

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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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: 10-OCT-2023

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Facilities, general.

Two storks housed in separate exhibits managed to escape their primary enclosures on September 19th and September 24th. One Abdim stork and one Marabou stork were able to gain flight and fly over their enclosure structures used to contain the birds within their exhibits. While the facility reports that wing-clipping and additional provisions were in place to prevent the birds from leaving their enclosures, they later determined that the wings had grown enough to enable flight.

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 for birds shall be designed and constructed appropriately for the species of birds housed in them, remain in good repair, and protect the birds from injury. Corrective actions were already taken by the facility.

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

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Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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Species Inspected

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CountScientific NameCommon Name000001Leptoptilos crumeniferMARABOU STORK000001Ciconia abdimiiABDIM'S STORK

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