



## Inspection Report

Audubon Nature Institute  
P O Box 4327  
New Orleans, LA 70178

Customer ID: **4767**

Certificate: **72-C-0141**

Site: 001

AUDUBON NATURE INSTITUTE

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 16-MAY-2017

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#### HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

On Friday, April 21, 2017, at 8:21 AM a gorilla keeper walked into the building entrance and observed hay on the ground in the secondary containment/keeper area. The three gorillas were in their outdoor exhibit space at this time. The keeper secured the secondary containment doors and assessed that the gorillas were contained to their building. By looking through the containment door window, keepers made the observation that the door leading from the den to the keeper area/secondary containment was ajar and the lock was locked through the lock hole on the den. The keepers then made a code red radio announcement.

In the keeper area, where the gorilla's hay was discovered, there are many items stored related to the care of gorillas and maintenance of the exhibit such as enrichment items, trash cans, fans, etc. The emergency response team was assembled. The team leader instructed the keepers to occupy the gorillas' attention with food and away from the entrance of the gorilla building. The facility was able to safely secure the den door lock and contain the gorillas without the use of chemical restraint or shooting/dart equipment.

Following the incident, an investigation determined the gorillas got out of their dens as a result of keeper error. On the evening of Thursday, April 20, 2017 the keeper who locked the gorilla dens put the lock in place but failed to latch the lock which allowed the animals to open the den door. The locks on the den door are not in need of repair.

Animals may be injured or harmed when they access areas that are not maintained for their daily use. Though the gorillas remained within secondary containment, had they gained outside access it could have resulted in serious animal or human injury. Housing facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained to protect and contain the animals.

Correct by: This day forward.

This inspection took place May 16-17 with the general curator and various facility staff.

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The exit interview was conducted with the general curator, attending veterinarian, and the director of husbandry.

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<b>Count</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>		<b>Common Name</b>	
000003	<i>Alouatta caraya</i>		BLACK HOWLER	
000002	<i>Amblonyx cinereus</i>		ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER	
000002	<i>Aonyx capensis</i>		AFRICAN CLAWLESS OTTER	
000002	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>		FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG (MOST COMMON PET HEDGEHOG)	
000006	<i>Ateles geoffroyi</i>		BLACK-HANDED SPIDER MONKEY	
000006	<i>Babyrousa babyrussa</i>		BABIRUSA	
000011	<i>Capra hircus</i>		DOMESTIC GOAT	
000006	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>		DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG	
000003	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>		WHITE RHINOCEROS	
000002	<i>Cercopithecus wolfi</i>		WOLF'S GUENON	
000001	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>		CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)	
000002	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>		HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH	
000002	<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>		MANED WOLF	
000004	<i>Colobus guereza</i>		EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA	
000003	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>		BRINDLED WILDEBEEST	
000002	<i>Dasyprocta leporina</i>		BRAZILIAN AGOUTI	
000001	<i>Dasyurus novemcinctus</i>		NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO	
000002	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>		VIRGINIA OPOSSUM	
000002	<i>Elephas maximus</i>		ASIAN ELEPHANT	
000002	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>		SEA OTTER	
000002	<i>Equus quagga</i>		BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA	
000003	<i>Gazella thomsonii</i>		THOMSON'S GAZELLE	
000004	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>		GIRAFFE	
000003	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>		WESTERN GORILLA	
000002	<i>Helarctos malayanus</i>		MALAYAN SUN BEAR	
000003	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>		CAPYBARA	
000002	<i>Hystrix indica</i>		INDIAN CRESTED PORCUPINE	
000004	<i>Lama guanicoe</i>		GUANACO	
000003	<i>Leontopithecus rosalia</i>		GOLDEN LION TAMARIN	
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>		SERVAL	
000006	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>		NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER	
000007	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>		NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER	
000002	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>		AFRICAN HUNTING DOG / AFRICAN WILD DOG	
000012	<i>Lycaon pictus</i>		AFRICAN HUNTING DOG / AFRICAN WILD DOG	
000002	<i>Lynx rufus</i>		BOBCAT	
000002	<i>Mandrillus sphinx</i>		MANDRILL	
000002	<i>Miopithecus talapoin</i>		TALAPOIN	
000002	<i>Mustela putorius</i>		EUROPEAN POLECAT	
000002	<i>Myocastor coypus</i>		NUTRIA	
000003	<i>Myrmecophaga tridactyla</i>		GIANT ANTEATER	



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000001	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>	AARDVARK
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000009	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Panthera onca</i>	JAGUAR
000002	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	LEOPARD
000001	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Pithecia pithecia</i>	WHITE-FACED SAKI
000003	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>	BORNEAN ORANGUTAN
000002	<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>	RED RIVER HOG
000010	<i>Procyon lotor</i>	RACCOON
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000002	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>	SIAMANG
000001	<i>Tapirus terrestris</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN TAPIR
000003	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	COMMON ELAND
000002	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000002	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
000004	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000004	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
<b>000190</b>	<b>Total</b>	