



## Inspection Report

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Denver Zoological Foundation  
2900 E. 23rd Ave., Operations Gate  
Denver, CO 80205

Customer ID: **3493**

Certificate: **84-C-0002**

Site: 001

Denver Zoological Foundation

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 13-MAR-2024

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### 3.127(d) Critical

#### Facilities, outdoor.

On the morning of June 27, 2023, an adult female gerenuk and a calf male gerenuk were found deceased in their primary enclosure during morning checks. Necropsy reports reveal antemortem and postmortem wounds indicative of predator attack. Security video footage taken the night after the predation event shows a wild fox inside the primary enclosure but unable to access the remaining animals since they were secured in the building for the night. The facility reported the event to an APHIS Official prior to inspection. The facility has a program to trap and remove damaging wildlife from inside the perimeter fence, of which 1 fox, 9 raccoons and 2 rabbits were removed between April and June 2023. During inspection, several areas of the perimeter fence at ground-level had evidence of digging by rabbit-sized animals (including presence of fecal pellets) on the exterior and interior side. One air gap created by a gate in the fence was identified as being a plausible location through which an animal the size of a fox could pass.

Failure to maintain a perimeter fence that keeps animals and unauthorized persons out can lead to severe injury or death of animals housed therein. All outdoor housing facilities must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is constructed to protect the animals in the facility by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with animals in the facility.

Correct by 3 April 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Date:

20-MAR-2024

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL  
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Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:

20-MAR-2024



**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3493	84-C-0002	001	Denver Zoological Foundation	13-MAR-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Litocranius walleri</i>	GERENUK
000002	<i>Tragelaphus imberbis</i>	LESSER KUDU
000017	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>	AMERICAN FLAMINGO
000057	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	CHILEAN FLAMINGO
000001	<i>Cephalophus silvicultor</i>	YELLOW-BACKED DUIKER
000001	<i>Balearica pavonina</i>	BLACK CROWNED-CRANE
000079	<b>Total</b>	