



INSPECTION REPORT

CITY OF TOPEKA
TOPEKA ZOO

Customer ID: 4087
Certificate: 48-C-0003

635 S W GAGE BLVD
TOPEKA, KS: 66606-2079

Site: 001
CITY OF TOPEKA - ZOO

Inspection
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2.131 (c)(1)

HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

Fixed 6-4-08

(c)(1) During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

The public barrier at an enclosure housing two tamarins and a tamandua does not provide sufficient separation between the public and the animals. The distance between the public area was less than arm's length in some locations, making it possible for people to contact animals on through the wire mesh enclosure wall. Animals were observed hanging on to the enclosure wall during the inspection. During public exhibition, sufficient distance and/or barriers must be present between the animals and the public to assure the safety of the animals and the public. Licensees must ensure that sufficient distance and/or public barriers are maintained between the animals and the general viewing public at all times.

To be corrected by June 18, 2008

This inspection was conducted with Katheryn Ziegerer, VMO, Tanya Tims, SACS, Stephanie Osborne, ACI, and zoo staff on May 27, 2008.

An exit conference was conducted on May 28, 2008.

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2.40 (b) (2)

ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE (DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS).

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;

One of the giraffes is missing half of her right front hoof due to previous trauma. The other half of the hoof does not wear normally and requires regular trimming. The facility is currently under construction and the giraffe restraint was unavailable. In the meantime, this part of the hoof has become overgrown and is curling inward and upward. The giraffe is still bearing weight on this leg but the lower joint bends inward due to the improper alignment caused by this overgrown hoof. This curl of the extra hoof is a couple inches long and could potentially cause injury if it became caught on items in the enclosure or caused her to stumble. This hoof maintenance is part of basic and necessary husbandry for this animal. Provisions to perform this procedure should have been addressed prior to the construction project so not to leave the staff with no appropriate facilities to treat her hoof condition. At this point, there will not be a restraint available for at least another 60 days. This must be corrected as soon as an appropriate restraint is available.

3.129 (b)

FEEDING.

(b) Food, and food receptacles, if used, shall be sufficient in quantity and located so as to be accessible to all animals in the enclosure and shall be placed so as to minimize contamination. Food receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary at all times. If self-feeders are used, adequate measures shall be taken to prevent molding, contamination, and deterioration or caking of food.

In the Jungle Cat building, there are feeder chutes attached to the big cat enclosures. At the bottom of the chute, there is a small gap between the feeder and the enclosure. The inspectors observed small pieces of raw meat trapped in this space in all the feeders. Raw meat sitting in this location has high potential to become contaminated and therefore contaminate the animals' feed as it goes through the feed chute. The food receptacles must be kept clean and free of any left over bits of food. To be corrected by April 26, 2007.

3.131 (d)

SANITATION.

(d) Pest control. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained.

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In the walkway behind the porcupine and lemur enclosures (in the A&M building), there was evidence of rodent activity due to the excessive rodent feces seen along the hallway and also in the kitchen area on the floor and countertop. There were a few traps present, but the snap traps were not set or baited. The current pest control plan for this area is insufficient and a more effective program must be established and utilized to reduce the rodent population and protect the health and wellbeing of the animals. To be corrected by May 1, 2007.

This inspection was conducted by Dr. Jami Niemann, VMO; Jennifer Schmitz, ACI; and facility staff.

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