



## Inspection Report

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COUNTY OF ESSEX TURTLE BACK ZOO  
560 NORTHFIELD AVENUE  
WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052

Customer ID: **2051**

Certificate: **22-C-0141**

Site: 001

COUNTY OF ESSEX TURTLE  
BACK ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 07-JUL-2021

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### 3.101(a)(3)

### Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

The following areas are in need of repair:

- Holding pools 1 & 2 have numerous areas of peeling paint on the interior walls as well as the vertical gate posts. Mortar is missing in several areas of both holding pool walls.
- Dry areas 3 & 4 have peeling paint present and part of the mortar is missing in several areas of the walls.
- In Dry area 4, there is a large metal support post that has rusted at the base.
- On the "beach" side of the outdoor exhibit, there is crumbling cement near one of the drains. The sea lions could injure themselves on the jagged edges of the crumbling edges of cement on this "beach" floor.
- The exterior wall has rust present beneath the rock facade, adjacent to the door leading out to the haul out deck.

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Peeling paint and rusted surfaces leave the facility in disrepair. Peeling paint, missing mortar and rusted surfaces cannot be adequately cleaned and sanitized for the health of the sea lions housed therein.

All surfaces must be constructed of durable, nontoxic materials that facilitate cleaning and disinfection as appropriate, sufficient to maintain water quality parameters as designated in Section 3.106.

All surfaces must be maintained in good repair as part of a regular, ongoing maintenance program. All facilities must implement a written protocol on cleaning so that surfaces do not constitute a health hazard to animals.

### 3.125(a)

#### Facilities, general.

The bases of the metal, exterior walls of the barn housing goats, pigs, and Jacobs sheep are severely rusted due to pooling water that accumulates against the walls during rainstorms. Pooling and standing water cause the rusting of the metal thus leaving the walls structurally unsound and in disrepair. Animals could injure themselves on sharp rusted edges. Housing facilities must be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

#### Wolf building

The three exterior and three interior metal doors of the wolf building have severely rusted bases on each side of the jambs. These jambs are completely rusted through, leaving the doors in disrepair. One of the interior doors is the entrance of the room that is used to hold a wolf when necessary. The licensee must ensure that housing facilities are structurally sound and kept in good repair to protect the animals from injury.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: DECEMBER 12, 2021

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### 3.125(c)

#### Facilities, general.

##### WALK-IN REFRIGERATOR

A portion of the seal beneath the walk-in refrigerator door, is missing and allowing air to enter the refrigerator. This opening is creating a buildup of ice on the floor just inside of the refrigerator. This damaged seal can affect the efficiency of the refrigerator. The licensee must ensure that supplies of food and bedding are stored in facilities that adequately protect against deterioration and molding.

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### 3.125(d)

#### Facilities, general.

##### BIG CAT BUILDING

There is an approximately 9-inch round hole in the base of the cement drain that exposes the earth below. This same drain is not flush with the pipe that sends water out of the building. It is several inches below the pipe, causing urine and other organic materials to pool in the drain. The APHIS official could smell the waste accumulated in the drain. Foul odors could affect the health and well-being of the jaguars and cougars housed in this building. The facility must implement a method for the removal of animal and food wastes as to minimize odors and disease hazards.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: AUGUST 12, 2021

### 3.127(b)

#### Facilities, outdoor.

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### GIRAFFE-ELAND-BONTEBOKS

The APHIS official observed the giraffes standing in the pouring rain on 7-8-21, in front of their closed housing structure, without access to a shelter to protect them from the inclement weather. Additionally, the elands and bonteboks were also exposed to the rain and getting wet. The facility must ensure that all animals kept outdoors are provided shelter to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort during inclement weather.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

#### 3.127(c)

##### Facilities, outdoor.

The APHIS official observed water pooling against the left side of the housing structure for the goats, pigs, and Jacobs sheep. The water was also pooling across half of these same enclosures, and in the front corners of the exhibit stalls on the right side of the housing structure. The animals are subject to water encroaching inside the stalls causing the animals discomfort due to wet bedding. The facility must establish and implement a suitable method to rapidly eliminate excess water.

TO BE CORRECTED BY: AUGUST 5, 2021

#### 3.131(c)

##### Sanitation.

Tamandua holding-

The bases of the walls inside of the Tamanduas' housing structure have rotted due to water damage and humidity. This

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damage leaves the walls in disrepair and does not allow for adequate cleaning. The licensee must ensure that premises are kept clean and in good repair to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices for the health of the animals housed therein.

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

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
2051	22-C-0141	001	COUNTY OF ESSEX TURTLE BACK ZOO	07-JUL-2021

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Tolypeutes matacus</i>	SOUTHERN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000002	<i>Saguinus imperator</i>	EMPEROR TAMARIN
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Neofelis nebulosa</i>	CLOUDED LEOPARD
000001	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000001	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000002	<i>Galago moholi</i>	SENEGAL BUSHBABY
000004	<i>Nomascus leucogenys</i>	WHITE-CHEEKED GIBBON
000011	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000008	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>	MANED WOLF
000002	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000004	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	LEOPARD
000002	<i>Uncia uncia</i>	SNOW LEOPARD
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000009	<i>Sekeetamys calurus</i>	BUSHY-TAILED JIRD
000002	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000070	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000001	<i>Callosciurus prevostii</i>	PREVOST'S SQUIRREL / TRI-COLORED SQUIRREL
000002	<i>Damaliscus pygargus</i>	BONTEBOK / BLESBOK
000002	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000003	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000002	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	GIANT ANTEATER
000006	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000002	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	SPOTTED HYENA
000001	<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	EASTERN GREY KANGAROO
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	RED PANDA
000001	<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>	SOUTHERN TAMANDUA
000009	<i>Echinops telfairi</i>	LESSER MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOG TENREC
000034	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000011	<i>Fukomys damarensis</i>	DAMARA / DAMARALAND MOLE-RAT / DAMARALAND BLES MOL
000004	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH



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000001			<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000002			<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000002			<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
000001			<i>Orycteropus afer</i>	AARDVARK
000001			<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000005			<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000230			<b>Total</b>	