



## Inspection Report

Potawatomi Zoological Society  
500 S Greenlawn Ave  
South Bend, IN 46615

Customer ID: **331496**  
Certificate: **32-C-0243**  
Site: 001

POTAWATOMI ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION  
Date: 13-NOV-2018

**2.131(c)(1) CRITICAL REPEAT**

### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

During a birthday party held in the facilities Learning Center a serval lunged at and scratched a child. The facility schedules birthday parties and uses requested educational animals at these parties. The facility allows the public to touch the 4 year old serval on the back if the serval is sitting. This animal has been used in this way for 3 1/2 years and was being handled by a keeper with over one year of experience with this animal.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

The facility is not currently using the serval for programs and will not allow public contact with the serval again. The facility is also re-evaluating all of its public contact policies. Appropriate measures must be taken to prevent injury to the public and to the animals.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Director of Animal Programs and Education.

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**Date:**  
26-APR-2019

**Title:** ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR 1053

**Received by Title:** DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL PROGRAMS AND EDUCATION

**Date:**  
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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
331496	32-C-0243	001	POTAWATOMI ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	13-NOV-18

No Animals were Inspected.

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000000	NONE	NONE
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