



## Inspection Report

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Jacksonville Zoological Society  
370 Zoo Parkway  
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Customer ID: **3117**

Certificate: **58-C-0002**

Site: 001

JACKSONVILLE ZOOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 22-DEC-2022

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### **2.131(b)(1) Critical**

#### **Handling of animals.**

The evening of 12/21/22 around 5pm a keeper was attacked by an escaped North American black bear during routine feeding and care of the animals. The facility's emergency team responded and euthanized the bear. Upon interviewing facility staff, it appears the gate to the west holding area was left open, and this is likely how the black bear was able to escape the exhibit area.

The gate being left open allowed the bear to escape its enclosure and put the public, employees and the bear at extreme risk for injury and death.

Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

Corrective actions have been implemented at the time of inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3117	58-C-0002	001	JACKSONVILLE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY	22-DEC-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<b>Total</b>	