



Inspection Report

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way
CLEVELAND, OH 44109

Customer ID: **2152**

Certificate: **31-C-0003**

Site: 001

CLEVELAND METROPARKS
ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 02-FEB-2022

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

On January 18, 2022, an off exhibit, visually impaired, male black footed cat was being moved into a feeding stall when he got stuck in the shift door and injured. The experienced zookeeper started to close the heavy shift door after the male cat was seen to be in the stall with his feed, but the male cat double backed through the door opening. The zookeeper's attention was focused on the female cat, in the same enclosure, and not the shift door as he continued to push it closed. After realizing the cat was stuck between the shift door and the wall, the zookeeper quickly opened the door, and the cat was released. The zookeeper thought the cat appeared to be moving around okay but the cat quickly went to one of his hiding boxes. The incident was reported to a supervisor at this time. The next morning, the male cat was found laying sternal in his enclosure, not wanting to move and the attending veterinarian was notified. A physical exam and radiographs were consistent with a pelvic fracture. The veterinarian elected humane euthanasia as the best treatment.

Improper handling can cause unnecessary stress, injury and death. All handling of animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

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Correct by ensuring proper handling of all animals from this day forward.

This was a focused inspection on the black footed cat enclosure.

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

Additional Inspectors:

RANDALL COLEMAN, ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
2152	31-C-0003	001	CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOOLOGICAL PARK	02-FEB-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Felis nigripes</i>	BLACK-FOOTED CAT
000001	Total	