



Inspection Report

The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens
47900 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Customer ID: **3576**
Certificate: **93-C-0148**
Site: 001
The Living Desert

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 03-JUN-2025

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

During the late afternoon on 02/10/2025 two female Bat-eared foxes escaped their outdoor back holding enclosure. Later that night, the animal care team was able to locate both foxes on facility grounds; however, only one of the foxes was successfully and safely recaptured. Although the facility has used several methods to recapture the second fox, it has not been sighted or recovered since that night. The back holding enclosure had been recently extended with new fencing and an anti-dig barrier. Upon facility review, it was determined the new fence was not properly secured to the anti-dig barrier along one of the bottom corners which allowed the foxes to escape through an approximately 3.5 inch opening. An animal escape from its enclosure can lead to distress, injury or death to the animal especially in unfamiliar or potentially hazardous surroundings. Prior to inspection, the facility had taken corrective actions and implemented new procedures for preventing animal escapes. All outdoor and indoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be designed and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

Correct from this day, 06/06/2025, forward.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:
06-JUN-2025

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:
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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	<i>Nanger dama</i>	ADDRA GAZELLE
000003	<i>Gazella spekei</i>	SPEKE'S GAZELLE
000016	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000003	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000002	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	BAT-EARED FOX
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000010	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	AFRICAN HUNTING DOG / AFRICAN WILD DOG
000002	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000001	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000005	<i>Felis margarita</i>	SAND CAT
000003	<i>Felis nigripes</i>	BLACK-FOOTED CAT
000003	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000004	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>	CAPE PORCUPINE
000005	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>	PRONGHORN
000008	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	ADDAX
000002	<i>Gazella leptoceros</i>	SLENDER-HORNED GAZELLE / AFRICAN SAND GAZELLE / LODER'S SAND GAZELLE
000005	<i>Oryx leucoryx</i>	ARABIAN ORYX
000001	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	GREATER KUDU
000005	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000007	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	WARTHOG
000002	<i>Tolypeutes matacus</i>	SOUTHERN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000002	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMERICAN BADGER
000001	<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>	RINGTAIL
000002	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000011	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000001	<i>Hyaena hyaena</i>	STRIPED HYENA
000002	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	ROCK HYRAX
000005	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	SLENDER-TAILED MEERKAT
000008	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000007	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	BIGHORN SHEEP
000002	<i>Catagonus wagneri</i>	CHACOAN PECCARY
000002	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000007	<i>Petrogale xanthopus</i>	YELLOW-FOOTED ROCK WALLABY
000002	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	COMMON WATERBUCK
000002	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	BLACK RHINOCEROS
000002	<i>Urocyon littoralis</i>	CHANNEL ISLANDS FOX
000005	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	SPRINGBOK
000004	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	BANDED MONGOOSE
000001	<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	SHORT-BEAKED ECHIDNA
000097	<i>Heterocephalus glaber</i>	NAKED MOLE-RAT
000014	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000002	<i>Bettongia penicillata</i>	BRUSH-TAILED RAT-KANGAROO
000007	<i>Helogale parvula</i>	DWARF MONGOOSE
000002	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000001	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	KLIPSPRINGER



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000003	<i>Struthio camelus</i>		COMMON OSTRICH	
000003	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>		EMU	
000003	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>		FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK	
000002	<i>Aythya americana</i>		REDHEAD	
000001	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>		BALD EAGLE	
000002	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>		TAWNY FROGMOUTH	
000002	<i>Geococcyx californianus</i>		GREATER ROADRUNNER	
000004	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>		GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE / GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE	
000002	<i>Mycteria ibis</i>		YELLOW-BILLED STORK	
000003	<i>Cathartes aura</i>		TURKEY VULTURE	
000002	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>		MARABOU STORK	
000002	<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>		HADADA IBIS	
000005	<i>Athene cunicularia</i>		BURROWING OWL	
000013	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>		NORTHERN BALD IBIS	
000002	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>		LAUGHING KOOKABURRA	
000001	<i>Ardea alba</i>		GREAT EGRET	
000001	<i>Ardea herodias</i>		GREAT BLUE HERON	
000003	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>		BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON	
000002	<i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>		GREAT WHITE PELICAN / EASTERN WHITE PELICAN	
000006	<i>Pelecanus rufescens</i>		PINK-BACKED PELICAN	
000002	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>		KILLDEER	
000004	<i>Vanellus spinosus</i>		SPUR-WINGED LAPWING	
000002	<i>Aegypius monachus</i>		CINEREOUS VULTURE	
000001	<i>Tyto alba</i>		BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL	
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>		EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL	
000002	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>		GREAT HORNED OWL	
000002	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>		RED-TAILED HAWK	
000002	<i>Megascops kennicottii</i>		WESTERN SCREECH-OWL	
000001	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>		BLACK VULTURE / MEXICAN VULTURE	
000001	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>		GOLDEN EAGLE	
000002	<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>		CAPE GRIFFON / CAPE VULTURE	
000001	<i>Gyps fulvus</i>		EURASIAN GRIFFON	
000001	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>		HARRIS'S HAWK	
000004	<i>Tockus deckeni</i>		VON DER DECKEN'S HORNBILL	
000001	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>		ABYSSINIAN GROUND-HORNBILL	
000001	<i>Coracias spatulatus</i>		RACKET-TAILED ROLLER	
000001	<i>Falco sparverius</i>		AMERICAN KESTREL	
000051	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>		BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET	
000001	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>		WHITE-HEADED BUFFALO-WEAVER	
000003	<i>Ploceus castaneiceps</i>		TAVETA GOLDEN-WEAVER	
000002	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>		STRIPED SKUNK	
000003	<i>Equus zebra</i>		MOUNTAIN ZEBRA / HARTMANN'S ZEBRA	
000001	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>		SOUTHERN GROUND-HORNBILL	
000002	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>		RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	
000001	<i>Vulpes macrotis</i>		KIT FOX	
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