



Inspection Report

East Coast Zoological Society of Florida
8225 N Wickham Road
Melbourne, FL 32940

Customer ID: **3102**
Certificate: **58-C-0315**
Site: 001
Brevard Zoo

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 25-JUN-2025

2.131(c)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

On two separate occasions, a bird was injured by a guest in the walk-through aviaries. On February 08, 2024, a rainbow lorikeet was stepped on by a guest resulting in its death. On November 16, 2024, a cockatiel was stepped on by a guest resulting in its death.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of the animals and the public.

The facility must ensure that the birds cannot be injured or killed in the walk-through aviary.

Correct from this date forward June 30, 2025

2.131(d)(2)

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At the exhibit housing 5 white-tailed deer, 1 axis deer, 4 turkey and 1 sandhill crane, there are 3 public feed dispensers (gumball style) spread around a U-shaped exhibit. This exhibit measured approximately 105 paces (roughly 210ft). Due to the vegetation within the exhibit, it was not possible to see the entirety of the public interaction space from any one point. At the time of inspection, there was 1 volunteer in the area but when USDA inspectors were at the location of 2 food dispensers the attendant could not be seen.

Without an attendant present to monitor interactions, both animals and members of the public are at greater risk of injury.

A responsible, knowledgeable and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public interaction.

Correct by July 14, 2025

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3.133 Critical

Separation.

The licensee did not ensure that animals housed in the same pen didn't cause them pain or discomfort.

On September 15, 2024, keepers noted that the male bongo, Sebastian (20079) was seen approaching the male zebra, Bakari (20075) "along the fence line of holding. He was seen putting his horn through the fence when Bakari would approach and Bakari was seen trying to bite him through the fence." It was also noted that this behavior is "becoming more frequent."

On September 20, 2024 while they were both in the train yard, Bakari was found standing at the train yard gate bleeding from a wound under his left front leg. At the same time, keepers found Sebastian had blood on his horn.

At euthanasia on September 25, 2024, it was noted that Bakari had 3 broken ribs and damage to organs inside his chest.

Animals may suffer from stress, injury, or death when housed near or in the same enclosure with other animals with which they are or become incompatible.

The facility must ensure that animals housed in the same enclosure are compatible, and that animals are not housed near other animals that interfere with their health or that cause them discomfort.

The licensee corrected this issue before the inspection, which was on June 26, 2025.

3.160(b) Critical

Compatibility and separation

The licensee did not ensure that animals housed in the same pen were compatible and were not hazardous to the health and well-being of each other.

On January 29, 2024, a domestic chicken was attacked by a bloodhound (facilities collection) in the petting zoo. The chicken died during the vet examination.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000005	<i>Saguinus oedipus</i>	COTTON-TOP TAMARIN
000002	<i>Leontopithecus chrysomelas</i>	GOLDEN-HEADED LION TAMARIN
000001	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY
000003	<i>Pithecia pithecia</i>	WHITE-FACED SAKI
000015	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>	BLACK-HANDED SPIDER MONKEY
000009	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000001	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000001	<i>Glaucomys volans</i>	SOUTHERN FLYING SQUIRREL
000016	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	IMPALA
000003	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	KLIPSPRINGER
000001	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000002	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	REEVE'S MUNTJAC
000005	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000004	<i>Equus grevyi</i>	GREVY'S ZEBRA
000016	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000012	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000003	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	SLENDER-TAILED MEERKAT
000003	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	WHITE RHINOCEROS
000004	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000004	<i>Oryx dammah</i>	SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX
000005	<i>Babyrousa babyrussa</i>	BABIRUSA
000001	<i>Tapirus bairdii</i>	BAIRD'S TAPIR
000002	<i>Canis lupus dingo</i>	DINGO
000009	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000003	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>	BLACK HOWLER
000003	<i>Dasyurus novemcinctus</i>	NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000003	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000009	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000002	<i>Pteronura brasiliensis</i>	GIANT OTTER
000003	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000003	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Plecturocebus donacophilus</i>	REED TITI / WHITE-EARED TITI
000003	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000009	<i>Tragelaphus eurycerus</i>	BONGO
000003	<i>Bos taurus africanus</i>	ANKOLE-WATUSI CATTLE
000001	<i>Okapia johnstoni</i>	OKAPI
000001	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000001	<i>Axis axis</i>	AXIS DEER / SPOTTED DEER / CHITAL
000003	<i>Cebus capucinus</i>	WHITE-HEADED / WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN
000001	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>	CAPE PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000003	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000010	<i>Eudocimus ruber</i>	SCARLET IBIS
000006	<i>Platalea ajaja</i>	ROSEATE SPOONBILL
000003	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	BOAT-BILLED HERON
000039	<i>Phoenicopterus chilensis</i>	CHILEAN FLAMINGO
000002	<i>Coscoroba coscoroba</i>	COSCOROBA SWAN



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000003	<i>Cygnus atratus</i>		BLACK SWAN	
000009	<i>Dendrocygna autumnalis</i>		BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK	
000004	<i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>		FULVOUS WHISTLING-DUCK	
000001	<i>Oressochen jubatus</i>		ORINOCO GOOSE	
000002	<i>Cariama cristata</i>		RED-LEGGED SERIEMA	
000001	<i>Guttera pucherani</i>		EASTERN CRESTED GUINEAFOWL	
000001	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>		BLACK VULTURE / MEXICAN VULTURE	
000003	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>		KING VULTURE	
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>		RED-TAILED HAWK	
000002	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>		BALD EAGLE	
000001	<i>Caracara plancus</i>		CRESTED CARACARA	
000002	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)	
000010	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>		WILD TURKEY	
000002	<i>Balearica pavonina</i>		BLACK CROWNED-CRANE	
000002	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>		SANDHILL CRANE	
000002	<i>Vanellus miles</i>		MASKED LAPWING	
000006	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>		NICOBAR PIGEON	
000002	<i>Goura victoria</i>		VICTORIA CROWNED-PIGEON	
000058	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>		COCONUT LORIKEET	
000006	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>		RAINBOW LORIKEET	
000003	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>		GALAH / ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO / ROSEATE COCKATOO	
000002	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>		SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO	
000097	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>		COCKATIEL	
000001	<i>Amazona auropalliata</i>		YELLOW-NAPED PARROT / YELLOW-NAPED AMAZON	
000001	<i>Amazona oratrix</i>		YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON / DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON	
000001	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>		HYACINTH MACAW	
000003	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000004	<i>Ara glaucogularis</i>		BLUE-THROATED MACAW	
000001	<i>Ara macao</i>		SCARLET MACAW	
000002	<i>Ara militaris</i>		MILITARY MACAW	
000001	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>		BLUE-HEADED PARROT	
000001	<i>Polytelis alexandrae</i>		PRINCESS PARROT	
000001	<i>Thectocercus acuticaudatus</i>		BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET	
000001	<i>Bubo virginianus</i>		GREAT HORNED OWL	
000008	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>		TAWNY FROGMOUTH	
000002	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>		LAUGHING KOOKABURRA	
000001	<i>Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus</i>		WRINKLED HORNBILL	
000001	<i>Bucorvus leadbeateri</i>		SOUTHERN GROUND-HORNBILL	
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