



## Inspection Report

Commonwealth Zoological Corporation  
One Franklin Park Road  
Boston, MA 02121

Customer ID: **1973**

Certificate: **14-C-0001**

Site: 001

Commonwealth Zoological  
Corporation

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 03-SEP-2024

### 3.125(a)

#### Facilities, general.

In the prehensile tailed porcupine exhibit and in bear back holding, there are cracks in the concrete flooring that are several feet long. In the bear enclosure, dark material or moisture is visible accumulating in the cracked concrete. Damaged floor surfaces that prevent adequate cleaning and/or sanitization can present a hazard to the animals. Housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair for the safety of the animals. Correct by 1 October, 2024.

The chain link giraffe chute to outdoor holding was in poor repair and not structurally sound in several sections, with several loose, crumpled areas with sharp points, braces no longer attached to some fenceposts, and a "V" shaped opening between two poles at the entrance to the side yard. There is a risk of injury or entrapment from this disrepair. Correct by 13 September 2024.

The interior of the giraffe barn had large holes in the insulation exposing the metal walls of the barn, and it was deteriorating, reducing its efficacy and potentially compromising animal welfare by making it difficult to maintain adequate temperatures in inclement weather. One of the intakes on the air handler was almost completely blocked with debris, reducing airflow into the barn. Adequate ventilation is necessary to ensure animal welfare. Correct by 15 November, 2024.

A hand sized hole and multiple smaller, finger sized gaps were present in the concrete below one of the lion viewing windows, and there were several 2 by 5 cm gaps in the deteriorating rubber seal around the jeep windshield in which the public sits to view the lion. The lion has direct access to these windows while on exhibit. This risks injuring the public and does not adequately protect the lion from the public. The facility immediately began repairs at the time of inspection. To remain corrected after 12 September, 2024.

Metal flashing used to repair the exterior side of the male zebra stall in the exercise yard had a hole with sharp edges, and a protruding edge, both of which could produce an injury if contacted by the zebra. To be corrected by ensuring that facilities are maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. Correct by 13 September, 2024.

### 3.125(c)

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### Facilities, general.

The seals of multiple refrigerators used to store daily diets were blackened and in some cases caked with black material. Buildup of debris and mold on door seals risks contamination and deterioration of food, which can lead to adverse animal welfare outcomes. The facility must ensure that food is stored properly to ensure it is protected against deterioration or contamination.

Correct by 13 September, 2024.

### 3.131(a)

#### Sanitation.

The surfaces of the walls above the corrugated panels and open grates comprising the roof of the sloth and tamarin exhibit, under the flyway to feeding stations for birds and bats on the roof of the tropical forest exhibit, was caked with droppings and dirt. Buildup of feces and biological material may harbor bacteria and mold that can adversely affect animal welfare and attract pests. The facility must ensure that adequate cleaning is performed to ensure animal welfare.

Correct by 15 October 2024.

### 3.153(a)(1)(i)

#### Primary enclosures.

In the upper part of the aviaries in the Riverbank and Swamp exhibits, there were several hanging pieces of wire mesh on the interior of the enclosures. Two or three of these sections of wire mesh had sharp, cut wire ends protruding into the aviaries, which house multiple species.

A chicken wire panel used as a part of the floor in the barn owl's primary enclosure is corroded and damaged, with several sharp wire points extending up into the enclosure.

In an enclosure holding two scarlet macaws, there is a wooden perching structure. In one area of the structure, the wooden material of the perches has been worn away and the sharp point of a screw is exposed and accessible to the birds in the enclosure. This item was corrected at the time of inspection.

To be corrected by ensuring that primary enclosures housing birds contain no sharp points or edges by 13 September 2024.

### 3.153(a)(1)(ix)

#### Primary enclosures.

In three enclosures housing macaws and hornbills, there is a metal grate secured beneath the skylight in each enclosure. The paint on the metal is patchy and peeling in some areas and the metal is dark and rough in appearance. A large (~8ft long) piece of wood mounted to the ceiling near the grate in the hyacinth macaw enclosure has been damaged by the birds and has a rough, splintered appearance. Surfaces in contact with birds must be either readily cleaned/sanitized or replaced when worn or soiled. Peeling paint and damaged surfaces may not be readily cleaned or sanitized and may

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present a hazard to the health and well being of the birds.

To be corrected by ensuring primary enclosures housing birds are maintained in good repair and surfaces in contact with birds can be readily cleaned or replaced when worn or soiled. Correct by 1 November, 2024.

### 3.158(c)

#### **Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.**

The barn owl enclosure is located on the second story of a barn. The area around the enclosure is used as a general storage, and the floor space is largely occupied with large boxes, various pieces of stored equipment, and empty enclosures. The accumulation of items makes accessing the enclosure for husbandry more challenging, and a layer of dust is visible on the items in the space around the animal enclosure. Premises where housing facilities are located must be kept clean and free of accumulations of junk in order to protect the birds from injury and disease, to facilitate necessary husbandry practices, and to reduce breeding and living areas for pests.

To be corrected by 1 October, 2024.

### 3.158(d)

#### **Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.**

The wattled crane enclosure had an excessive accumulation of avian waste from pest birds (sparrows) on the window and walls, and mesh used to eliminate perching sites was torn and dangling in places on the upper walls of the shelter. Avian pests may carry infectious disease, and buildup of wastes may contaminate the shelter. The facility must ensure that effective pest control is in place in this enclosure.

Correct by 16 September 2024.

This inspection and preliminary exit interview were conducted on site with facility representatives from September 3-5th, 2024. A final exit briefing was conducted on September 11, 2024.

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000001	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000002	<i>Apteryx mantelli</i>	NORTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI
000070	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000004	<i>Eurypyga helias</i>	SUNBITTERN
000003	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>	GOLDEN PHEASANT
000004	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEA FOWL / COMMON PEA FOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000006	<i>Branta ruficollis</i>	RED-BREASTED GOOSE
000001	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>	BLACK SWAN
000003	<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	CANVASBACK
000003	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>	BUFFLEHEAD
000004	<i>Bucephala islandica</i>	BARROW'S GOLDENEYE
000002	<i>Callonetta leucophrys</i>	RINGED TEAL
000001	<i>Chenonetta jubata</i>	MANED DUCK / AUSTRALIAN WOOD DUCK
000008	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>	MARbled TEAL
000008	<i>Mergus squamatus</i>	SCALY-SIDED MERGANSER
000001	<i>Netta peposaca</i>	ROSY-BILLED POCHARD
000003	<i>Spatula clypeata</i>	NORTHERN SHOVELER
000004	<i>Sibirionetta formosa</i>	BAIKAL TEAL
000006	<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	HOODED MERGANSER
000003	<i>Ptilinopus melanospilus</i>	BLACK-NAPED FRUIT-DOVE
000001	<i>Ptilinopus pulchellus</i>	BEAUTIFUL FRUIT-DOVE
000001	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>	TAWNY FROGMOUTH
000002	<i>Tauraco erythrolophus</i>	RED-CRESTED TURACO
000001	<i>Musophaga violacea</i>	VIOLET TURACO
000003	<i>Ardeotis kori</i>	KORI BUSTARD
000002	<i>Antigone vipio</i>	WHITE-NAPED CRANE
000001	<i>Grus monacha</i>	HOODED CRANE
000003	<i>Bucconeranus carunculatus</i>	WATTLED CRANE
000003	<i>Leucogeranus leucogeranus</i>	SIBERIAN CRANE
000007	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>	YELLOW-BILLED STORK
000001	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>	SADDLE-BILLED STORK
000007	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>	HADADA IBIS
000003	<i>Threskiornis bernieri</i>	MALAGASY SACRED IBIS
000003	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000003	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	BOAT-BILLED HERON
000002	<i>Scopus umbretta</i>	HAMERKOP
000002	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000003	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000002	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>	ANDEAN CONDOR
000001	<i>Haliaeetus pelagicus</i>	STELLER'S SEA-EAGLE
000001	<i>Berenicornis comatus</i>	WHITE-CROWNED HORNBILL
000002	<i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>	BLUE-BELLIED ROLLER
000003	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>	LAUGHING KOOKABURRA
000002	<i>Pteroglossus viridis</i>	GREEN ARACARI
000002	<i>Trachyphonus erythrocephalus</i>	RED-AND-YELLOW BARBET



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000003	<i>Polihierax semitorquatus</i>		PYGMY FALCON	
000003	<i>Nestor notabilis</i>		KEA	
000110	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>		BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET	
000003	<i>Neophema bourkii</i>		BOURKE'S PARROT	
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>		WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO	
000006	<i>Cyanopica cyanus</i>		AZURE-WINGED MAGPIE	
000002	<i>Lamprotornis regius</i>		GOLDEN-BREASTED STARLING	
000002	<i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i>		BALI MYNA	
000038	<i>Chloebia gouldiae</i>		GOULDIAN FINCH	
000002	<i>Spinus cucullatus</i>		RED SISKIN	
000001	<i>Coryphospingus cucullatus</i>		RED-CRESTED FINCH	
000002	<i>Macropus fuliginosus</i>		WESTERN GREY KANGAROO	
000004	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>		BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY	
000001	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>		RED KANGAROO	
000002	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>		LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH	
000001	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>		GIANT ANTEATER	
000004	<i>Lemur catta</i>		RING-TAILED LEMUR	
000001	<i>Perodicticus potto</i>		POTTO	
000006	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i>		COTTON-TOP TAMARIN	
000003	<i>Cercopithecus neglectus</i>		DE BRAZZA'S MONKEY	
000006	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>		WESTERN GORILLA	
000016	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>		BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG	
000002	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>		CAPE PORCUPINE	
000004	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>		CHINCHILLA	
000087	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>		STRAW-COLOURED FRUIT BAT	
000005	<i>Rousettus lanosus</i>		RUWENZORI LONG-HAIRED FRUIT BAT	
000001	<i>Panthera leo</i>		LION	
000001	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>		SPOTTED HYENA	
000002	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>		AFRICAN HUNTING DOG / AFRICAN WILD DOG	
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>		FENNEC FOX	
000002	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>		DOMESTIC FERRET	
000002	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>		RED PANDA	
000004	<i>Equus zebra</i>		MOUNTAIN ZEBRA / HARTMANN'S ZEBRA	
000003	<i>Equus africanus</i>		AFRICAN WILD ASS	
000002	<i>Tapirus bairdii</i>		BAIRD'S TAPIR	
000003	<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>		RED RIVER HOG	
000002	<i>Sus scrofa</i>		WILD BOAR	
000003	<i>Hexaprotodon liberiensis</i>		PYGMY HIPPOPOTAMUS	
000002	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>		BACTRIAN CAMEL	
000001	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>		REEVE'S MUNTJAC	
000002	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>		GIRAFFE	
000005	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>		BRINDLED WILDEBEEST	
000002	<i>Bos taurus</i>		CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI	
000001	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>		NYALA	
000021	<i>Capra hircus</i>		DOMESTIC GOAT	
000007	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>		SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000031	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>		AMERICAN FLAMINGO	
000001	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>		GREATER ROADRUNNER	
000002	<i>Grus americana</i>		WHOOPING CRANE	
000001	<i>Grus nigricollis</i>		BLACK-NECKED CRANE	



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000002	<i>Buceros rhinoceros</i>		RHINOCEROS HORNBILL	
000001	<i>Bycanistes brevis</i>		SILVERY-CHEEKED HORNBILL	
000002	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>		PEREGRINE FALCON	
000002	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>		HYACINTH MACAW	
000001	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000002	<i>Ara macao</i>		SCARLET MACAW	
000006	<i>Procapra capensis</i>		ROCK HYRAX	
000005	<i>Colobus guereza</i>		EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA	
000004	<i>Nomascus leucogenys</i>		WHITE-CHEEKED GIBBON	
000002	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>		NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE	
000002	<i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>		BRAZILIAN AGOUTI	
000001	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>		DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT	
000001	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>		CANADIAN LYNX	
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>		PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR	
000001	<i>Panthera onca</i>		JAGUAR	
000002	<i>Panthera uncia</i>		SNOW LEOPARD	
000006	<i>Canis lupus</i>		GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF	
000002	<i>Speothos venaticus</i>		BUSH DOG	
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>		NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR	
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>		NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER	
000002	<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>		RINGTAIL	
000003	<i>Catagonus wagneri</i>		CHACOAN PECCARY	
000002	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>		REINDEER	
000001	<i>Bos grunniens</i>		YAK	
000005	<i>Capra falconeri</i>		MARKHOR	
000385	<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>		SEBA'S SHORT-TAILED BAT	
000001	<i>Anas bahamensis</i>		WHITE-CHEEKED PINTAIL	
000001	<i>Catua citrinocristata</i>		CITRON-CRESTED COCKATOO	
001068	<b>Total</b>			