

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

City Of Eureka 531 "K" Street

Eureka, CA 95501

Customer ID: 3377

Certificate: 93-C-0007

Site: 001

CITY OF EUREKA

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 08-DEC-2015

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FACILITIES, GENERAL.

On November 19th, 2015 a female red panda went missing and verified had escaped the zoo grounds at 2:30 P.M. By 3:30 P.M. local law enforcement and animal control were informed of the escape and a press release was issued at 5:00 P.M. on November 19th 2015. Media blasts and a flashing sign reading "Drive with caution-Panda in area" resulted in a 911 call around 11 P.M. on November 21, 2015 from citizen reporting sighting of panda. Zoo staff responded and found panda in small tree. A perimeter barrier was constructed around the tree and panda was lured to ground with food where she was netted and kenneled. She was returned safe and sound to zoo quarantine area after being gone for approximately two days. During the interim an in depth inspection of the enclosure did not reveal an apparent path of escape. On closer inspection, myself and zoo staff found a Plexiglas wall at the viewing area that was just over 4' tall and could have been the escape route for a determined panda. Although published data indicate a slick surface of 4' is sufficient to contain red pandas this wall should be extended to at least 5' to ensure containment. There should be regular inspection of all enclosures to make sure they are properly constructed to contain the species they house.

Correct by: 10/December/2015

Note:

The female red panda that escaped on 19th November had been exhibiting dispersing behavior. Zoo staff had contacted the appropriate SSP with this information and had received a mandatory recommendation to transfer her to new surroundings at the Knoxville Zoo. The zoo staff was awaiting pre-shipment requirements form Knoxville Zoo when the escape occurred. All exams and pre-ship test have now been done and transfer to Knoxville Zoo is scheduled for early January 2016.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	Ailurus fulgens	RED PANDA
000002	Ateles geoffroyi	BLACK-HANDED SPIDER MONKEY
000002	Bos grunniens	YAK
000006	Capra hircus	DOMESTIC GOAT
000005	Catagonus wagneri	CHACOAN PECCARY
000006	Dolichotis patagonum	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000002	Equus asinus asinus	DONKEY / BURRO / ASS
000001	Erethizon dorsatum	NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
000002	Hylobates lar	LAR GIBBON
000001	Lama glama	LLAMA
000002	Lama pacos	ALPACA
000003	Lontra canadensis	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000001	Mephitis mephitis	STRIPED SKUNK
000001	Muntiacus muntjak	INDIAN MUNTJAC
000003	Oryctolagus cuniculus	EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	Ovis aries aries	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	Saguinus oedipus	COTTON-TOP TAMARIN
000002	Speothos venaticus	BUSH DOG
000002	Sus scrofa domestica	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000049	Total	