



Inspection Report

Zoological Subdistrict of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum

Customer ID: **4296**

District

Certificate: **43-C-0032**

1 Government Drive
Saint Louis, MO 63110

Site: 001
St. Louis Zoo

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 16-OCT-2023

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Facilities, outdoor.

On October 13, 2023, at approximately 3:40pm an unleashed dog was observed on the St. Louis Zoo grounds, inside the perimeter fence of the zoo. The dog was noticed by one of the zoo's elephant caretakers near the elephant enclosure and barn in a non-public area. The caretakers were in the process of putting the elephants up for the night, transferring them into the barn. At the time the dog was seen there was still one elephant (Ellie) in a pen adjacent to the barn but not yet in the barn. The dog did not enter the enclosure with the elephant or have any direct interaction with her, nor did the dog enter the elephant barn. The elephant (Ellie) that was outside the barn did notice the dog, which caused her to become alarmed and/or agitated. Ellie vocalized this alarm which then spread through the barn, resulting in the elephants in the barn to react by vocalizing as well. Over the next several minutes the elephants continued to exhibit their excitement or alarm by vocalizing.

All facilities with elephants and other like wild animals are required to have and maintain a perimeter fence. The perimeter fence is necessary to both keep out unauthorized persons and animals from entering the facility but to also act as a secondary fence to keep facility animals within the facility. The failure of the perimeter fence to keep unauthorized persons or animals from entering the facility can result in injury or death to the animals in the facility.

The licensee is required to have a perimeter fence that is well maintained and structurally sound and that prevents the entrance of unauthorized persons and animals.

To be corrected by November 20, 2023. (corrected)

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:
20-DEC-2023

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
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