



Inspection Report

Zootastic of Lake Norman Inc
448 Pilch Road
Troutman, NC 28166

Customer ID: **44266**

Certificate: **55-C-0272**

Site: 001

Zootastic of Lake Norman Inc

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 19-MAR-2025

2.131(b)(1)

Handling of animals.

***The wattled crane was moved to an enclosure at the front of the park in November for the winter. The crane enclosure is located beside an enclosure housing 2 tigers on one side and just in front of a singly housed tiger. The shelter provided for the crane opens directly facing the enclosure housing the two tigers so there is no visual barrier when the crane is using the shelter possibly increasing stress and discomfort. The crane exhibited signs of distress when USDA and zoo employees approached the enclosure by becoming agitated and running back and forth along the enclosure wall. USDA inquired about the crane's behavior when the public is present and zoo employees confirmed that the crane is uncomfortable with large crowds as well. The placement of this animal in a location where there is constant exposure to the public and large cats and loud noises increases stress and discomfort.

The crane shall be provided protection from distress through providing a means for the bird to remove itself from direct sight from the tigers, exposure to large crowds if desired and minimizing noise levels.

Correct by March 31, 2025

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

***The roof on the large den in the white lion enclosure is in disrepair. The boards are sagging and separating which may allow the lions to become injured if they jump onto the roof. The roof shall be repaired to protect the lions from injury.

Corrected by end of inspection.

3.153(a)(1)(ii)

Primary enclosures.

***USDA observed two wounds on the carpometacarpal joints of the crane's wings that appeared to be older but not completely healed. When agitated the crane was observed running along and against the enclosure wall with the wounded joints on the wings making contact with the vertical bars of the wall which may cause reinjury indicating this type of enclosure is not appropriate to protect the sensitive bird from becoming injured when experiencing stress.

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A suitable enclosure shall be provided that will minimize the risk of reinjury.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Manager and an additional exit briefing conducted with the President by phone.

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000005	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
000004	<i>Ateles chamek</i>	BLACK SPIDER MONKEY
000004	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON
000018	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000076	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000005	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000006	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000006	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000005	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000004	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000002	<i>Lynx lynx</i>	NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX
000007	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000004	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000007	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000032	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000007	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	COMMON WATERBUCK
000014	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000002	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	GEMSBOK
000010	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000001	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>	BACTRIAN CAMEL
000004	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000011	<i>Axis axis</i>	AXIS DEER / SPOTTED DEER / CHITAL
000110	<i>Dama dama</i>	FALLOW DEER
000011	<i>Elaphurus davidianus</i>	PERE DAVID'S DEER
000008	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000024	<i>Ammotragus lervia</i>	BARBARY SHEEP
000011	<i>Bos grunniens</i>	YAK
000015	<i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i>	NILGAI
000005	<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO
000028	<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000042	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000020	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000003	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	BINTURONG
000003	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000004	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	SPOTTED HYENA
000032	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000005	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000017	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000007	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000007	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>	ELK / WAPITI
000001	<i>Ursus arctos syriacus</i>	SYRIAN BROWN BEAR
000011	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000003	<i>Panthera leo X P. tigris</i>	LION X TIGER HYBRID / LIGER / TIGON
000003	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Tolypeutes tricinctus</i>	BRAZILIAN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000004	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>	GIANT ANTEATER
000003	<i>Sapajus appella</i>	BROWN CAPUCHIN / TUFTED CAPUCHIN
000002	<i>Cercopithecus neglectus</i>	DE BRAZZA'S MONKEY



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000003	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>		ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER	
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>		CAPYBARA	
000002	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>		SOUTH AMERICAN TAPIR	
000008	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>		BRINDLED WILDEBEEST	
000004	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>		COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY	
000001	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>		SLOTH BEAR	
000003	<i>Nasua olivacea</i>		MOUNTAIN COATI	
000001	<i>Potos flavus</i>		KINKAJOU	
000002	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>		BLACK HOWLER	
000002	<i>Tragelaphus imberbis</i>		LESSER KUDU	
000001	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>		ADDAX	
000002	<i>Nasua narica</i>		WHITE-NOSED COATI	
000165	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>		BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET	
000002	<i>Cygnus olor</i>		MUTE SWAN	
000001	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>		MACAW HYBRID	
000020	<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>		BARBARY DOVE / RINGED TURTLE-DOVE / RINGNECK DOVE	
000018	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)	
000010	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000043	<i>Rhea americana</i>		GREATER RHEA / AMERICAN RHEA	
000030	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>		EMU	
000002	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000002	<i>Bubo bubo</i>		EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL	
000001	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>		LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT	
000001	<i>Cacomantis aeruginosus</i>		MOLUCCAN CUCKOO	
000002	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>		HYACINTH MACAW	
000033	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>		DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000020	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>		INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK	
000004	<i>Numida meleagris</i>		DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN	
000004	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		LEOPARD	
000001	<i>Pulsatrix perspicillata</i>		SPECTACLED OWL	
000001	<i>Antigone antigone</i>		SARUS CRANE	
000004	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>		GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE / GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE	
000002	<i>Bugeranus carunculatus</i>		WATTLED CRANE	
000002	<i>Anser anser</i>		GRAYLAG GOOSE	
000002	<i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>		EGYPTIAN GOOSE	
000001	<i>Ciconia ciconia</i>		WHITE STORK	
000001	<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>		SOUTHERN TAMANDUA	
000002	<i>Oryx leucoryx</i>		ARABIAN ORYX	
000005	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>		AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN	
000007	<i>Struthio camelus</i>		COMMON OSTRICH	
000001	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>		BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY	
001035	Total			



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