



Inspection Report

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
P.O. BOX 400
POWELL, OH 43065

Customer ID: **2204**
Certificate: **31-C-0042**
Site: 001
COLUMBUS ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 09-JUN-2025

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

The facility self-reported an incident that occurred on April 17, 2025, involving the failure of a door separating two groups of lions, which resulted in the injury of two of the lions. In the holding area, the overnight housing enclosures contained two lions each. An adult male lion was housed with an adult female lion and the adjacent enclosure housed two adult female lions, one of which was known to be incompatible with the adult male lion. The staff found all four lions together in the morning and two were injured, the adult male lion and the adult female lion that were previously noted to be incompatible. The facility hypothesized that the sliding panel between the enclosures had been broken by one of the animals. The injured animals received veterinary care immediately. Unfortunately, the injuries to the adult female lion resulted in the animal being euthanized. The adult male lion had minor injuries, received appropriate veterinary care, and recovered uneventfully.

The failure of the integrity of the door resulted in a negative impact to the health and welfare of the two lions. Enclosures that do not properly contain animals can result in injury and stress. Correct by ensuring that the facility is constructed of materials and of such strength as appropriate for the animals housed in the enclosure to protect them from injury and to contain the animals. Prior to inspection, the facility conducted an internal investigation into the matter and implemented improvements to the enclosure doors in order to prevent further incidents. Correct by: June 20, 2025.

Elephants inspected: Phoebe, Rudy, Sonny, Frankie, Johnson.

This inspection was conducted on June 9-11 with the Senior Curator of Animal Care and various zookeepers.

The exit briefing was conducted with facility representatives on June 11, 2025.

Additional Inspectors:

Jonathan Tomkovitch, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	SHORT-BEAKED ECHIDNA
000002	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	INDIAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000002	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000004	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	CARIBBEAN MANATEE
000002	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	SPOTTED HYENA
000001	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Sarcophilus harrisii</i>	TASMANIAN DEVIL
000001	<i>Lasiornis latifrons</i>	SOUTHERN HAIRY-NOSED WOMBAT
000003	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	KOALA
000004	<i>Okapia johnstoni</i>	OKAPI
000005	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000003	<i>Numida meleagris</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL / PEARL HEN
000001	<i>Bettongia penicillata</i>	BRUSH-TAILED RAT-KANGAROO
000007	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA
000003	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000003	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000003	<i>Gallicolumba luzonica</i>	LUZON BLEEDING-HEART
000002	<i>Dendrolagus matschiei</i>	MATSCHIE'S TREE KANGAROO
000005	<i>Pteropus vampyrus</i>	LARGE FLYING FOX
000002	<i>Capra falconeri</i>	MARKHOR
000002	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>	TRUMPETER SWAN
000001	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000005	<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	EASTERN GREY KANGAROO
000007	<i>Mandrillus sphinx</i>	MANDRILL
000002	<i>Icterus galbula</i>	BALTIMORE ORIOLE / NORTHERN ORIOLE
000003	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000001	<i>Cariama cristata</i>	RED-LEGGED SERIEMA
000001	<i>Echinops telfairi</i>	LESSER MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOG TENREC
000003	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>	NORTHERN BALD IBIS
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000004	<i>Alces alces</i>	MOOSE
000009	<i>Nanger dama</i>	ADDRA GAZELLE
000030	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	AMERICAN FLAMINGO
000005	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	ASIAN ELEPHANT
000005	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	VERVET
000014	<i>Pan paniscus</i>	PYGMY CHIMPANZEE / BONOBO
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>	PIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON
000001	<i>Chaetophractus villosus</i>	LARGER HAIRY ARMADILLO
000002	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000004	<i>Tolypeutes matacus</i>	SOUTHERN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000003	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000007	<i>Felis margarita</i>	SAND CAT
000006	<i>Spinus tristis</i>	AMERICAN GOLDFINCH
000002	<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>	SOUTHERN TAMANDUA
000001	<i>Pteropus pumilus</i>	LITTLE GOLDEN-MANTLED FLYING FOX



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2204	31-C-0042	001	COLUMBUS ZOO	09-JUN-2025
000016	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>		WESTERN GORILLA	
000002	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>		FENNEC FOX	
000002	<i>Ursus arctos</i>		BROWN BEAR	
000007	<i>Gazella leptoceros</i>		SLENDER-HORNED GAZELLE / AFRICAN SAND GAZELLE / LODER'S SAND GAZELLE	
000002	<i>Varecia rubra</i>		RED RUFFED LEMUR	
000002	<i>Nycticebus pygmaeus</i>		PYGMY SLOW LORIS	
000013	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>		AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN	
000001	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>		KILLDEER	
000005	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000002	<i>Otolemur garnettii</i>		SMALL-EARED BUSHBABY / NORTHERN GREATER GALAGO	
000002	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		LEOPARD	
000001	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>		BINTURONG	
000002	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>		TAWNY FROGMOUTH	
000007	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>		CEDAR WAXWING	
000018	<i>Trachypithecus cristatus</i>		SILVERY LUTUNG / SILVERED LANGUR / LEAF MONKEY	
000002	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>		POLAR BEAR	
000002	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>		WARTHOG	
000001	<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>		FRECKLED DUCK	
000005	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		CATTLE EGRET	
000002	<i>Hylobates lar</i>		LAR GIBBON	
000007	<i>Canis lupus</i>		GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF	
000017	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>		GIRAFFE	
000001	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>		BUFFLEHEAD	
000004	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>		METALLIC STARLING	
000002	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>		SIAMANG	
000007	<i>Eudorcas thomsonii</i>		THOMSON'S GAZELLE	
000002	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>		MARbled TEAL	
000003	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>		LAUGHING KOOKABURRA	
000004	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>		BORNEAN ORANGUTAN	
000002	<i>Aythya affinis</i>		LESSER SCAUP	
000001	<i>Ursus americanus</i>		NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR	
000009	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>		CHEETAH	
000003	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>		REINDEER	
000001	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>		MOURNING DOVE	
000002	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>		SADDLE-BILLED STORK	
000002	<i>Ramphastos toco</i>		TOCO TOUCAN	
000002	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>		SERVAL	
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>		PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR	
000004	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>		STRIPED SKUNK	
000002	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>		CANADIAN LYNX	
000001	<i>Gulo gulo</i>		WOLVERINE	
000007	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>		BRINDLED WILDEBEEST	
000001	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>		SMEW	
000002	<i>Vanellus miles</i>		MASKED LAPWING	
000004	<i>Otocolobus manul</i>		PALLAS'S CAT	
000002	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>		MAGPIE GOOSE	
000002	<i>Panthera tigris</i>		TIGER	
000002	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>		REEVE'S MUNTJAC	
000003	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>		RUDDY DUCK	
000002	<i>Ptilinopus melanospilus</i>		BLACK-NAPED FRUIT-DOVE	



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000002	<i>Balearica pavonina</i>		BLACK CROWNED-CRANE	
000003	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>		NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER	
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>		BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA	
000002	<i>Goura victoria</i>		VICTORIA CROWNED-PIGEON	
000002	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>		SLOTH BEAR	
000006	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>		ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER	
000003	<i>Elaphodus cephalophus</i>		TUFTED DEER	
000004	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		GREATER KUDU	
000009	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>		CALIFORNIA SEA LION	
000001	<i>Eupodotis gindiana</i>		BUFF-CRESTED BUSTARD	
000001	<i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>		BLUE-BELLIED ROLLER	
000008	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>		CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT	
000003	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		HARBOR SEAL	
000001	<i>Aix sponsa</i>		WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK	
000002	<i>Ardeola speciosa</i>		JAVAN POND-HERON	
000002	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>		BALD EAGLE	
000019	<i>Capra hircus</i>		DOMESTIC GOAT	
000009	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>		SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000001	<i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i>		REEVES'S PHEASANT	
000005	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>		GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE / GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE	
000003	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>		BROWN PELICAN	
000001	<i>Rallus limicola</i>		VIRGINIA RAIL	
000004	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>		SONG SPARROW	
000002	<i>Rollulus rouloul</i>		CRESTED PARTRIDGE	
000003	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>		VIOLET-BACKED STARLING	
000015	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>		NICOBAR PIGEON	
000007	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>		ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK	
000001	<i>Anas castanea</i>		CHESTNUT TEAL	
000001	<i>Trichoglossus capistratus</i>		MARIGOLD LORIKEET	
000002	<i>Ara macao</i>		SCARLET MACAW	
000002	<i>Columba guinea</i>		SPECKLED PIGEON	
000003	<i>Ara rubrogenys</i>		RED-FRONTED MACAW	
000001	<i>Porzana carolina</i>		SORA	
000002	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>		BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER	
000001	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>		BLACK CRAKE	
000001	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>		GRAY CATBIRD	
000003	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>		SOUTHERN MASKED-WEAVER	
000002	<i>Grus japonensis</i>		RED-CROWNED CRANE / JAPANESE CRANE	
000017	<i>Spheniscus humboldti</i>		HUMBOLDT PENGUIN	
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>		EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL	
000027	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>		RAINBOW LORIKEET	
000002	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>		WHITE-FACED IBIS	
000001	<i>Strix varia</i>		BARRED OWL	
000002	<i>Bycanistes brevis</i>		SILVERY-CHEEKED HORNBILL	
000003	<i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i>		BALI MYNA	
000001	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>		AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER / LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER	
000002	<i>Megascops asio</i>		EASTERN SCREECH-OWL	
000038	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>		COCONUT LORIKEET	
000001	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>		AMERICAN CROW	
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>		RED-TAILED HAWK	



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000001	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>		ABYSSINIAN GROUND-HORNBILL	
000010	<i>Cyanopica cyanus</i>		AZURE-WINGED MAGPIE	
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>		WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO	
000002	<i>Pterorhinus chinensis</i>		BLACK-THROATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH	
000004	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>		RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX	
000001	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>		COMMON BULBUL	
000002	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>		CHINESE HWAMEI	
000003	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>		WHITE-HEADED BUFFALO-WEAVER	
000002	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>		DARK-EYED JUNCO / SLATE-COLORED JUNCO	
000002	<i>Sialia sialis</i>		EASTERN BLUEBIRD	
000002	<i>Liocichla ripponi</i>		SCARLET-FACED LIOCICHLA	
000004	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>		OVENBIRD	
000002	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>		RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	
000001	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>		WOOD THRUSH	
000003	<i>Icterus spurius</i>		ORCHARD ORIOLE	
000002	<i>Molothrus ater</i>		BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD	
000002	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>		INDIGO BUNTING	
000003	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>		AMERICAN ROBIN	
000004	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>		RED PANDA	
000002	<i>Canis familiaris</i>		DOG ADULT	
000002	<i>Canis lupus dingo</i>		DINGO	
000002	<i>Equus asinus asinus</i>		DONKEY / BURRO / ASS	
000001	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>		AARDVARK	
000022	<i>Acrobates pygmaeus</i>		FLYING MOUSE	
000001	<i>Lemur catta</i>		RING-TAILED LEMUR	
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)	
000001	<i>Apteryx mantelli</i>		NORTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI	
000002	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>		SWAINSON'S THRUSH	
000001	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>		BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER	
000001	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>		SOUTHERN BALD IBIS	
000001	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>		SCARLET TANAGER	
000001	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>		SNOW BUNTING	
000001	<i>Spizelloides arborea</i>		AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	
000001	<i>Marmota monax</i>		GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK	
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