



## Inspection Report

Lehigh Valley Zoological Society  
P O Box 519  
Schnecksville, PA 18078

Customer ID: **29359**

Certificate: **23-C-0249**

Site: 001

LEHIGH VALLEY ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Type: **FOCUSED INSPECTION**

Date: 06-JUL-2017

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### 3.125(a) CRITICAL

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

On Sunday, May 28, 2017, a six year old male giraffe named Ernie, was discovered by zoo staff to have his head and neck entrapped. The giraffe's head and neck were stuck under a lower horizontal bar on the catwalk railing, around a wall, and caught above a horizontal bar on the catwalk railing on the other side of the wall. The giraffe was sedated by the zoo veterinarian to free the animal from the railing. The giraffe died shortly after he was freed. Plywood has since been installed along the catwalk railing to prevent another giraffe from putting his head and neck through the railing. Three hay racks were also removed from the giraffe barn during this inspection since the racks had large gaps on the sides between the enclosure wall and the vertical metal bars.

All primary animal enclosures must be structurally sound, maintained in good repair, and constructed in a manner to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. Correct from this day forward.

This inspection was conducted with the Vice President, Chief Veterinarian, and Lead/ Keeper/Registrar and exit interview was conducted with the President & CEO and the General Curator.

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Date:  
11-JUL-2017

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR 1009

Received by Title: PRESIDENT & CEO

Date:  
11-JUL-2017



## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
29359	23-C-0249	001	LEHIGH VALLEY ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	06-JUL-17

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
<b>000002</b>	<b>Total</b>	