



## Inspection Report

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Austin Zoo  
PO Box 91808  
AUSTIN, TX 78709

Customer ID: **3893**  
Certificate: **74-C-0208**  
Site: 001  
Austin Zoo

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 25-AUG-2022

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### 2.131(b)(1) Critical

#### Handling of animals.

On April 1st, 2022, an adult female grey wolf escaped from her primary enclosure when zookeepers failed to properly secure the primary enclosure's fence gate while maintenance work was being done. The animal pushed off the main enclosure gate without the zookeepers noticing it and got out. The primary enclosure is surrounded by a perimeter fence which serves as a secondary containment but the gate was left completely open and the animal was able to bypass both fences. Another staff member that was nearby saw the animal outside and alerted everyone. Escape protocols were enacted, all gates were closed quickly and visitors were moved indoors by staff members. The animal was always contained inside facility premises but never gained access to public areas. The animal was darted and recovered on the same day. The animal did not suffer any injuries but was weak when recaptured and received medical attention. The animal was kept under observation in the medical ward for several days and was slowly reintroduced into her habitat. A total of 3 grey wolves are housed together in this enclosure but the other 2 were locked in the night quarters and never escaped. No member of the public or facility staff was harmed while the animal was out. Facility records show that zookeepers involved in this incident were re-trained. This handling mistake could have resulted in a potential injury to the animal or any member of the public or the facility staff. Handling of all animals must be done in a manner that cannot lead

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to an animal escape and prevent trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

Corrected at time of inspection

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
000001	<i>Genetta genetta</i>	SMALL SPOTTED GENET
000006	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Nasua nasua</i>	SOUTH AMERICAN COATI
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA (DOMESTICATED)
000002	<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	DOMESTIC FERRET
000005	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Sus cebifrons</i>	VISAYAN WARTY PIG
000002	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000001	<i>Cebus capucinus</i>	WHITE-HEADED / WHITE-THROATED CAPUCHIN
000001	<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	COMMON MARMOSET
000002	<i>Saguinus midas</i>	RED-HANDED TAMARIN
000005	<i>Sapajus appella</i>	BROWN CAPUCHIN / TUFTED CAPUCHIN
000002	<i>Cebus olivaceus</i>	WEEPER CAPUCHIN
000002	<i>Erythrocebus patas</i>	PATAS MONKEY
000003	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000024	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000005	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000008	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>	GRAY FOX / GREY FOX
000005	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)
000005	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000004	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000005	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000003	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000001	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000003	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000008	<i>Cynomys leucurus</i>	WHITE-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000001	<i>Axis axis</i>	AXIS DEER / SPOTTED DEER / CHITAL
000002	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000003	<i>Lama glama</i>	LLAMA
000006	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000003	<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000001	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	BINTURONG
000002	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA
000001	<i>Equus burchellii boehmi</i>	GRANT'S ZEBRA
000002	<i>Antelope cervicapra</i>	BLACKBUCK
000001	<i>Oryx leucoryx</i>	ARABIAN ORYX
000002	<i>Euphractus sexcinctus</i>	YELLOW ARMADILLO
000003	<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>	CAPE PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Equus grevyi</i>	GREVY'S ZEBRA
000002	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Canis lupus X C. l. familiaris</i>	WOLF/DOG HYBRID
000003	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	COMMON SQUIRREL MONKEY
000001	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	WILD BOAR
000001	<i>Bos primigenius indicus</i>	ZEBU
000147	<b>Total</b>	



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