

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

COLUMBUS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY METRO PARK DISTRICT Customer ID: 326252 Certificate: 31-C-0225 1069 W MAIN STREET WESTERVILLE, OH 43081

Site: 001

COLUMBUS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY METRO PARK

DISTRICT

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 07-AUG-2024

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

An enclosure at the facility failed to contain part of the bison herd. The facility self-reported to the APHIS inspector that on 7/27/24. 6 of the 13 bison exited the enclosure by rubbing on the gate and inadvertently snapping the cable locking the gate. A park ranger stayed on site to monitor the situation while additional resources were alerted. Within 2 hours, the bison were all rounded up by the park rangers and lured into a secured pasture by using treats. There were no human or animal injuries that occurred from this incidence. It is unclear at the time of inspection what caused the bison to rub on the gate. Since the day of the incident, the facility has repaired the gate and cable lock in order to prevent this occurrence from happening again. The bison herd was also moved to an alternate pasture.

Correct by ensuring the enclosure be constructed of materials of such strength that is appropriate to safely contain the animals housed within. Correct from 8/7/24 forward.

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

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OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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Species Inspected

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Count Scientific Name
000013 Bison bison

Common Name AMERICAN BISON

000013 **Total**