



Inspection Report

Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90027

Customer ID: 3532
Certificate: 93-C-0043
Site: 001
LOS ANGELES ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 25-NOV-2014

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

A big horned sheep (BHS) escaped from her exhibit by jumping over an approximately 7 to 8 foot exhibit wall and an additional barrier fence surrounding the exhibit. A facility representative stated that the incident occurred while the animal was out on exhibit with a keeper who was performing routine cleaning of this area. The facility representative stated that the keeper made attempts to lock out the BHS from the exhibit prior to cleaning, but the BHS would not go into the back holding area with the 4 other animals for feeding.

Although immediate assistance from zoo personnel, including keepers and the veterinary staff, was utilized, they were unable to capture the BHS on the premises. The facility representative stated that the BHS made its way over to a second floor walkway/ balcony that overlooks the perimeter fence, and jumped over it. After leaving the zoo grounds, the BHS was hit by a car but was able to travel to an adjoining neighborhood where it was darted and captured by zoo veterinarians and staff members. The animal died shortly after.

Further evaluation of the construction and layout of the exhibit and the walkway/balcony that overlooks the perimeter fence is needed. According to a facility representative, measures, in addition to those already in place, are being taken to minimize the risk of animals escaping from this enclosure and over a section of the perimeter fence.

Animal housing facilities should be structurally sound and maintained in a manner that protects the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

To be corrected by December 19, 2014

An exit briefing was conducted with a facility representative.

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Date:
08-DEC-2014

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 5038

Received by Title: FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE

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Species Inspected

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No Animals were Inspected.

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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