



Inspection Report

Genesis Zoological Center Inc
PO Box 1523
Polk City, FL 33868

Customer ID: **3234**

Certificate: **58-C-0498**

Site: 001

Genesis Zoological Center Inc

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 22-JAN-2024

3.150(a)

Facilities, general.

There are multiple enclosures that have areas of disrepair.

-In the enclosure housing 1 red-shouldered hawk, there is a perch wrapped in rope that is shredded and deteriorating. There are multiple strands and threads hanging from the perch.

-There are three enclosures housing a total of 5 domestic turkeys. All three enclosures have broken boards and wooden structures in them that are deteriorated and no longer appear structurally sound.

-In the enclosure housing 1 screech owl, there are multiple sections of the wire caging that are broken. This has created sharp edges and small openings in the enclosure wall.

Enclosures that are not kept in good repair can lead to injury of the animals. Broken spots in caging can allow unwanted animals to gain access to the enclosure. All housing facilities for birds must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species of bird housed in them. All housing facilities must be kept in good repair, protect the birds from injury, and restrict other animals from entering that may negatively affect the welfare of the birds within.

To be corrected by March 1, 2024.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

There is a section of the perimeter fence along the north side of the facility that is not 8 feet in height. In the southeast corner of the facility, there is an old enclosure that has collapsed and is now leaning against the perimeter fence, reducing the height to less than eight feet.

Perimeter fences that are not of sufficient height cannot effectively act as secondary containment for the animals inside and can allow unwanted animals or people to enter the facility and potentially harm the animals within. The perimeter fence must be constructed so that it protects the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out. The perimeter fence must be at least eight feet high for potentially dangerous animals, including wolves.

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To be corrected by March 6, 2024.

3.154

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

At the time of inspection, an environment enhancement plan (EEP) has not been established to promote the psychological well-being of the birds.

Failure to establish and maintain an EEP can result in the behavioral, social, and psychological needs of the birds not being met. The plan must address at a minimum social grouping, environment enrichment, special considerations, restraint devices, and any birds that are exempted by the attending veterinarian because of health issues or other conditions. The plan must be approved by the attending veterinarian. Licensee must establish and maintain an EEP for the birds.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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Species Inspected

| Cust No | Cert No | Site | Site Name | Inspection |
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| 3234 | 58-C-0498 | 001 | Genesis Zoological Center Inc | 22-JAN-2024 |

| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 000005 | <i>Meleagris gallopavo domesticus</i> | DOMESTIC TURKEY |
| 000001 | <i>Megascops asio</i> | EASTERN SCREECH-OWL |
| 000002 | <i>Procyon lotor</i> | RACCOON |
| 000001 | <i>Cairina moschata</i> | MUSCOVY DUCK |
| 000002 | <i>Capra hircus</i> | DOMESTIC GOAT |
| 000001 | <i>Cacatua ophthalmica</i> | BLUE-EYED COCKATOO |
| 000001 | <i>Bubo virginianus</i> | GREAT HORNED OWL |
| 000001 | <i>Strix varia</i> | BARRED OWL |
| 000001 | <i>Buteo lineatus</i> | RED-SHOULDERED HAWK |
| 000001 | <i>Papio anubis</i> | OLIVE BABOON |
| 000002 | <i>Canis lupus</i> | GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF |
| 000018 | Total | |