



Inspection Report

Cleveland Metroparks Zoological Park
3900 Wildlife Way
Cleveland, OH 44109

Customer ID: 2152

Certificate: 31-C-0003

Site: 001

CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 23-MAY-2015

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

***On April 11, 2015 a child fell into the cheetah exhibit from the deck area and broke his leg. Subsequently the child's mother and father were able to jump into the enclosure and retrieve the child. The viewing wall is approximately 8 feet 3 inches from the ground inside the exhibit. According to the zoo staff, the two male cheetahs in the exhibit stayed to the back side of the exhibit and did shift into holding without issue. The observation deck is a large open area with an unobstructed view. There is a cement ledge with a wood slat extension that is between the chain link fencing. At the far right of the deck the inspector was able to reach over and touch the primary enclosure fence. The ledge has some small educational graphics but the area is very open and easily accessible for children to sit on or guests to place items. There is no signage deterring guests from sitting on this ledge. This exhibit was part of an overall zoo planning process last summer to have secondary containment and have Plexiglas installed in the deck area. The glass has been ordered for this deck area but has yet to arrive and be installed. Due to the child falling into the enclosure and the ability for the inspector to touch the primary enclosure fence to the right of the deck there are insufficient barriers for this exhibit. This needs to be addressed for the safety of the guests and the animals.

Corrected at time of incident by blocking off the deck from guests. Will be corrected permanently when the glass is installed.

This was a focused inspection on the cheetah exhibit.

An exit briefing was conducted with the executive director via phone prior to being sent this report.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
2152	31-C-0003	001	CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOOLOGICAL PARK	23-MAY-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000002	Total	