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# INSPECTION REPORT

Tulsa Zoological Park  
5701 E. 36th N.  
Tulsa, Ok, 74115

Site

73-C-0129  
10/17/00  
10:30 am  
routine

## NARRATIVE

Inspection accompanied by Steve Walker

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

**Section 3.125: Quarantine bldg, Holding building, Door for elephant bull, Jaguar enclosure modifications all completed.**

**Section 3.76(b) ventilation-** simang house has ventilator and A/C

**Section 3.77(c) lighting-** lemur has lighting

**Section 3.125(a) structure-**new fence put up in giraffe area

**Section 3.127(b) shelter-**new door for rhino barn

**Section 3.125(b) water-**elephant barn water plan developed to maintain good water for drinking

**Section 3.84(d) pest control.** Plan put into action

**Section 3.103(b) shelter-** sea lion enclosure closed in ceiling to prevent snow from entering

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

**Section 2.40(a) - Adequate veterinary care.** Each dealer or exhibitor shall have an attending veterinarian to provide adequate veterinary care to their animals

- the female giraffe has elongated hooves which prevent a normal gate and need to be trimmed. **To be corrected by: 12/17/00**

**Section 3.76(b) ventilation.** Indoor housing facilities must be sufficiently ventilated at all times when nonhuman primates are present. Auxiliary ventilation, such as fans, blowers, or air conditioning, must be provided when the ambient temperature is 85 degrees or higher

- 2 tamarins are housed in a room that has no air exchange and smells stale. **To be corrected by:**

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**Section 3.125(a) structure.** The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved

- elephant barn has the first layer of concrete worn off at the bull doors on the way to the outside. **To be corrected by: 6/17/00!**
- arctic fox has a pipe rusted through in the outside off display enclosure at the base. **To be corrected by: 4/17/00!**

**CATEGORY IV: Non-compliant item(s) previously identified that have not been corrected:**

**Section 3.75(a) surfaces.** Surfaces must be free of excessive rust that prevents the required cleaning and sanitization or that affects the structural strength of the surface.

- most metal surfaces on the enclosures in the Animal Kingdom bldg are rusting and peeling paint. The area was painted but rust is leaking through and primates are peeling the paint again.

**Section 3.85 employees.** There must be enough employees to carry out the level of husbandry practices and care required in this subpart.

- 5 care takers are responsible for 43 primates located in at least 4 different places, in addition to responsibilities in other areas with other animals, having the time to adequately assess the animals each day is difficult due to days off and vacation times.

**Section 2.40(a) - Adequate veterinary care.** Each dealer or exhibitor shall have an attending veterinarian to provide adequate veterinary care to their animals.

- \* - elephant foot care is insufficient to maintain healthy feet. According to prescribed inhouse requirements of at least 6 times weekly, the elephants are not receiving the proper amount of time to take care of their feet

**Section 3.132 employees.** A sufficient number of trained employees shall be utilized to maintain the professionally acceptable level of husbandry practices set forth in the subpart.

- \* - keepers are stretched so thin that normal practices such as feet trims and baths for the elephants are difficult to impossible to perform. The date of this inspection 2 employees were present to care for the animals. One had one years experience full time the other was an employee, shared between two areas in the zoo, with one years experience.

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**3.101 ( a ) ( 1 )  
FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

- THE BACKUP DOOR LOCKS FOR THE POLAR BEAR OFF DISPLAY CAGES NEED TO BE FUNCTIONAL. THE DOORS ARE CONTROLLED BY HYDROLICCS, BUT SHOULD THE HYDROLICCS NOT WORK A BACK UP MECHANISM NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE AND FUNCTIONAL. TO BE CORRECTED BY 10/24/01

NOTE: THE ANIMAL KINDGOM BLDG. CURRENTLY UNDER RENOVATION WILL NEED TO HAVE THE CONCRETE IN THE OUSIDE RUNS RESEALED AS THE TOP LAYER HAS BROKEN AND PEALED OFF IN SOME AREAS. THE RENOVATED AREAS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE AN EASY CAPTURE AREA FOR EACH OF THE PENS, TO REDUCE THE STRESS TO THE ANIMALS. PIPE BEING USED AS LEGS TO HOLD UP FRONT WIRE PANELS WILL BE A COLLECTION AREA FOR DIRT, FECES AND INSECTS. DOORWAYS NEED TO HAVE METAL LAPOVERS WHICH WILL KEEP THE PRIMATES FROM DIGGING AT THE MORTAR AND REMOVING IT.

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**2.40 ( b ) ( 5 )**

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

Section 2.40(b)(5) - Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care. Adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with established veterinary medical and nursing procedures.

- The surgery room in the veterinary hospital on site at the zoo is currently being used as a storage room. The presence of all the boxes and unnecessary equipment make cleaning and disinfecting the survival surgical suite very difficult, it also increases the traffic flow in that room which increases the possibility of organisms being tracked into the room. The room should be easily cleaned and disinfected and not used as a traffic area. To be corrected by: 12/13/02

- Out dated drugs were found on the shelves of currently in use drugs. Out dated drugs should be placed in a container or located in a specified area marked as out of date drugs, not for use in regulated animals. To be corrected by: 12/13/02

**3.75 ( a )**

**3.75 ( c ) ( 2 )**

**HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

Section 3.75(a) - Structure. Housing facilities 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 must protect the animals from injury, and contain the animals securely.

- The chain link fence seperating the moat of the bear enclosure and the moat for the lemur enclosure with 4 lemurs has plexiglass peices hanging on the fence, some have broken and are laying in the moat and across the hot wire used for containment. The plexiglass was apparently being used as a wind break, however half of the peices are missing and its effectivenss as a wind break is gone, and the peices could be a source of injury, so the peices should be removed or repaired. If part of the reason for placement of the glass was to prevent a possible escape route, then clear glass should not be used. To be corrected by: 3/13/03

Section 3.75(c)(2) - Maintenance and replacement of surfaces. All surfaces must be maintained on a regular basis. Surfaces must be able to be cleaned and sanitized according to Section 3.84 or be able to be removed and replaced.

-The lemur enclosure with 4 lemurs in the first animal grotto needs to have a sealant applied to the surfaces to enhance cleaning and disinfecting. The curator indicated it had been some time and the water was not forming droplets as it would if a sealant were present, the floors will need to be resealed and monitored more frequently so that more sealant can be applied. To be corrected by: 2/13/03

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- The enclosures in the primate building that are under renovations need to have a sealant applied to the floor to aid in cleaning and sanitizing. (8 primates) To be corrected by: 2/13/02
- The off display area for primates and small mammals has cracks and small chunks of concrete missing which need to be filled as needed and sealed. (1 sloth) To be corrected by: 2/13/02
- The first set of off display enclosures in the chimp house have an area of concrete where the smooth top surface has been worn away leaving the rough gravel/concrete below exposed. This area cannot be adequately cleaned and sanitized and will need to be repaired and resealed. (7 chimps) To be corrected by: 2/13/02

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**2.131 ( c ) ( 2 )  
HANDLING OF ANIMALS.**

Section 2.131(c)(2) - Employee. A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant must be present at all times during periods of public contact.

- one acouchi and one sloth were loose out in the TARF building where the public would have access to them. The animals should be maintained away from the public by means of a barrier or a readily identifiable employee of the zoo must be present at all times that the public is there. An employee was not seen during a point of access between the sloth and the acouchi and two ladies and a child. There must be a readily identifiable employee present at all times or the animals confined behind a premises fence and barrier. Correct by: 3/16/04


**3.125 ( a )  
FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

Section 3.125(a) - Structural strength. Facilities must be constructed and maintained in such a manner as to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals covered under Subpart F.

-The gates down at the rhino building have a large amount of debris/rust buildup under the gates, making the proper cleaning of the facility enclosure not possible. The gates should have the rust removed or be replaced. Correct by: 4/2/04

- The roof in the main Africa building is leaking, potentially allowing the animals to be wetted as well as the hay resources. The leak should be repaired or replaced. Correct by: 5/2/04

- One gate panel at the entrance to the small yard with the stocks has several wires sticking out and is dragging the ground, making it difficult to open and close quickly if it were needed. The wire should be repaired or replaced and the gate fixed where it will operate more freely. Another gate panel has been used to close an area between the wall of the building and the other gate panel, however it is secured on one end by a small 1 1/4" to 1 1/2" pipe that has been driven into the ground and the panel wired to it. The pipe only comes up about 2/3's of the way on the panel. The gate is flimsy, wires are broken but the greatest potential for injury could come from the giraffe laying or leaning on the panel, pushing the panel over and possibly running the small pipe into its chest or abdomen. The wire should be repaired or replaced on the gate panel and the pipe replaced with something more substantial with less potential to be hazardous. Correct by: 5/3/04

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**3.75 ( c ) ( 1 )**

**3.75 ( c ) ( 2 )**

**HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

Section 3.75(c)(1) - Surfaces. Must be made of materials that allow them to be readily cleaned and sanitized or removed when soiled.

- The concrete floors in the Chimp barn in the off display holding area have begun to have the cap worn off to the point the rocks in the concrete can be seen. The water does not bead up indicating the floors need to be sealed again and the surface around the door in the off display holding pens need to be repaired. A new cap can be put down or a concrete repair substance used prior to re-sealing the flooring. Correct by: 9/9/05

Section 3.75(c)(2) - Maintenance and replacement of surfaces. All surfaces must be maintained on a regular basis. Surfaces must be able to be cleaned and sanitized according to Section 3.84 or be able to be removed and replaced.

- The people access door, in the conservation bldg, that allows access to the front of the primate enclosures has rusted out at the bottom and even though the rusted area has been covered particulate matter continues to drop out of the door. The door should be repaired or replaced so that it can be properly cleaned and disinfected. Correct by: 6/9/05

**3.76 ( c )**

**INDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.**

Section 3.76(c) - Lighting. Animals must be provided a regular diurnal lighting cycle which is uniformly diffuse throughout the enclosure and provides for the well-being of the animals.

- Two Golden Headed Lion Tamarins are maintained strictly indoors with florescent lighting that is not diffuse throughout the room. Additional lighting should be provided or lighting with sufficient candle watt to simulate outdoor conditions. Correct by: 4/ 9/05

**3.101 ( a ) ( 3 )**

**FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

Section 3.101(a)(3) - Surfaces. All surfaces in a primary enclosure must be constructed and maintained in good repair to facilitate cleaning, disinfection and maintenance of water quality parameter.

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- The outdoor pool for the sea lions has four areas that the concrete is crumbling. One is on the east side near the demonstration area and one is just past the bridge area on the east side, these are both corners of the pool. One area is a flat surface are on the west side past the bridge and the fourth area is along the fence barrier on the west side near the demonstration area. The areas need to be repaired or replaced so that the enclosure can be adequately cleaned and disinfected so that water quality can be maintained. (2 sea lions) Correct by: 9/9/05

**3.125 ( a )**

**FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

Section 3.125(a) - Structural strength. Facilities must be constructed and maintained in such a manner as to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals covered under Subpart F.

- Double gates in the Llama pen by the red barn are made of chain link, several stays are missing and the fence is beginning to un wind, leaving some sharp points and the potential for the animals to escape. The gates should be repaired or replaced. 6/9/05

**3.131 ( c )**

**SANITATION.**

Section 3.131(c) - Housekeeping. Premises for animals covered under Subpart F shall be kept clean and in good repair .

- Two doors in the elephant barn, one in Suki's indoor holding area and one in Gunda's holding area, have deep gouges in them that prevent the doors from being adequately cleaned and disinfected. The doors can be replaced or repaired so that the splinters are not a hazard to the elephants or prevent proper cleaning. 9/9/05

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