



Inspection Report

GEORGE CARDEN CIRCUS INTL

Customer ID: **4532**

Certificate: **43-C-0025**

Site: 001

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3901 WEST STATE HIGHWAY O

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803

Date: Mar-17-2011

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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.

On 16 March 2011 at the home site APHIS Official observed the traveling performing elephants that had recently returned from travel and performing at other locations. Two of the elephants (Tory and Bimbo) were observed with severe stiffness of the front limbs and abnormal gait. Another elephant (Betty) was observed to have intermittent stiffness of the front limbs. The facility could not provide documentation to show that elephants Bimbo and Betty had been evaluated for fitness to travel and perform.

The facility has failed provide adequate veterinary care to these elephants by not using appropriate methods to assess and treat the stiffness and gait issues associated with these elephants. This could affect the long term health and wellbeing of these elephants.

Provide adequate veterinary care to these performing elephants by having the elephants examined and evaluated by a veterinarian that is experienced in elephant medicine and husbandry to assess their stiffness and gait issue, as well as their suitability for travel and performances. Included in this evaluation should be a discussion on maneuvers and behaviors required for performances, appropriate exercise, weights, diet, substrate and potential medications. The evaluations should be performed at regular intervals and ongoing to assess the elephants suitability for performance and travel throughout the year.

Correct by: 22 March 2011

Inspection conducted with Animal Superintendent.

Exit briefing conducted with Animal Superintendent, Officer Manager, Elephant Trainer and this Veterinary Medical Officer and Veterinary Medical Officer #6009.

Elephants present and inspected Jenny (46), Cindy (39), Bimbo (55), Betty (42), Vicky (48), Tory (47), Judy (48) and

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