



Inspection Report

Virginia Safari Park
PO Box 147
Natural Bridge, VA 24578

Customer ID: **2481**

Certificate:

Site: 002

ALABAMA SAFARI PARK INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 03-AUG-2023

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

Within the past 1.5 years, multiple animals were found deceased due to trauma or predation.

*Records show that one female blackbuck was found deceased on 6/23/23. Records state that the cause of death was trauma, and in the herd disposition record this death is attributed to predation.

*Records show that one male red lechwe was found deceased on 3/26/23. Records state that the cause of death was gore wounds. The herd disposition record this death is coded as "other".

*The herd record shows that one female llama was found deceased on 9/20/22 and the cause of death is recorded as "other". According to the Assistant Director, a field necropsy was performed on this llama and the cause of death was attributed to extensive bleeding in the chest cavity caused by trauma. There are no records from the field necropsy.

*Records show that one male llama was found deceased on 1/13/23 and the cause of death was attributed to trauma; the herd disposition record attributes this death to "other". The animal received extensive medical care prior to its death.

*Records show that one blackbuck was found deceased on 4/28/22 and one female impala was found deceased on 12/20/22, and for both animals the cause of death was attributed to predation. There were no necropsy reports available for these animals. According to the Park Manager, when the cause of death is obvious such as death by predation, a necropsy is not performed.

Animals that experience physical trauma, goring, or who are killed by predators may experience stress, fear, and pain. Correct by August 7th, 2023 by ensuring that animals are handled as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

2.131(c)(1)

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The kangaroo exhibit does not have an adequate public barrier to protect the animals and the public. Eleven intact adult male red kangaroos are housed in a large outdoor enclosure. There is a public walkway that passes through the center of the enclosure; the walkway is lined on both sides by a barrier made of multiple vertical posts approximately 4 feet tall connected together by three horizontal strands of taught wire. One kangaroo was observed laying close to the barrier, within an arm's length of the fence. The Park Director stated that sometimes the kangaroo will pass through the barrier and cross the walkway in order to get to the other side of the exhibit. There is no attendant supervising or preventing public contact in this exhibit. A sign at the entrance to the exhibit instructs visitors to stay on the path and prohibits feeding the animals.

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Without adequate barrier or supervision, animals or members of the public may cause harm to one another. Correct by 8/11/23 by ensuring that there is adequate distance and/or barriers in place to prevent unauthorized contact between animals and members of the public. Corrected at the time of the exit briefing.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Park Director.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000088	<i>Antilope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000003	<i>Damaliscus pygargus</i>	BONTEBOK / BLESBOK
000013	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	BLACK WILDEBEEST
000004	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000104	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000001	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	GIANT ANTEATER
000004	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000006	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	COMMON WATERBUCK
000013	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	GREATER KUDU
000004	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000015	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	IMPALA
000021	<i>Kobus megaceros</i>	NILE LECHWE
000011	<i>Tragelaphus spekii</i>	SITATUNGA
000005	<i>Equus grevyi</i>	GREVY'S ZEBRA
000012	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000035	<i>Kobus leche</i>	RED LECHWE / SOUTHERN LECHWE
000004	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000002	<i>Eudorcas thomsonii</i>	THOMSON'S GAZELLE
000027	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000015	<i>Bos javanicus</i>	BANTENG
000029	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000014	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000002	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000008	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000022	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000024	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000004	<i>Oryx leucoryx</i>	ARABIAN ORYX
000003	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000011	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
000000	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	SABLE ANTELOPE
000508	Total	



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