



## Inspection Report

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Woodland Park Zoo  
5500 Phinney Ave N  
Seattle, WA 98103

Customer ID: **17547**

Certificate: **91-C-0087**

Site: 001

Woodland Park Zoo

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 26-SEP-2024

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### 3.125(a) Critical

#### Facilities, general.

On 22 June 2024, a two-month-old male otter died after being found trapped on a ramp in the holding area. The otter pup had slipped into a gap between the ramp and the wall and was unable to free itself. A zookeeper was able to free the trapped animal; however, despite emergency care provided by both animal care and animal health staff, the otter was unresponsive.

Housing facilities must be designed and constructed to ensure the safety of the animals. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

The zoo has completed modifications to the holding area for the otters.

Corrected prior to the inspection on 26 September 2024.

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

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

01-OCT-2024

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL  
OFFICER

Received by Title: Attending Veterinarian

Date:

01-OCT-2024



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
17547	91-C-0087	001	Woodland Park Zoo	26-SEP-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000003	Total	