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## **901:1-4-01.2 Food and water for dangerous wild animals.**

(A) As appropriate to the species, animals must receive food and water on a regular basis of sufficient quantity and quality to ensure maintenance of normal body condition and/or growth.

(B) Food and water receptacles must be kept clean and sanitary.

(C) Food provided shall be unspoiled and uncontaminated.

(D) Perishable foods must be kept under refrigeration and all foods must be stored in a safe manner.

(E) A nutritional plan must be developed with veterinary guidance.

(F) Food and water receptacles shall be of a sufficient number and size for the animals being served.

(G) All food and water equipment must be inspected and maintained in working condition.

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## **901:1-4-01.3 Health for dangerous wild animals.**

(A) Each owner of an animal shall have a valid veterinary-client-patient-relationship with a licensed veterinarian.

(B) The veterinarian must visit each facility a minimum of one time per year and provide a written annual program of care for the animals in the facility.

(C) Animals shall be monitored regularly for evidence of disease, injury, and parasites and corrective measures under veterinary guidance must be taken when evidence is found of such conditions.

(D) A primary enclosure must provide the opportunity and space to exercise daily and have freedom of movement to reduce distress and maintain physical condition, unless directed otherwise by a veterinarian.

(E) Each facility shall maintain a safe and effective program for the control of rodents, insects, ectoparasites and other pests.

(F) Owners and any personnel in contact with nonhuman primates or elephants must annually have a negative tuberculosis test.

(G) The introduction of new animals to a social group must be done in a manner to minimize distress, tension and aggression.

(H) Euthanasia for animals must be performed when the likelihood for recovery is poor and the condition cannot be effectively relieved by best species management and medically appropriate procedures.

(I) The director shall appoint a committee made up of three licensed veterinarians to evaluate the condition of an animal or restricted snake that is under the control of the department. The committee's purpose will be to evaluate the animal's condition as necessary following an initial evaluation by the department's veterinarian. The committee shall advise the director on the disposition of the animal based upon the initial evaluation of the animal's health, psychological well-being, and long term quality of life including population management.

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