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Inspection Report

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum 2021 N. Kinney Road Tucson, AZ 85743 Customer ID: 3442

Certificate: 86-C-0094

Site: 001

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 23-MAY-2019

3.125(a) REPEAT

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

A 1 year old female ocelot, Rita, was placed on exhibit May 1, 2019. This enclosure was inspected on April 30, 2019 by a keeper and was reported to be in good condition and no gaps or openings were found. On May 12, 2019 in the early morning it was discovered that Rita escaped from her enclosure. She was recaptured without incident at 7:30am that same day and appeared to be in good health. The attending veterinarian was notified and examined Rita on May 14, 2019, no injuries or medical issues were found. Through investigation, it is speculated that Rita jumped up onto a narrow ledge at the top of her enclosure and managed to tear a small 6 in X 4 in opening where the net covering the enclosure is attached to a cable and this is how she escaped.

Rita has been removed from this enclosure and is in an off-exhibit holding enclosure until repairs are made to her on-exhibit enclosure.

Enclosures for all animals must be constructed in a manner so that they contain the animals securely, in order to protect the animals from injury. The facility should monitor all enclosures to ensure that they adequately contain the animals housed within. A system of timely identification, maintenance, and repair of facilities must be in place to ensure the health and well-being of all animals.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representative.

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Species Inspected

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3442	86-C-0094	001	ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM	23-MAY-19

Common Name

OCELOT

000004 Total

Scientific Name

Leopardus pardalis

Count

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