



Inspection Report

State of Minnesota
13000 Zoo Boulevard
Apple Valley, MN 55124

Customer ID: **2793**

Certificate: **41-C-0019**

Site: 001

Minnesota Zoological Gardens

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 12-AUG-2025

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Facilities, outdoor.

The facility did not provide adequate shelter for the red pandas in early June. According to keeper notes, one hide box/shelter had been provided to the two red pandas when they were moved to the exhibit on May 31, 2025. At this time, the red pandas did not have access to indoor holding at night. Keeper notes on June 2, 2025 state that an additional nest box should be expedited because resource guarding of their shelter-box had been observed. Keeper notes and veterinary records state that a red panda outside of the single hide box was trembling and wet on the morning of June 8, 2025. It had rained overnight. The facility states that an additional temporary shelter was added by June 10, 2025 to allow both red pandas to have their own shelter if they did not want to share one shelter overnight.

Lack of sufficient shelter for each animal in an enclosure does not allow animals to protect themselves and could cause discomfort. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species housed shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals.

Facility had corrected this noncompliance prior to the inspection. Maintain correction from August 18, 2025 forward.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

SCOTT WELCH, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Date:
25-AUG-2025

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:
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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	RED PANDA
000001	<i>Martes martes</i>	PINE MARTEN
000010	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000002	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	REINDEER
000002	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000019	Total	