



Inspection Report

Zoological Society of Cincinnati
3400 VINE STREET
CINCINNATI, OH 45220

Customer ID: **2208**

Certificate: **31-C-0044**

Site: 001

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF
CINCINNATI

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 14-FEB-2023

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

On 8/5/22, an error in shifting a fishing cat from a retreat to the habitat following recovery from anesthesia resulted in the death of the animal. The 6 year old fishing cat named Juniper was sedated for a routine diagnostic exam. She was allowed to recover in the on site hospital for approximately 20 minutes before being returned to her enclosure. She was placed in the retreat area which is connected to the rest of the habitat by a shift door. The protocol is for the animals to remain in the retreat area following anesthesia and then for the keeper to call the veterinarian before allowing them to return to the habitat. However, the shift door was either already open or opened by the keeper and approximately 5 minutes after returning from the hospital the cat was heard splashing in the pool in the habitat. The animal was removed from the pool but she was unresponsive. She was transported back to the hospital and CPR was attempted but was not successful. The necropsy results were consistent with drowning. The facility investigated the incident and concluded the position of the retreat door not being visible from the keeper door (blind shift) was a contributing factor. Corrective actions were to place labels at the shift door handles to indicate open or closed position.

Failure to follow the protocol for handling animals following recovery from anesthesia led the death of the fishing cat.

Handling of animals must be done as carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma or physical harm.

Correct by: Corrected at the time of inspection

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