



Inspection Report

Chehaw Park and Zoo
105 Chehaw Park Road
Albany, GA 31701

Customer ID: **3171**

Certificate: **57-C-0340**

Site: 001

CHEHAW WILD ANIMAL PARK

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 15-JUL-2024

3.150(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

Two incidents occurred involving birds getting attacked by predators while in their enclosure:

- On February 10, 2024, a predator entered the aviary by digging a path underneath the enclosure's boardwalk. The predator, likely a fox per the facility's investigation, killed 2 ducks as well as a waldrapp ibis and injured another ibis.
- On March 23, 2024, a predator attacked a white cockatoo named Pebbles in her primary enclosure. Puncture wounds were found along the left side of the bird's neck and the left eye. Pebbles received medical attention but was found dead three days later, on March 26, 2024.

The enclosure did not protect the birds and did not prevent predators from accessing, injuring and killing the animals. Housing facilities must protect the birds from injury and restrict other animals from entering that may negatively affect the welfare of the birds within. Corrective actions were implemented at the time of inspection.

3.125(a) Repeat

Facilities, general.

On December 20, 2023, four of the eight foxes escaped their enclosure the day after arrival at the facility. The foxes were housed in an enclosure with indoor and outdoor access. The foxes gained access to the adjacent enclosure by digging under the chain link shift door of the outdoor portion and escaped through a hole created by staff in that second enclosure in order to evaluate the dig barrier there. Three of the foxes were found unharmed on the same day; two were herded back while the third was captured with a net and placed back into the enclosure. The fourth fox was found unharmed near the commissary 8 days later and captured with a net to be placed back into the enclosure. The enclosure did not adequately contain the animals. Primary enclosures must be constructed of such material and of such strength to safely contain the animals. Corrective actions were implemented at the time of inspection.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

Most of the animals within the facility have outdoor or sheltered housing. The chain link perimeter fence located behind the maintenance area and the parrot enclosures had the following deficiencies:

- Large gaps, some reaching up to about 1.5 feet in height and others spanning long distances, were seen at the bottom of the fence in many different areas.
- Thick vegetation overgrowth climbing and leaning over large sections of the fence created a ladder that may allow

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unwanted animals to easily enter the facility.

The lack of an adequate perimeter fence presents a safety risk to the animals within the facility in that there isn't a sufficient barrier to keep animals and unauthorized persons out, or an adequate secondary containment system to hold animals that may escape their primary enclosures. The facility must ensure the perimeter fence is kept in good repair and at the proper height in order to stand as an adequate barrier to protect the animals within the facility. Correct by 09/19/2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000001	<i>Camelus bactrianus</i>	BACTRIAN CAMEL
000005	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000006	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000030	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>	STRAW-COLOURED FRUIT BAT
000002	<i>Canis rufus</i>	RED WOLF
000003	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA
000002	<i>Cricetomys ansorgei</i>	SOUTHERN GIANT POUCHED RAT / EAST AFRICAN SAVANNAH POUCHED RAT
000001	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	BLACK RHINOCEROS
000001	<i>Nasua narica</i>	WHITE-NOSED COATI
000002	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	AFRICAN SACRED IBIS
000001	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000008	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000003	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000004	<i>Mustela putorius</i>	EUROPEAN POLECAT
000001	<i>Megascops asio</i>	EASTERN SCREECH-OWL
000002	<i>Sus cebifrons</i>	VISAYAN WARTY PIG
000004	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	MARABOU STORK
000002	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000002	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000002	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>	NORTHERN BALD IBIS
000001	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW
000002	<i>Antigone canadensis</i>	SANDHILL CRANE
000011	<i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>	LESSER FLAMINGO
000001	<i>Tyto alba</i>	BARN OWL / WESTERN BARN OWL / AMERICAN BARN OWL / EASTERN BARN OWL
000001	<i>Buteo lineatus</i>	RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
000001	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
000001	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000004	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
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