



Inspection Report

Blank Park Zoo
7401 South West 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50315

Customer ID: **25388**
Certificate: **42-C-0168**
Site: 001
BLANK PARK ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 09-SEP-2019

2.131(c)(1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Within the Discovery Center there is an enclosure containing two tamarins. The enclosure is made out of wire mesh and is immediately adjacent to a public walkway. There is a barrier along the public walkway, but it will not stop the public from sticking their fingers through the wire mesh and having direct contact with the animals in the enclosure. There is no attendant present in this portion of the facility to monitor this enclosure. This poses a hazard to both the public and the animals within the exhibit.

During public exhibition, there must be sufficient distance and/or effective barriers between the animals and the general viewing public so as to ensure the safety of the animals and the public. The licensee must ensure that the public cannot place their fingers inside the tamarin enclosure or come into direct contact with these animals in order to ensure their safety and well-being.

To be corrected by: October 09, 2019

A large open enclosure is located in front of the wallaby barn and there is a walking path for the public that runs through this enclosure and numerous adults and children were present in the wallaby enclosure at the time of the inspection. At least ten wallabies are housed in this enclosure and a few of the animals were observed hopping freely across the walking path and near the people.

At the time of the inspection, there are no employees present within the wallaby enclosure to supervise the potential public contact with the animals and there are also no public barriers to keep the wallabies and people away from each other. Unsupervised contact between people and wallabies could result in a dangerous situation.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

The facility must either establish acceptable barriers to keep the free-ranging wallabies at a sufficient distance from the public or a responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all

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times during periods of public contact. The facility must ensure that all required measures are taken to eliminate any potentially dangerous situations between the animals and the public.

To be corrected by: The facility representative stated that from this day forward an employee shall always be present within the wallaby enclosure when this exhibit is open to the public.

3.125(a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

The outdoor enclosure containing three giraffe and four sand gazelle contains numerous large trees that have wire mesh wrapped around them to protect them from the animals. Sections of the mesh have become detached and are hanging off of at least one tree and one of the pieces of mesh has many sharp points along it's edge. Contact with the loose sections of wire mesh could cause the animals to become entangled or injured.

The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. Indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. The licensee must alter the loose wire mesh in a manner that eliminates the risk of injury to the animals. All facilities housing animals must be maintained in good repair at all times.

To be corrected by: September 16, 2019

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with ACI Kelly Maxwell, a USDA veterinary student extern, and the facility representative.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
25388	42-C-0168	001	BLANK PARK ZOO	09-SEP-19
Count	Scientific Name	Common Name		
000005	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	ADDAX		
000002	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	RED PANDA		
000003	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG (MOST COMMON PET HEDGEHOG)		
000002	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU		
000005	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>	BACTRIAN CAMEL		
000025	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT		
000004	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG		
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)		
000002	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE		
000005	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG		
000001	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO		
000004	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	BLACK RHINOCEROS		
000002	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM		
000002	<i>Echinops telfairi</i>	LESSER MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOG TENREC		
000002	<i>Equus zebra</i>	MOUNTAIN ZEBRA / HARTMANN'S ZEBRA		
000001	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE		
000001	<i>Euphractus sexcinctus</i>	YELLOW ARMADILLO		
000005	<i>Gazella leptoceros</i>	SAND GAZELLE		
000004	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE		
000002	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON		
000002	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA		
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR		
000002	<i>Leontopithecus chrysomelas</i>	GOLDEN-HEADED TAMARIN		
000003	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER		
000011	<i>Macaca fuscata</i>	JAPANESE MACAQUE / SNOW MACAQUE		
000001	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK		
000006	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET		
000015	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY		
000004	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT		
000006	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION		
000002	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER		
000004	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	HARBOR SEAL		
000017	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT		
000001	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG		
000003	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND		
000005	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	NYALA		
000001	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)		
000002	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION		
000167	Total			