



Inspection Report

Museum Of Arts and Sciences
4182 Forsyth Rd
Macon, GA 31210

Customer ID: **2985**

Certificate: **57-C-0025**

Site: 001

MUSEUM OF ARTS AND
SCIENCES

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 06-MAR-2024

3.150(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

An adult female Eastern Screech Owl was found deceased in her outdoor primary enclosure on January 16, 2024. Her death was attributed to a predator, per the facility representatives and the attending veterinarian, based on the injuries observed postmortem. Specifically, per the facility's records, the wounds appeared to be due to a cat. The primary outdoor round enclosure was roofed on top, and the sides were made of a rigid wire mesh with spacing between the wires of approximately 1" x 1" squares that allowed a predator access to the owl. Failure to provide a safe primary enclosure can result in injury and/or death of the birds contained within. Housing facilities for birds must be designed and constructed for the species of bird housed in them, must be kept in good repair, protect the birds from injury, and restrict other animals from entering that may negatively affect the welfare of the birds. Corrected prior to inspection.

2.40(a)(1)

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

The attending veterinarian's site visits have not been performed at the frequency approved in the Program of Veterinary Care. The current Program of Veterinary Care states the attending veterinarian will have regularly scheduled visits at a minimum of once every 60 days. The last veterinary visit by the attending veterinarian, per facility representatives, was on September 12, 2023, almost 6 months prior to the current inspection date, and without the next visit scheduled. Not following the prescribed frequency of regularly scheduled veterinary visits can lead to an inadequate standard of veterinary care for the animals. The licensee shall ensure the correct frequency of regularly scheduled attending veterinarian visits occurs as prescribed in the written Program of Veterinary Care. To be corrected by April 15, 2024.

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

Since the last inspection, a male tamarin (Gabriel) was injured when he was erroneously housed within the adjacent indoor primary enclosure with another male tamarin. Usually, Gabriel is housed individually due to incompatibility with the other male tamarin, who historically would fight with Gabriel. A shared wire mesh wall separates Gabriel from a pair of tamarins (one male and one female) and serves as one wall of both primary indoor enclosures. A wire mesh gated door is

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located within this shared mesh wall of the two indoor primary enclosures and is the only access point to enter Gabriel's enclosure. During the tamarins' feeding on November 5, 2023, when the attendant passed through the paired tamarins' enclosure, to gain access to the gated door to bring food into Gabriel's enclosure, Gabriel jumped from his enclosure into the paired tamarins' enclosure. While separating the animals, one tamarin leaped into Gabriel's enclosure and was thought to be Gabriel. On November 9, 2023, one of the paired tamarins was found to have a swollen cheek requiring a veterinary visit. At the veterinary visit, the microchip reader identified the injured tamarin was Gabriel. Gabriel had a fractured canine tooth upon examination and multiple bite wounds at his head and chin requiring cleaning under anesthesia. He was placed on antibiotics, given pain medication, and a topical wound ointment. Therefore, it wasn't discovered until the veterinary exam that instead of Gabriel being housed individually, he was actually housed with the male tamarin while the female tamarin was housed individually in Gabriel's enclosure from November 5, 2023 to November 9, 2023. By not confirming the tamarins were in their correct enclosures, Gabriel suffered wounds and unnecessary stress and/or discomfort. Animals must be handled in a manner that does not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

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

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Species Inspected

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2985	57-C-0025	001	MUSEUM OF ARTS AND SCIENCES	06-MAR-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Saguinus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S TAMARIN
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000007	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>	STRAW-COLOURED FRUIT BAT
000002	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000001	<i>Tauraco fischeri</i>	FISCHER'S TURACO
000001	<i>Poicephalus senegalus</i>	SENEGAL PARROT
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000001	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000002	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000002	<i>Strix varia</i>	BARRED OWL
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>	RED-TAILED HAWK
000001	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	BLACK VULTURE / MEXICAN VULTURE
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000025	Total	