jordan at the time of the on-site inspection. Policy # 6 (Space and Exercise Requirements for Traveling Exhibitors) was also reviewed at that time and a copy of each along with the cover letter dated March 18, 1998, was left with Mr. Jordan. Mr. Jordan was also informed that another itinerary would need to be received at the Western Region Office before close of business this week since the previous itinerary ends before Monday. The requirement for updating the itinerary as often as necessary to ensure that the animals are available for inspection and providing (1) Dates away from home facility, (2) City and State for all stops, and (3) Site name of location of all stops was discussed. In a telephone conversation with Ms. Patsy Jordan on 7-22-98, the Policy # 2 requirements were discussed including the requirements listed in the previous sentence. Ms. Jordan indicated that she thought the itinerary information was not required until March of 1999. She was informed that the March, 1999, date only applied to Policy # 6 as stated in the cover letter dated March 18, 1998, which was attached to Policy # 2 and Policy # 6 when they were originally sent out to the Traveling Exhibitors.

"D" Handling, Section 2.131 (a) & (c)

-The regulations state "Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort", that "Physical abuse shall not be used to train, work, or

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otherwise handle animals", and that "Animals shall be exhibited only for periods of time and under conditions consistent with their good health and well-being". The two animals which were difficult to get out of their mobile primary enclosures and into the exhibition ring for the 16:30 performance were poked and prodded with white rods approximately 3 1/2-4 foot in length. The first tiger resisted for approximately 1 minute before entering the ring. The second tiger resisted entering the ring for approximately 4 minutes, during which time the poking and prodding progressed to as many as three people striking the tiger from different positions around the mobile enclosure at the same time. This type of handling causes unnecessary discomfort, stress, may cause physical harm to the animal and is abusive. During the 19:30 performance at which time this inspector was located within approximately 20 feet of the mobile transport enclosures containing the tigers and lions to be used for the performance, less aggressive methods were used to elicit these animal's exit into the exhibition ring. After approximately 10 minutes of using loud noise such as that made by striking the enclosure with the hand or a rod and shaking the enclosure, one tiger still would not enter the ring and was then not used for the performance. The other resistant tiger from the first performance was not used in the second performance. This was "Maya", who was limping and severely ataxic during the first performance. It was reported that "Maya" was known to be not moving normally before the first performance. However, this was not addressed by a veterinarian before the performance and she was required to perform in spite of her limitations, which is not consistent with being exhibited "under conditions consistent with their good health and well-being". Her near miss on the fire hoop jump was an indication that her condition endangered her.

To be corrected by: Immediately cease abusive treatment of any animals and insure that all handling of the animals meets the requirements of Section 2.131 as referenced in the quoted passages above.

Primary Conveyance, Section 3.138 (a)

-There was panel damage in three places on the sides of the interior of the transport trailer used for the tigers and lions. Two of these areas exposed insulation with one being approximately 2' x 3' and the other area much smaller. One area which was approximately 6" x 4" had exposed sharp splinters of wood. When the mobile transport enclosures containing the tigers and lions are loaded into the transport trailer the bars of the animal's enclosures are almost touching the side walls of the trailer. This close

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proximity of the animals to the exposed insulation and wood splinters could endanger the animals. A program of maintenance is necessary that will insure the safety of the animals.
To be corrected by: Correct by 7-29-98

CATEGORY II: Non-compliant item(s) previously identified for which time remains for correction.

Space Requirements, Section 3.128

—A non-compliance was previously cited in the inspection of 2/26-27/98 indicating that the approximately 4' height of the transport enclosures which are also used to house the tigers and lions at venue locations are not adequate to allow these cats which exhibit vertical posture to do so. It is also doubtful that the current primary enclosures have adequate space for stretching. When one of the lions was laying on its side with its feet extended, the floor space of the enclosure was filled when taking into account room for the head, legs and tail. When an animal extends the forelegs forward and essentially horizontally with the floor surface when it stretches as felines commonly do, this adds considerably to the total body length as compared to when the animal is standing in the normal position. This inspector was informed that the large cats were currently being let out into the exhibition pen on a daily basis except during actual travel times with animals generally receiving approximately two hours time in the pen. The provision for free exercise will be in addition to regular performance and practice time as was discussed during the inspection. The previous correction date was 3-30-98. However, in accordance with the cover letter sent out with Policy # 6 in March, 1998, required modifications to the existing enclosures will be noted on the inspection reports but no legal action will be initiated unless these violations continue to exist after March 31, 1999.

The complaint allegations that animals were treated harshly and that animals were slow and wobbly on their feet were confirmed during this inspection.

End of report.

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