



Inspection Report

Blank Park Zoo
7401 South West 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50315

Customer ID: **25388**
Certificate: **42-C-0168**
Site: 001
BLANK PARK ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 01-DEC-2015

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Within the Discovery Center there is an enclosure containing two tamarins and one porcupine. The enclosure is made out of wire mesh and is immediately adjacent to a public walkway. There is no barrier to prevent the public on the walkway from touching and/or sticking their fingers through the wire mesh and having direct contact with the animals in the enclosure. There is no attendant present in this portion of the facility to monitor this enclosure. This poses a hazard to both the public and the animals within the exhibit. During public exhibition, there must be sufficient distance and/or effective barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to ensure the safety of the animals and the public.

To be corrected by: December 15, 2015

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FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

In the outdoor section of the enclosure containing two lions, there is a large area of mud in front of the access door. There are multiple puddles of standing water within this muddy area. The lions must cross this muddy area in order to enter or exit the indoor section of the enclosure.

In the outdoor section of the enclosure containing three elands, the water source is located on concrete. The ground where the animals approach the water source is extremely muddy and has a large puddle of standing water. The animals must walk through this puddle of water to reach the water source.

In the outdoor enclosure containing one tiger, there is a large area of muddy ground located along the public viewing side. This muddy area also contains multiple large puddles of water. The ball used as enrichment for the tiger was sitting in one of the puddles of water.

Improper drainage can cause animals to become wet and soiled which could negatively impact their health and

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well-being. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The licensee must establish a method for quickly eliminating all standing water puddles from the lion, tiger and eland enclosures in order to promote their health and well-being.

To be corrected by: January 12, 2016

Inspection and exit briefing conducted with ACI Kelly Maxwell, VMO Heather Cole and facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors

Maxwell Kelly, Animal Care Inspector

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Species Inspected

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25388	42-C-0168	001	BLANK PARK ZOO	01-DEC-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	ADDAX
000002	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	RED PANDA
000003	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000004	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000005	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>	BACTRIAN CAMEL
000017	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000012	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000001	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>	CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI
000001	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000002	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	BLACK RHINOCEROS
000002	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000001	<i>Equus asinus asinus</i>	DONKEY / BURRO / ASS
000004	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000002	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON
000002	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Leontopithecus chrysomelas</i>	GOLDEN-HEADED TAMARIN
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000012	<i>Macaca fuscata</i>	JAPANESE MACAQUE *MALE
000001	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000006	<i>Mustela putorius</i>	EUROPEAN POLECAT
000013	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000001	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	HARBOR SEAL
000014	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT
000002	<i>Saimiri boliviensis</i>	BLACK-CAPPED SQUIRREL MONKEY
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000003	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000002	<i>Uncia uncia</i>	SNOW LEOPARD
000001	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000003	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
000136	Total	