



## Inspection Report

Zoo Boise

Customer ID: **3490**

355 Julia Davis Dr

Certificate: **82-C-0006**

Boise, ID 83702

Site: 001

ZOO BOISE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 26-OCT-2017

### 2.40(b)(2) CRITICAL

#### ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

Julius, an 11 year old male giraffe that was euthanized on 4/13/17 had experienced severe (pain scores  $\geq 8 / 10$ ) since 2/26/2017 without adequate additional treatment or diagnostics for the escalating pain. The facility had initiated a pain scoring system on 11/18/16 and his pain levels averaged 6.3 until the increase on 2/26/17. On 4/10/17, his pain score jumped to 9.5/10 and he was unable to lie down. His pain scores remained above 9/10 until his euthanasia three days later. In the early am of April 13, 2017, Julius was found down inside the barn. Staff and interim veterinarian attempted to get Julius back up on his feet but were unsuccessful and euthanasia was elected. Necropsy results showed traumatic injuries including a torn infra-spinatus muscle in the left shoulder and old healing injuries to neck. Both front feet had chronic overgrown hooves and complete rotation of P3 due to elongation of the toes. Julius experienced escalating pain over the last 46 days of his life and pain score of  $>9.0/10$  for the last three days that was not adequately treated and caused him to experience significant pain, distress and protracted suffering.

Assessment of the animals' condition and response to therapy and appropriate alterations to the treatment and care plan to alleviate pain and discomfort for the animal need to occur to prevent further pain and stress. Elevated pain levels must be promptly and appropriately addressed.

Correct from this day forward.

### 3.133 CRITICAL

#### SEPARATION.

On March 27, 2017, "Ozzy", a 15 year old female ocelot # 203035 was found dead in the exhibit. During reintroduction of the male and female following her recovery from surgical amputation of her right front leg on 2/19/17, growling and swatting behaviors were exhibited in the shift hallway on the 25th and 26th. On the morning of the 27th, growling again occurred and the male shifted into the exhibit. The female remained in the hallway and would not enter the exhibit with the male. The animals were left together with access to exhibit and shift hallway. Per the specimen report, in the afternoon, the male was observed to be "chewing on the head" of the deceased female in the exhibit. There was evidence of a fight in the shift hallway. The female was deceased and had many scratches and bite wounds, her amputation site was opened up and she was missing a 5 x 4 cm area of skin on top of skull and right ear.

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Julius, the 11 year old male giraffe #208070 suffering from chronic lameness who was euthanized on April 13, 2017, experienced antagonistic behavior from Jabari, the 7 year old male giraffe with whom he was housed. The necropsy report states that Julius had been "harassed and been forced into the corner of the exhibit" the day before his death and there were many previous instances of Jabari pushing and herding Julius around documented in his record. Management had recommended on 3/16/17 that the giraffes be separated during the day. Separation occurred for several hours a day but the intimidation continued. Necropsy results revealed a torn infra-spinatus muscle in the left shoulder with deep hemorrhage and torn connective tissue. There were older healing areas on the left lateral neck with evidence of previous trauma incidents.

Compatibility of animals may change following an illness, injury or surgery. Aggressive behavior towards an already debilitated animal can increase stress and cause further injuries to the animal. Animals being reintroduced or who are experiencing a chronic situation (pain, lameness) need to be closely observed for compatibility and separated if needed to prevent discomfort, injury or death.

To be corrected from this point forward.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

This inspection report closes out the incidents under review from IR #2016082568294028 dated 16 May 2017.

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## Species Inspected

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No Animals were Inspected.

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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