



Inspection Report

ARROWHEAD ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC
7210 FREMONT STREET
DULUTH, MN 55807

Customer ID: **330543**

Certificate: **41-C-0276**

Site: 001

ARROWHEAD ZOOLOGICAL
SOCIETY INC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 10-JUL-2024

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

A representative from the Lake Superior Zoo informed Animal Care that a juvenile female North American porcupine went missing from her enclosure. On the morning of July 7, 2024 it was discovered that a hole had been chewed through the fabric mess netting covering the enclosure and that the female porcupine was missing, but the adult male porcupine was unharmed. Zoo staff suspect that the female porcupine was likely predated upon by a wild animal, such as a fisher or pine marten, as the porcupine, which was a rehabilitated animal, suffered from a neurological deficient and would not have been able to successfully climb and chew her way out of the enclosure. Failure to maintain enclosures that contain and protect the animals securely increases the risk of injury or death to the animals. All enclosures must be constructed to securely contain the animals housed within and to prevent injury or harm to the animals. Corrected prior to the time of inspection. Immediately after the incident, zoo staff repaired the hole in the fabric mess and worked to secure a metal style mess to replace the fabric mess.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with Facility Representatives.

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

Date:

12-JUL-2024

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:

12-JUL-2024



Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000001	Total	