



Inspection Report

Montgomery Zoo
P.O. Box 3313
Montgomery, AL 36109

Customer ID: **3025**
Certificate: **64-C-0003**
Site: 001
MONTGOMERY ZOO

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 18-AUG-2023

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

On November 15, 2022 a female red river hog escaped from its primary enclosure, resulting in the injury of an animal keeper. Upon entering the back area and identifying the escaped animal, the keeper was bitten multiple times when trying to distract the animal from neighboring animal enclosures. Further investigation of the hog's enclosure showed it was able to maneuver its body out of the enclosure's fencing while it remained secure.

An additional incident occurred on August 13, 2023. A volunteer performing routine husbandry tasks in the same river hog enclosure was bitten. The volunteer was accompanied by a senior volunteer when both entered the enclosure for feeding and cleaning duties.

Animals escaping from primary enclosures are more vulnerable to harm and further injury when they are not safely contained. They also pose a threat to other people and animals if they are not effectively held in their designated enclosures as needed to complete routine responsibilities.

Housing facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to contain the animals and protect them from injury. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The facility corrected after the occurrence of each incident.

3.131(a)

Sanitation.

One enclosure housing two pygmy hippopotami encompassed an accumulation of hardened feces along the shelter's interior walls. Upon inspection, the facility representatives stated the keepers have decreased the cleaning frequency for this enclosure to offset delayed drainage in the stalls.

While the facility aimed to decrease prolonged drainage times, the efficacy of cleaning has been negatively impacted. Failure to remove accumulations of excreta from primary enclosures can allow for the spread of disease hazards, create unpleasant odors, and attract pests.

Excreta shall be removed from primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals, minimize disease hazards, and reduce odors.

Correct by September 8, 2023.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarian and facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000005	<i>Hexaprotodon liberiensis</i>	PYGMY HIPPOPOTAMUS
000011	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000001	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000001	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000002	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	GIANT ANTEATER
000002	<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>	MANED WOLF
000002	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000003	<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	CHIMPANZEE
000002	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>	SIAMANG
000003	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	AFRICAN ELEPHANT
000002	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	BINTURONG
000040	Total	