



Inspection Report

The Living Desert
47-900 Portola Avenue
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Customer ID: **3576**
Certificate: **93-C-0148**
Site: 001
THE LIVING DESERT

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 25-MAR-2014

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

There are several animal enclosures with inadequate barriers between the public and the animals on exhibit. The following observations were made:

Cougar, Serval, Bobcat, Kit Fox, Swift Fox, Ringtail: These animals are displayed in an area with enclosures where the public viewing area in front features vertical strands of taut wire, with nearly an inch between each strand. Inside the enclosures there are features that are meant to deter the animals from approaching the wire front, which separates the animals from the public. These features include a pool of water and / or hotwire. The vertical wire has some flexibility, and it is possible for a member of the public to insert a hand, or an object between the wires, into the enclosure. The features may not be adequate to prevent contact.

African porcupine: This enclosure has a low masonry wall, and members of the public can easily reach over the wall, potentially contacting the animal on exhibit.

Sand Gazelle: A low wall could potentially enable members of the public to reach over and contact the animals.

During public exhibition, any animal should be displayed so that 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 animals and the public.

Measures should be taken immediately to ensure adequate distance and/or barriers are in place between the animals and the public.

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FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

The perimeter fence is comprised of chain-link fencing, and the perimeter terrain is primarily sand. There are many spots where the chain-link does not meet the ground, and there are gaps of three inches or more under the fence.

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While the majority of the fence meets the eight foot height requirements for facilities that house dangerous animals, there are a few locations where there is a gate, or masonry fencing, where the fence measures less than eight feet.

The perimeter fence should serve to keep people and animals from passing under or through the fence, and also as a secondary containment for the animals. Measures should be undertaken to ensure that the fence meets these goals and specifications, so as to protect the well-being of the animals on exhibit.

To be corrected by 6/25/14.

An exit briefing was conducted with the curator of animals.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000010	<i>Addax nasomaculatus</i>	ADDAX
000003	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>	PRONGHORN
000003	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	HEDGEHOG
000002	<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>	RINGTAIL
000003	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000002	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000001	<i>Canis latrans</i>	COYOTE
000002	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000012	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Catagonus wagneri</i>	CHACOAN PECCARY
000001	<i>Cryptoprocta ferox</i>	FOSSA
000001	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000003	<i>Equus grevyi</i>	GREVY'S ZEBRA
000002	<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000003	<i>Felis margarita</i>	SAND CAT
000001	<i>Felis silvestris</i>	WILDCAT
000003	<i>Gazella cuvieri</i>	EDMI / CUVIER'S GAZELLE
000007	<i>Gazella leptoceros</i>	SAND GAZELLE
000003	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000003	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>	CAPE PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000004	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000001	<i>Lupus hallstromi</i>	NEW GUINEA SINGING DOG
000002	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>	AFRICAN HUNTING DOG / AFRICAN WILD DOG
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000003	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000006	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	GEMSBOK
000001	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	BAT-EARED FOX
000002	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000004	<i>Ovis canadensis</i>	BIGHORN SHEEP
000002	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000002	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	LEOPARD
000001	<i>Pecari tajacu</i>	COLLARED PECCARY
000002	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	WARTHOG
000001	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	ROCK HYRAX
000001	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	<i>Spermophilus tereticaudus</i>	ROUND-TAILED GROUND SQUIRREL
000002	<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	SLENDER-TAILED MEERKAT
000001	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	AMERICAN BADGER



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000003	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	GREATER KUDU
000001	<i>Vulpes macrotis</i>	KIT FOX
000002	<i>Vulpes velox</i>	SWIFT FOX
000008	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000124	Total	