



Inspection Report

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
P.O. BOX 400
POWELL, OH 43065

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

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 08-DEC-2025

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Facilities, general.

An incident report stated on August 11, 2025, that a section of chain-link fencing in the outdoor off-site holding zebra enclosure failed to safely contain the herd when the facility concluded an individual zebra forcefully hit the gate. The report stated the mesh on the gate was visibly bowed outward, and the gate itself impacted with enough force to rotate the brackets/hangers, resulting in the gate opening. Facility representatives reported 3 zebra were able to wander between their outdoor off-site holding enclosure and the "Savannah" (public viewing enclosure/daytime enclosure). The incident happened overnight, and the animal care staff found the defect in the morning during rounds. Failure to ensure enclosures have sufficient strength can result in animal escape. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength to safely contain the animals.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000009	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	CHEETAH
000021	<i>Acrobates pygmaeus</i>	FLYING MOUSE
000004	<i>Ailurus fulgens</i>	RED PANDA
000004	<i>Alces alces</i>	MOOSE
000006	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000001	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	BINTURONG
000003	<i>Bettongia penicillata</i>	BRUSH-TAILED RAT-KANGAROO
000003	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX
000007	<i>Canis lupus</i>	GRAY WOLF / GREY WOLF / TIMBER WOLF
000002	<i>Canis lupus dingo</i>	DINGO
000002	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000002	<i>Capra falconeri</i>	MARKHOR
000018	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000001	<i>Chaetophractus villosus</i>	LARGER HAIRY ARMADILLO
000004	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	VERVET
000003	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000007	<i>Colobus guereza</i>	EASTERN BLACK-AND-WHITE COLOBUS / GUEREZA
000007	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	BRINDLED WILDEBEEST
000002	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	SPOTTED HYENA
000001	<i>Dendrolagus matschiei</i>	MATSCHIE'S TREE KANGAROO
000002	<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>	VIRGINIA OPOSSUM
000001	<i>Echinops telfairi</i>	LESSER MADAGASCAR HEDGEHOG TENREC
000003	<i>Elaphodus cephalophus</i>	TUFTED DEER
000007	<i>Elephas maximus</i>	ASIAN ELEPHANT
000002	<i>Equus asinus asinus</i>	DONKEY / BURRO / ASS
000003	<i>Equus quagga</i>	BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA
000002	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	BROWN BEAR
000008	<i>Eudorcas thomsonii</i>	THOMSON'S GAZELLE
000007	<i>Felis margarita</i>	SAND CAT
000007	<i>Gazella leptoceros</i>	SLENDER-HORNED GAZELLE / AFRICAN SAND GAZELLE / LODER'S SAND GAZELLE
000017	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000016	<i>Gorilla gorilla</i>	WESTERN GORILLA
000002	<i>Gulo gulo</i>	WOLVERINE
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000002	<i>Hylobates lar</i>	LAR GIBBON
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000002	<i>Hystrix indica</i>	INDIAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Lasiorninus latifrons</i>	SOUTHERN HAIRY-NOSED WOMBAT
000001	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Leopardus geoffroyi</i>	GEOFFROY'S CAT
000002	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000003	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000002	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	CANADIAN LYNX
000005	<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	EASTERN GREY KANGAROO
000007	<i>Mandrillus sphinx</i>	MANDRILL
000001	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000002	<i>Melursus ursinus</i>	SLOTH BEAR



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000002	<i>Garrulax canorus</i>		CHINESE HWAMEI	
000004	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>		STRIPED SKUNK	
000002	<i>Muntiacus reevesi</i>		REEVE'S MUNTJAC	
000009	<i>Nanger dama</i>		ADDRA GAZELLE	
000004	<i>Okapia johnstoni</i>		OKAPI	
000002	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>		AARDVARK	
000006	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>		RED KANGAROO	
000003	<i>Otocolobus manul</i>		PALLAS'S CAT	
000002	<i>Otolemur crassicaudatus</i>		GREATER BUSHBABY	
000009	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>		SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000014	<i>Pan paniscus</i>		PYGMY CHIMPANZEE / BONOBO	
000003	<i>Panthera leo</i>		LION	
000002	<i>Panthera pardus</i>		LEOPARD	
000001	<i>Panthera tigris</i>		TIGER	
000002	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>		WARTHOG	
000003	<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>		KOALA	
000005	<i>Bombycilla cedrorum</i>		CEDAR WAXWING	
000003	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>		HARBOR SEAL	
000004	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>		BORNEAN ORANGUTAN	
000001	<i>Potos flavus</i>		KINKAJOU	
000005	<i>Pteropus vampyrus</i>		LARGE FLYING FOX	
000003	<i>Puma concolor</i>		PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR	
000002	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>		REINDEER	
000002	<i>Sarcophilus harrisii</i>		TASMANIAN DEVIL	
000002	<i>Symphalangus syndactylus</i>		SIAMANG	
000002	<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>		SHORT-BEAKED ECHIDNA	
000004	<i>Tolypeutes matacus</i>		SOUTHERN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO	
000016	<i>Trachypithecus cristatus</i>		SILVERY LUTUNG / SILVERED LANGUR / LEAF MONKEY	
000004	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>		GREATER KUDU	
000004	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>		CARIBBEAN MANATEE	
000003	<i>Ursus americanus</i>		NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR	
000002	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>		POLAR BEAR	
000002	<i>Varecia rubra</i>		RED RUFFED LEMUR	
000002	<i>Vulpes lagopus</i>		ARCTIC FOX	
000003	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>		RED FOX (INCLUDES SILVER FOX & CROSS FOX)	
000001	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>		FENNEC FOX	
000002	<i>Nycticebus pygmaeus</i>		PYGMY SLOW LORIS	
000009	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>		CALIFORNIA SEA LION	
000002	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>		RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	
000001	<i>Aix sponsa</i>		WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK	
000001	<i>Anas castanea</i>		CHESTNUT TEAL	
000001	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>		DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS	
000002	<i>Anseranas semipalmata</i>		MAGPIE GOOSE	
000004	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>		METALLIC STARLING	
000001	<i>Apteryx mantelli</i>		NORTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI	
000005	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000002	<i>Ara macao</i>		SCARLET MACAW	
000003	<i>Ara rubrogenys</i>		RED-FRONTED MACAW	
000002	<i>Ardeola speciosa</i>		JAVAN POND-HERON	
000002	<i>Aythya affinis</i>		LESSER SCAUP	
000001	<i>Baeolophus bicolor</i>		TUFTED TITMOUSE	



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000004	<i>Balearica regulorum</i>		GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE /	
000001	<i>Bubo bubo</i>		GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE	
000006	<i>Bubulcus ibis</i>		EURASIAN EAGLE-OWL	
000001	<i>Bucephala albeola</i>		CATTLE EGRET	
000001	<i>Bucorvus abyssinicus</i>		BUFFLEHEAD	
000001	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>		ABYSSINIAN GROUND-HORNBILL	
000002	<i>Bycanistes brevis</i>		RED-TAILED HAWK	
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>		SILVERY-CHEEKED HORNBILL	
000016	<i>Caloenas nicobarica</i>		WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO	
000001	<i>Cariama cristata</i>		NICOBAR PIGEON	
000001	<i>Catharus ustulatus</i>		RED-LEGGED SERIEMA	
000001	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>		SWAINSON'S THRUSH	
000003	<i>Cinnyricinclus leucogaster</i>		KILLDEER	
000002	<i>Columba guinea</i>		VIOLET-BACKED STARLING	
000001	<i>Coracias cyanogaster</i>		SPECKLED PIGEON	
000001	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>		BLUE-BELLIED ROLLER	
000002	<i>Cyanopica cyanus</i>		AMERICAN CROW	
000002	<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>		AZURE-WINGED MAGPIE	
000003	<i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i>		TRUMPETER SWAN	
000001	<i>Setophaga caerulescens</i>		LAUGHING KOOKABURRA	
000003	<i>Dinemellia dinemelli</i>		BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER	
000002	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>		WHITE-HEADED BUFFALO-WEAVER	
000001	<i>Dumetella carolinensis</i>		PIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON	
000002	<i>Entomyzon cyanotis</i>		GRAY CATBIRD	
000002	<i>Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis</i>		BLUE-FACED HONEYEATER	
000003	<i>Gallinolumba luzonica</i>		SADDLE-BILLED STORK	
000002	<i>Pterorhinus chinensis</i>		LUZON BLEEDING-HEART	
000002	<i>Geronticus calvus</i>		BLACK-THROATED LAUGHINGTHRUSH	
000003	<i>Geronticus eremita</i>		SOUTHERN BALD IBIS	
000002	<i>Goura victoria</i>		NORTHERN BALD IBIS	
000002	<i>Grus japonensis</i>		VICTORIA CROWNED-PIGEON	
000001	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>		RED-CROWNED CRANE / JAPANESE CRANE	
000001	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>		BALD EAGLE	
000002	<i>Icterus galbula</i>		WOOD THRUSH	
000003	<i>Icterus spurius</i>		BALTIMORE ORIOLE / NORTHERN ORIOLE	
000002	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>		ORCHARD ORIOLE	
000008	<i>Leiothrix lutea</i>		DARK-EYED JUNCO / SLATE-COLORED JUNCO	
000003	<i>Leucopsar rothschildi</i>		RED-BILLED LEIOTHRIX	
000002	<i>Liocichla ripponi</i>		BALI MYNA	
000001	<i>Eupodotis gindiana</i>		SCARLET-FACED LIOCICHLA	
000002	<i>Marmaronetta angustirostris</i>		BUFF-CRESTED BUSTARD	
000002	<i>Megascops asio</i>		MARBLED TEAL	
000006	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>		EASTERN SCREECH-OWL	
000001	<i>Mergellus albellus</i>		SONG SPARROW	
000002	<i>Molothrus ater</i>		SMEW	
000003	<i>Numida meleagris</i>		BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD	
000003	<i>Oxyura jamaicensis</i>		DOMESTIC GUINEAFOWL / HELMETED GUINEAFOWL /	
000002	<i>Passerina cyanea</i>		PEARL HEN	
000003	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>		RUDDY DUCK	
			INDIGO BUNTING	
			BROWN PELICAN	



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000005	<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>		ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK	
000030	<i>Phoenicopterus ruber</i>		AMERICAN FLAMINGO	
000002	<i>Piranga olivacea</i>		SCARLET TANAGER	
000001	<i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i>		SNOW BUNTING	
000002	<i>Plegadis chihi</i>		WHITE-FACED IBIS	
000003	<i>Ploceus velatus</i>		SOUTHERN MASKED-WEAVER	
000001	<i>Pluvialis dominica</i>		AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER / LESSER GOLDEN-PLOVER	
000002	<i>Podargus strigoides</i>		TAWNY FROGMOUTH	
000008	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>		CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT	
000002	<i>Ptilinopus melanospilus</i>		BLACK-NAPED FRUIT-DOVE	
000001	<i>Pycnonotus barbatus</i>		COMMON BULBUL	
000002	<i>Ramphastos toco</i>		TOCO TOUCAN	
000002	<i>Rollulus rouloul</i>		CRESTED PARTRIDGE	
000002	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>		OVENBIRD	
000002	<i>Sialia sialis</i>		EASTERN BLUEBIRD	
000013	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>		AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN	
000016	<i>Spheniscus humboldti</i>		HUMBOLDT PENGUIN	
000005	<i>Spinus tristis</i>		AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	
000001	<i>Spizelloides arborea</i>		AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	
000001	<i>Stictonetta naevosa</i>		FRECKLED DUCK	
000001	<i>Strix varia</i>		BARRED OWL	
000005	<i>Struthio camelus</i>		COMMON OSTRICH	
000001	<i>Syrnaticus reevesii</i>		REEVES'S PHEASANT	
000019	<i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i>		RAINBOW LORIKEET	
000001	<i>Trichoglossus capistratus</i>		MARIGOLD LORIKEET	
000035	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>		COCONUT LORIKEET	
000003	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>		AMERICAN ROBIN	
000002	<i>Vanellus miles</i>		MASKED LAPWING	
000001	<i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>		BLACK CRAKE	
000001	<i>Zenaida graysoni</i>		SOCORRO DOVE	
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