



April 19, 2007

**CLEVELAND
METROPARKS
ZOO**
... to improve the future
for wildlife

Melissa Gonzales
National Campaign Coordinator
In Defense of Animals
3010 Kemer Blvd.
San Rafael, CA 94920

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

In your April 22, 2007 letter you made a request for the following records from December 1, 2004 through the date on which this request is processed. The following are attached:

3900 Wildlife Way
Cleveland, Ohio 44109
(216) 661-6500
FAX (216) 661-3312
TTY (216) 661-1090
www.clemetzoo.com

- Medical Records of elephants, including ISIS MedArks reports
- Specimen Reports
- Behavioral Profiles

Board of Park Commissioners
William J. Ryan
Fred Rzepka
David W. Whitehead

Executive Director-Secretary
Vern Hartenburg

In addition, you requested all correspondence concerning elephants with USDA, AZA and other Zoos. Aside from discussion on the potential need for a permanent outdoor winter shelter (elephants have access to their barn in inclement weather), which was dropped during our April 2007 inspection, there was no correspondence with USDA. I can not think of any correspondence with AZA or other zoos in regard to our elephants during the time period of your request.

Materials requested are enclosed. Please reimburse Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for \$1.64 in duplication costs (\$0.04 per page) for 41 pages copied for you.

Zoo Director
Steve Taylor

Sincerely,

Steve H. Taylor,
Zoo Director

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Enclosure

Cc: (Letter Only) Vern Hartenburg
Patti Barz
AZA



AMERICAN ZOO AND AQUARIUM ASSOCIATION





INSPECTION REPORT

**CLEVELAND METROPARKS
ZOOLOGICAL PARK**

Customer ID: 2152
Certificate: 31-C-0003

Site: 001
CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO

3900 WILDLIFE WAY
CLEVELAND, OH 44109

Inspection
Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: MAR-20-2006

**3.127
FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.**

(a) 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.

(b) Shelter from inclement weather. Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals. Individual animals shall be acclimated before they are exposed to the extremes of the individual climate.

The following animals do not have continuous access to shelter from the elements during the winter and in some limited cases protection from sunlight. This is during the times that the zoo is open to the public and the keepers are present. Continuous access is required to protect the animals and provide for their comfort and well-being.

Elephants, zebras, black rhinos, warthogs, hippo, bactrian camels, giraffes, tufted deer, reeves muntjac, reindeer, bontebok, gazelle, dik dik,, duikers, sheep and goats.

All of the animals do have adequate barns, if they had continuous access to these barns, except for a short period to allow for cleaning, they would be in compliance.

The only questionable time with the sheep and goats is the periods they are in the petting area which is during the summer and does not provide adequate sun protection.

Correct by: 4/21/06

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FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.**

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The following animals do not continuously have access to shelter from from the elements: zebras, bactrian camels, reindeer and giraffes. This includes rain as well as the cold and snow. This is during times that the zoo is open and keepers are present. Continuous access is required to protect the animals from sudden changes in the weather. All of the animals do have adequate barns, if they had continuous access to these barns except during the short period necessary for cleaning, they would be in compliance. Several species were removed as they are in for the season or are now gone from the zoo. In some of the enclosures there was adequate natural cover to provide protection for the animals. The animals which were left in question are these last four species.

NO
elephant

REMAINS UNCORRECTED

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