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# INSPECTION REPORT

ABILENE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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## NARRATIVE

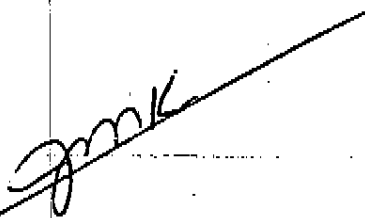
This routine inspection was conducted by Mike Higgins and Dr. Kjos. A current animal inventory is attached to this report.

**CATEGORY I: Non-compliant item(s) previously identified that have been corrected:**

- Section - 3.125(a)
- Section - 3.125C
- Section - 3.131(a)
- Section - 3.131C
- Section - 3.127(a)

**CATEGORY III: Non-compliant item(s) identified this inspection:**

- Section - 3.125(a) The indoor housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. At the time of this inspection, there was no cover on the electrical box for the thermostat in the giraffe barn. This electrical box is mounted on the primary enclosure fencing and electrical wiring was exposed. To be corrected by: October 1, 2000.



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SUCH SUPPLIES AGAINST DETERIORATION, MOLDING OR CONTAMINATION BY VERMIN. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THERE IS AN ACCUMULATION OF PIPING, PLYWOOD, CAGING, PALLETS, AND OTHER ITEMS IN AND AROUND THE HAY BARN. THIS AREA MUST BE CLEANED, UNUSEABLE ITEMS DISCARDED, AND REMAINING BUILDING SUPPLIES STORED PROPERLY. TO BE CORRECTED BY: DECEMBER 1, 2001.

3.126 ( c )

**FACILITIES, INDOOR.**

LIGHTING. INDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES SHALL HAVE AMPLE LIGHTING, BY NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL MEANS. OR BOTH, OF GOOD QUALITY, DISTRIBUTION, AND DURATION AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE SPECIES INVOLVED. SUCH LIGHTING SHALL BE UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED AND OF SUFFICIENT INTENSITY TO PERMIT ROUTINE INSPECTION AND CLEANING. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THE INDOOR ENCLOSURES FOR THE TWO BLACK BEAR IS DIMMLY ILLUMINATED. ADDITIONAL LIGHT FIXTURES OR FIXTURES WITH HIGHER LIGHT OUTPUT MUST BE INSTALLED IN THIS AREA. TO BE CORRECTED BY: DECEMBER 1, 2001.

**EXIT INTERVIEW DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- (1) SPECIES SPECIFIC DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
- (2) EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS & RADIOS FOR EACH ZOOKEEPER
- (3) ADDITIONAL SHADE IN GIRAFFE YARD
- (4) EIGHT FOOT PERIMETER FENCE REQUIREMENTS
- (5) PREVENTATIVE VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM

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**Inspection**

**Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION**

**Date: OCT-04-2001**

**3.75 ( f )**

**HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL**

ALL DRAINS MUST BE PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED, INSTALLED, AND MAINTAINED. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THE COLOBUS EXHIBIT DRAINAGE SYSTEM IS NOT WORKING PROPERLY, EVIDENCED BY EXTENSIVE CRACKING AND SETTLEMENT AROUND THIS ENCLOSURE. THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM MUST BE REPAIRED OR THE ANIMALS TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ENCLOSURE. THIS AFFECTS FIVE ANIMALS. TO BE CORRECTED BY: DEC. 1, 2001.

**3.78 ( c )**

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**OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.**

CAPACITY: MULTIPLE SHELTERS. THE SHELTER MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO COMFORTABLY PROVIDE SHELTER FOR EACH NON-HUMAN PRIMATE HOUSED IN THE FACILITY. IF AGGRESSIVE OR DOMINANT ANIMALS ARE HOUSED IN THE FACILITY WITH OTHER ANIMALS THERE MUST BE MULTIPLE SHELTERS, OR OTHER MEANS TO ENSURE PROTECTION FOR EACH NONHUMAN PRIMATE HOUSED IN THE FACILITY. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THERE ARE SIX ADULT SPIDER MONKEYS (THREE MALE AND THREE FEMALE) HOUSED IN A SINGLE NIGHT SHELTER. THERE IS CURRENTLY INSUFFICIENT SPACE FOR SUBMISSIVE ANIMALS TO RETREAT FROM DOMINANT ANIMALS.

GROUP OF PRIMATES MUST BE PROVIDED A LARGER NIGHT SHELTER OR SEPARATED INTO SMALLER, MORE COMPATIBLE GROUPS. TO BE CORRECTED BY: DECEMBER 1, 2001.

**3.125 ( a )**

**3.125 ( c )**

**FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

STRUCTURAL STRENGTH. THE FACILITY MUST BE CONSTRUCTED OF SUCH MATERIAL AND OF SUCH STRENGTH AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE ANIMALS INVOLVED. THE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES SHALL BE STRUCTURALLY SOUND AND SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN GOOD REPAIR TO PROTECT THE ANIMALS FROM THE INJURY AND TO CONTAIN THE ANIMALS. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, ACCESS TO THE PECCARY YARD FOR ROUTINE CLEANING IS LIMITED BECAUSE THERE IS NO SEPARATE ANIMAL HOLDING AREA. A SEPARATE ANIMAL HOLDING AREA MUST BE CONSTRUCTED TO ALLOW ROUTINE ENCLOSURE MAINTENANCE. THIS AFFECTS TWO PECCARY. TO BE CORRECTED BY DECEMBER 1, 2001.

STORAGE. SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND BEDDING SHALL BE STORED IN FACILITIES WHICH ADEQUATELY PROTECT

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**3.78 ( d )**

**OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.**

AN OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITY MUST BE ENCLOSED BY A FENCE THAT IS OF SUFFICIENT HEIGHT TO KEEP UNWANTED SPECIES OUT. FENCES LESS THAN 6 FEET HIGH MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THE PRIMARY FENCE FOR THE RUFFED LEMUR IS SERVING AS THE PERIMETER FENCE. THIS AFFECTS TWO LEMURS. A SIX FOOT PERIMETER FENCE MUST BE CONSTRUCTED OR VARIANCE APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR. TO BE CORRECTED BY: JANUARY 31, 2003.

**3.125 ( a )**

**FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

STRUCTURAL STRENGTH. THE FACILITY MUST BE CONSTRUCTED OF SUCH MATERIAL AND OF SUCH STRENGTH AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE ANIMALS INVOLVED. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THE DECORATIVE STONE FENCE AROUND THE ELEPHANT YARD IS BROKEN AT SEVERAL POSTS. THIS AFFECTS THE TWO ELEPHANTS HOUSED IN THIS YARD AND MUST BE REPAIRED OR REMOVED. TO BE CORRECTED BY: JANUARY 31, 2003.

**3.127 ( d )**

**FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.**

ALL OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES MUST BY ENCLOSED BY A PERIMETER FENCE THAT IS SUFFICIENT HEIGHT TO KEEP ANIMALS AND UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS OUT. FENCES LESS THAN 8 FEET HIGH FOR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMALS MUST BE APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE ADMINISTRATOR. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THERE IS NO PERIMETER FENCE AROUND THE TIGER ENCLOSURE. AN EIGHT FOOT PERIMETER FENCE MUST BE BUILT OR VARIANCE APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR. THIS AFFECTS TWO TIGERS. TO BE CORRECTED BY: JANUARY 31, 2003.

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**EXIT INTERVIEW NOTES:**

A LETTER FOR A PERIMETER FENCE VARIANCE REQUEST WAS SENT BY THE ZOO DIRECTOR TO THE WESTERN REGIONAL ANIMAL CARE OFFICE ON DECEMBER 24, 2002. RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER IS STILL PENDING.

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**HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

HOUSING FACILITIES FOR NONHUMAN PRIMATES MUST BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED SO THAT THEY ARE STRUCTURALLY SOUND FOR THE SPECIES OF NONHUMAN PRIMATES HOUSED IN THEM. THEY MUST BE KEPT IN GOOD REPAIR, AND THEY MUST PROTECT THE ANIMALS FROM INJURY, CONTAIN THE ANIMALS SECURELY, AND RESTRICT OTHER ANIMALS FROM ENTERING. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THE KEEPER ACCESS DOOR TO THE COLOBUS HOLDING FACILITY WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OPEN AND CLOSE PROPERLY. THIS AFFECTS FIVE COLOBUS. TO BE CORRECTED BY: JUNE 30, 2003.

THERE IS AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE PRIMARY ENCLOSURE OF ONE ADULT FEMALE COLOBUS WHICH NEEDS TO BE CLOSED TO PREVENT INJURY. TO BE CORRECTED BY MAY 30, 2003.

**3.127 ( a )**

**DIRECT**

**FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.**

SHELTER FROM SUNLIGHT. WHEN SUNLIGHT IS LIKELY TO CAUSE OVERHEATING OR DISCOMFORT OF THE ANIMALS, SUFFICIENT SHADE BY NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL MEANS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ALLOW ALL ANIMALS KEPT OUTDOORS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM DIRECT SUNLIGHT. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT SHADE FOR THE TWO GIRAFFE AND THE NINE BISON IN EITHER OF THEIR OUTDOOR EXHIBIT YARDS. TO BE CORRECTED BY: JUNE 30, 2003.

**3.131 ( c )**

**SANITATION.**

HOUSEKEEPING. PREMISES (BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS) SHALL BE KEPT CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THE APRON AREA AROUND THE HAY STORAGE BARN NEEDED TO BE MOWED AND EXCESS BUILDING MATERIALS STORED OR DISPOSED IN A PROPER MANNER. TO BE CORRECTED BY: JUNE 30, 2003.

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**HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

STRUCTURE: CONSTRUCTION. HOUSING FACILITIES FOR NONHUMAN PRIMATES MUST BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED SO THAT THEY ARE STRUCTURALLY SOUND FOR THE SPECIES OF NONHUMAN PRIMATES HOUSED IN THEM. THEY MUST BE KEPT KEPT IN GOOD REPAIR, AND THEY MUST PROTECT THE ANIMALS FROM INJURY. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THE HEATER IN THE LEMUR DEN NEEDS TO HAVE A SAFETY COVER OVER IT TO PREVENT POSSIBLE INJURY TO THE ANIMALS. TO BE CORRECTED BY: NOVEMBER 30, 2003.

CONDITION AND SITE. ANIMAL AREAS INSIDE OF HOUSING FACILITIES MUST BE KEPT FREE OF CLUTTER, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE, OR STORED MATERIAL. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THERE WAS ANIMAL ENRICHMENT MATERIAL LAYING ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE SPIDER MONKEY HOLDING AREA. TO BE CORRECTED BY: NOVEMBER 30, 2003.

**3.126 ( b )**

**FACILITIES, INDOOR.**

VENTILATION. INDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES SHALL BE ADEQUATELY VENTILATED BY NATURAL OR MECHANICAL MEANS TO PROVIDE FOR THE HEALTH AND TO PREVENT DISCOMFORT OF THE ANIMALS AT ALL TIMES. AT THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION, THERE WAS INADEQUATE VENTILATION IN THE JAGUAR HOLDING AREA. TO BE CORRECTED BY: JANUARY 31, 2004.

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