

## United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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## Inspection Report

Zoological Subdistrict of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum

District

1 Government Drive Saint Louis, MO 63110 Customer ID: 4296

Certificate: 43-C-0032

Site: 001

ST LOUIS ZOOLOGICAL PARK

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 24-FEB-2023

#### 3.125(a)

#### Facilities, general.

On two occasions a male Andean (Spectacled) bear was able to break through a section of his enclosure fence and escape from the enclosure. These occurred on Feb. 7th and Feb. 23rd. In both incidents the bear was safely recaptured and returned to its enclosure within approximately one hour. There was no injury to the bear, any other animals, or any person in either incident.

The facility failed to maintain the primary enclosure in a condition to contain the bear. This could have resulted in injury or death to the bear. The facility needs to ensure enclosures are structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect animals from injury and to contain the animals.

The bear is currently being housed in a secure off-exhibit enclosure. The facility must ensure that the bear's indoor and outdoor housing facility is constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for him, and to always contain him, before his return to exhibit.

Correction date: September 1st, 2023

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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27-FEB-2023

Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

**OFFICER** 

Received by Title: Facility Representative

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# **Species Inspected**

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4296	43-C-0032	001	ST LOUIS ZOOLOGICAL PARK	24-FEB-2023

Count Scientific Name Common Name

000001 Tremarctos ornatus

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