

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

South Texas Zoological Society 110 Memorial Drive VICTORIA. TX 77901 Customer ID: 4861

Certificate: 74-C-0872

Site: 001

SOUTH TEXAS ZOOLOGICAL

SOCIETY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 02-JUN-2022

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

During the month of March on a day when the heat index was approximately in excess of 109 degrees according to the animal director, a portable air conditioning unit inside the rabbit enclosure malfunctioned. During the morning rounds nothing was noted as wrong and all rabbits within were fine however, four hours later an employee noted the unit was out and two rabbits had succumbed to the heat. An additional rabbit was in distress and received fluids ultimately recovering. It is essential that animals have access to adequate temperature and shade that is conducive and appropriate to each species in order to ensure the health and safety of the animals. Without this, and as observed and noted, animals may become overheated, stressed, injured or can succumb to the heat and perish. This incident was immediately corrected.

3.125(a) Critical Repeat

Facilities, general.

During the month of March, sometime between close of business and morning observation rounds the next morning, a section of cinder block in the grey fox indoor enclosure broke loose from the wall and impacted with the animal, killing it instantly. This particular section of wall had previously developed a crack and had been filled in. Immediately after the incident the entire wall was removed from the enclosure. Enclosures must remain in good repair to protect the animals within from injury or death. This incident was immediately corrected.

Prepared By: BRENTON COX Date:

Title: ANIMAL CARE INSPECTOR

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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000002 000002 000005 000003 000007 000003 000003 000013	Scientific Name Dasypus novemcinctus Nasuella olivacea Nasua narica Equus asinus asinus Cavia porcellus Ursus americanus Lynx rufus Odocoileus virginianus Vulpes vulpes Urocyon cinereoargenteus Capra hircus Varecia rubra Lynx lynx Panthera onca Ateles geoffroyi Lontra canadensis Pecari tajacu Procyon lotor Lemur catta Leopardus pardalis Cynomys ludovicianus Oryctolagus cuniculus Sus scrofa domestica	Common Name NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO MOUNTAIN COATI WHITE-NOSED COATI DONKEY / BURRO / ASS DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR BOBCAT WHITE-TAILED DEER RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX) GRAY FOX / GREY FOX DOMESTIC GOAT RED RUFFED LEMUR NORTHERN/EURASIAN LYNX JAGUAR BLACK-HANDED SPIDER MONKEY NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER COLLARED PECCARY RACCOON RING-TAILED LEMUR OCELOT BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000003	Cynomys ludovicianus	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG

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