



Inspection Report

COLUMBUS ZOO
P.O. BOX 400
POWELL, OH 43065

Customer ID: **2204**
Certificate: **31-C-0042**
Site: 001
COLUMBUS ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 29-MAR-2021

2.131(b)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

On March 11, 2021 the improper handling of an approximately 5 year old female Cheetah "Izzy", caused behavioral stress to the animal that resulted in the injury of another facility keeper/employee. Izzy was being transferred from her enclosure to an exercise yard across an employee access road that is not open to the public when the incident occurred. The facility's internal cheetah handling protocol requires two handlers to use a primary harness with leash, as well as a secondary prong collar and leash to be used at all times. The secondary collar allows the handlers to have a secondary emergency control point to de-escalate any behavioral issues or stress indicated by the animal and ensure the animal is transporting the animal as expeditiously and carefully as possible. According to the report provided by the facility, the two handlers broke facility protocols by having Izzy solely on a harness for the transfer without the required back-up prong collar. During this transfer, another facility employee was also using the access road to perform normal duties at the facility. Izzy lowered her body and exhibited stalking behaviors as soon as she noticed the other employee approaching. After the lead handler thought the cheetah was under control, the handler again broke the facility's protocol by inviting the other employee to approach the cheetah the cat then lunged and bit the approaching employee, causing injury. Both handlers were reprimanded and will be retrained prior to reassuming normal duties as a Cheetah handler. Improper handling of a Cheetah can cause unnecessary behavioral stress to the animals or even injury and/or death to all individuals and/or animals involved. All employees/handlers must follow all facility protocols to ensure the safety of all

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employees and animals. In addition, all handling of animals, including cheetahs, must be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort.

Correction Date: 3/30/2021

This inspection was conducted with Facility Representatives on 3/29/2021.

The exit interview was conducted with Facility Representatives on 3/30/2021.

Additional Inspectors:

KATHRYN CAMPITELLI, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000004	<i>Nycticebus pygmaeus</i>	PYGMY SLOW LORIS
000002	<i>Otolemur garnettii</i>	SMALL-EARED BUSHBABY / NORTHERN GREATER GALAGO
000004	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA
000004	<i>Mandrillus sphinx</i>	MANDRILL
000016	<i>Pan paniscus</i>	PYGMY CHIMPANZEE / BONOBO
000003	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>	BORNEAN ORANGUTAN
000004	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON
000002	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000018	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000010	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Vulpes velox</i>	SWIFT FOX
000013	<i>Trachypithecus cristatus</i>	SILVERY LUTUNG / SILVERED LANGUR / LEAF MONKEY
000003	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>	SIAMANG
000003	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	CARIBBEAN MANATEE
000017	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	WESTERN GORILLA
000003	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	POLAR BEAR
000003	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>	ARCTIC FOX
000003	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000014	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000005	<i>Panthera leo</i>	LION
000004	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000002	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000001	<i>Lynx rufus</i>	BOBCAT
000002	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Otocolobus manul</i>	PALLAS'S CAT
000003	<i>Panthera tigris</i>	TIGER
000002	<i>Castor canadensis</i>	AMERICAN BEAVER
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000003	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	INDIAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000016	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>	BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG
000001	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>	PRONGHORN
000007	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000008	<i>Nanger dama</i>	ADDRA GAZELLE
000005	<i>Gazella leptoceros</i>	SAND GAZELLE
000009	<i>Gazella thomsonii</i>	THOMSON'S GAZELLE
000001	<i>Alces alces</i>	MOOSE
000003	<i>Elaphodus cephalophus</i>	TUFTED DEER
000003	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	REINDEER
000001	<i>Moschus moschiferus</i>	SIBERIAN MUSK DEER
000004	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA



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000002			<i>Potamochoerus porcus</i>	RED RIVER HOG
000002			<i>Bison bison</i>	AMERICAN BISON
000002			<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	SLOTH BEAR
000002			<i>Ursus americanus</i>	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000002			<i>Ursus arctos</i>	BROWN BEAR
000002			<i>Orycteropus afer</i>	AARDVARK
000001			<i>Chaetophractus villosus</i>	LARGER HAIRY ARMADILLO
000006			<i>Tolypeutes matacus</i>	SOUTHERN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000004			<i>Pteropus pumilus</i>	LITTLE GOLDEN-MANTLED FLYING FOX
000010			<i>Pteropus vampyrus</i>	LARGE FLYING FOX
000005			<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	BINTURONG
000002			<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	SHORT-BEAKED ECHIDNA
000006			<i>Elephas maximus</i>	ASIAN ELEPHANT
000017			<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000003			<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	EASTERN GREY KANGAROO
000009			<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000001			<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000003			<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	KOALA
000003			<i>Okapia johnstoni</i>	OKAPI
000003			<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000002			<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000006			<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	RED PANDA
000002			<i>Bettongia penicillata</i>	BRUSH-TAILED RAT-KANGAROO
000005			<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>	STRIPED SKUNK
000003			<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000002			<i>Dendrolagus matschiei</i>	MATSCHIE'S TREE KANGAROO
000002			<i>Gulo gulo</i>	WOLVERINE
000003			<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000007			<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	VERVET
000002			<i>Canis lupus dingo</i>	DINGO
000001			<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000014			<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000001			<i>Lasiorhinus latifrons</i>	SOUTHERN HAIRY-NOSED WOMBAT
000004			<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	GREATER KUDU
000002			<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	SPOTTED HYENA
000003			<i>Felis margarita</i>	SAND CAT
000003			<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	CANADIAN LYNX
000002			<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	BAT-EARED FOX
000003			<i>Sarcophilus harrisii</i>	TASMANIAN DEVIL
000002			<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>	SOUTHERN TAMANDUA
000002			<i>Tragulus napu</i>	GREATER MALAYAN CHEVROTAIN
000011			<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	CALIFORNIA SEA LION
000003			<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>	REEVE'S MUNTJAC
000003			<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000047			<i>Acrobates pygmaeus</i>	FLYING MOUSE



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000002	<i>Echinops telfairi</i>		LESSER MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOG TENREC	
000006	<i>Canis lupus</i>		GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF	
000010	<i>Capra falconeri</i>		MARKHOR	
000001	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)	
000001	<i>Manis tricuspis</i>		TREE PANGOLIN	
000002	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		LEOPARD	
000465	Total			