



Inspection Report

Lee Richardson Zoo
312 E Finnup Drive
GARDEN CITY, KS 67846

Customer ID: **4095**
Certificate: **48-C-0006**
Site: 001
LEE RICHARDSON ZOO

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 06-AUG-2025

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

During the afternoon of 10 July 2025, the keeper preparing the indoor northwest stall and the indoor southwest stall for two male black rhinoceros failed to properly secure closed the manually operated hinged door between the two stalls. Hours after these two rhinos were placed in their respective stalls, the rhino in the northwest stall bumped the door causing it to swing open into the southwest rhino stall. Intermittent camera footage then shows the rhino from the northwest stall ventures into the southwest stall. These two rhinos interact for several minutes. The next camera footage shows one rhino recumbent and the other is not in view.

The following morning the area keepers found the down rhino. The veterinarians and other staff were immediately notified. The first veterinarian on the scene pronounced one rhino deceased.

Since this incident the protocol for lock placement has been modified to prevent this from happening again. Retraining the zoo staff on the importance of checking locking mechanisms was also conducted.

Facilities must be structurally sound and must protect the animals from injury and contain the animals. Even though steps have been implemented now to correct this, it is important to ensure animals are kept securely contained into the future.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
4095	48-C-0006	001	LEE RICHARDSON ZOO	06-AUG-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	BLACK RHINOCEROS
000002	Total	