

Accreditation Visiting Committee Report

POINT DEFIANCE ZOO & AQUARIUM
Tacoma, Washington

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The elephant complex houses 3 aging female elephants that have essentially been problematic throughout their respective zoo histories. This facility is a model 'protective contact' facility which other zoos would do well to imitate. The PDZAQ performs a valuable and much appreciated service to the zoological community as a whole in caring for these animals in an enriching and innovative program and facility. The VC was impressed with PDZAQ's efforts and foresight in this area, and compliments them on their success.