



Inspection Report

Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Customer ID: **3532**
Certificate: **93-C-0043**
Site: 001
LOS ANGELES ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 24-JUN-2014

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

A female takin, Qiji, began showing signs of labor during the afternoon of 4/29/2014. According to zoo personnel, this animal had a recent history of lethargy, lameness, and swollen legs. A plan to have the night keeper do periodic checks on the animal throughout the night was made.

Documentation provided states that the on-call veterinarian could not be reached earlier in the evening by a senior animal keeper to discuss concerns involving the progression of the labor. When the senior animal keeper did speak with the on-call veterinarian later that night to inform him of concerns that the takin was having problems with delivery, she was told that getting a team together in the middle of the night to immediately deal with the situation was doubtful and that it would be dealt with first thing in the morning. According to medical records, the takin received veterinary care the following morning and was euthanized due to findings encountered during a C-section to remove her fetus, which had died.

Additional documentation provided by the facility states that three animal keepers involved in Qiji's care are concerned that there is no clear plan for how to handle after-hours medical emergencies. It states that in the past, night keepers have had difficulties in being able to reach the on-call veterinarian when there have been after-hours medical concerns. In looking into these concerns, the Zoo's Animal Management Committee found that the after-hours Vet call list was out of date and has since been updated and re-distributed.

Although the zoo has a veterinarian and veterinary technician on call each night, and emergency procedures can and have been conducted during off hours, it appears in this case, there was a failure in communication between the senior animal keeper and the on-call veterinarian and an uncertainty for how to handle after-hours medical emergencies.

To be corrected from this day forward.

An exit briefing was conducted with a facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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3532	93-C-0043	001	LOS ANGELES ZOO	24-JUN-14

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>	BLACK HOWLER
000002	<i>Cacajao calvus</i>	BALD UAKARI / BALD UACARI
000002	<i>Cephalophus silvicultor</i>	YELLOW-BACKED DUIKER
000002	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	HIPPOPOTAMUS
000001	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000003	<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>	RED RIVER HOG
000006	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>	GIANT OTTER
000001	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>	INDIAN RHINOCEROS
000002	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i>	COTTON-TOP TAMARIN
000002	<i>Sus bucculentus</i>	VIETNAMESE WARTY PIG
000002	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN TAPIR
000025	Total	