



Inspection Report

San Francisco Zoological Gardens
1 Zoo Road
San Francisco, CA 94132

Customer ID: **3373**

Certificate: **93-C-0003**

Site: 001

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 20-NOV-2014

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

On November 7, 2014, "Kabibe", a 16 month old lowland gorilla, was killed when a hydraulic gate was accidentally closed on her body.

Factors contributing to this accident were an apparent failure to adhere to the posted protocol regarding operation of the controls for the gates, and an enclosure design which makes visually assessing the shifting of animals difficult with only one person present, which was the case when the accident occurred.

Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause harm. The facility should immediately take steps to ensure that such incidents will not recur.

This was a focused inspection on the gorilla death incident.

An exit interview was conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3373	93-C-0003	001	SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS	20-NOV-14

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	WESTERN GORILLA
000006	Total	