



## Inspection Report

Blank Park Zoo  
7401 South West 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50315

Customer ID: **25388**  
Certificate: **42-C-0168**  
Site: 001  
BLANK PARK ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 15-DEC-2014

### 3.125(a)

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Structural strength.

The walls in the indoor portion of the housing facility for the two North American river otters are made of painted cement blocks. The paint is peeling in several areas in all four enclosures. The thresholds in each doorway and one corner of one enclosure have chunks of cement rock that have been worn and/or broken off. The surface where the cement block is worn and/or broken is uneven and porous.

The ceiling within this housing facility is made of wood. There is a section of ceiling over the human walkway that appears dark and water stained. There is a joint between two pieces of wood in this area that is separated. There is a white substance visible in the gap between the two pieces of wood. The facility representative states that she believes this is Styrofoam insulation. This same substance was seen on a perch within one of the animal enclosures.

Failure to maintain surfaces within housing facilities can prevent proper cleaning and sanitizing of enclosures and can lead to health hazards for the animals. The affected surfaces must be repaired or replaced so they are structurally sound and all surfaces in housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair.

To be corrected by: March 15, 2015

### 3.131(d)

#### SANITATION.

Pest control.

The "lower diet kitchen" is used to prep and/or store diets for two red pandas and fifteen Egyptian fruit bats. There is rodent feces on a cart containing kitchen items. The cart is located between a food prep table and a refrigerator. The cart is in close proximity to the barrels containing feed for the animals.

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There is rodent feces present on the ledge of the wall immediately adjacent to one animal enclosure within the indoor portion of the housing facility for the two North American river otters.

The open feed bag for the red pandas has the top rolled down and is located in a leak proof container with a tight fitting lid within the "lower diet kitchen". When the bag was opened for inspection a cockroach was seen within the bag. Several live cockroaches and other insects are present along a wall that is immediately adjacent to the diet kitchen. The majority of the insects are located under a rodent bait box located in this area.

The presence of pests can lead to health hazards for the animals. A safe and effective program for the control of pests, including insects and mammalian pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and to reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

To be corrected by: December 29, 2014

The inspection was conducted December 15-16, 2014 and the exit briefing was conducted on December 16th, 2014 with a facility representative.

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
25388	42-C-0168	001	BLANK PARK ZOO	15-DEC-14
<b>Count</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>		
000002	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	RED PANDA		
000001	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG		
000004	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI		
000004	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>	BACTRIAN CAMEL		
000018	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT		
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE		
000012	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG		
000001	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>	CENTRAL AMERICAN AGOUTI		
000001	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO		
000002	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	BLACK RHINOCEROS		
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM		
000001	<i>Equus asinus asinus</i>	DONKEY / BURRO / ASS		
000003	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE		
000002	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON		
000002	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA		
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR		
000002	<i>Leontopithecus chrysomelas</i>	GOLDEN-HEADED TAMARIN		
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER		
000012	<i>Macaca fuscata</i>	JAPANESE MACAQUE *MALE		
000004	<i>Mustela putorius</i>	EUROPEAN POLECAT		
000022	<i>Notamacropus rufogriseus</i>	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY		
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	EUROPEAN RABBIT		
000002	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION		
000002	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER		
000002	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	HARBOR SEAL		
000015	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT		
000003	<i>Saimiri boliviensis</i>	BLACK-CAPPED SQUIRREL MONKEY		
000003	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG		
000004	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND		
000002	<i>Tragelaphus imberbis</i>	LESSER KUDU		
000002	<i>Uncia uncia</i>	SNOW LEOPARD		
000001	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)		
000003	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION		
<b>000141</b>	<b>Total</b>			