



Inspection Report

CITY OF CHATTANOOGA

Customer ID: 3233

Certificate: 63-C-0014

CHATTANOOGA ZOO AT WARNER PARK
1101 MCCALLIE AVE

Site: 001
WARNER PARK ZOO

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: Aug-25-2009

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37404

3.51 (b)

FACILITIES, INDOOR.

Sec. 3.51 Facilities, indoor. (b) Ventilation... Auxiliary ventilation, such as exhaust fans and vents or air conditioning, shall be provided when the ambient temperature is 85 [deg]F. or higher.

Three rabbits are housed in the education building. Open windows are available for ventilation but no fans or air conditioning were running. The temperature measured via Kestrel was 88.3 deg F. Auxiliary ventilation is required above 85deg F as rabbits are highly susceptible to hyperthermia. Auxiliary ventilation such as fans or air conditioning shall be provided when the ambient temperature is 85def F or higher. Correct by 8/26/09.

3.125 (a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Sec. 3.125 Facilities, general. (a) Structural strength...The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

One red panda was inspected in the outdoor housing/exercise area. The opening between the indoor area and the outdoor area is about three feet off the ground. A metal ladder provides access to the opening for the panda when it wants to go in or out. The ladder was on the ground during the inspection as the fastening holding the ladder to the wall had come loose. The panda had to jump up to and pull himself up into the opening after grabbing the ledge. This may lead to injury if the panda falls or misses the opening when jumping. All housing facilities shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. Correct by Aug. 27, 2009.

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3.125 (c)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Sec. 3.125 Facilities, general. (c) Storage. Supplies of food and bedding shall be stored in facilities which adequately protect such supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin. Refrigeration shall be provided for supplies of perishable food.

*Coyote area contained an open bag of dog food and an open box of dog biscuits.

*Education area contained two open bags of food and one open plastic container of food for the chinchillas/small mammals. Food was spilled on the shelf from these open food stores.

Open supplies of food can lead to deterioration of the food and contamination by vermin/pests. All open bags/boxes of food shall be stored in tightly closed containers to protect the food supplies. Correct by 8/27/09.

3.127 (d)

FACILITIES, OUTDOOR.

Sec. 3.127 Facilities, outdoor. (d) Perimeter fence. On or after May 17, 2000, all outdoor housing facilities (i.e., facilities not entirely indoors) must be enclosed by a perimeter fence that is of sufficient height to keep animals and unauthorized persons out...

The facility does have a perimeter fence but during the inspection it was noted that a door in the perimeter fence leading to a back parking area was left open. Due to construction the vehicle gate in the fence around the parking area was also open. Thus if an animal escaped from its primary enclosure it could escape the zoo property through the open door and gate. Unwanted animals and persons could enter the zoo. The door was closed during the inspection but it was noted that it did not close tightly leaving a space of about 6 inches between the door frame and the fence frame. The latch barely holds. Some animals would be able to fit through this space or push open the door. All outdoor housing facilities must be enclosed by a functional perimeter fence such that it will keep the zoo animals in and unauthorized animals and persons out. Correct by Sept. 5, 2009.

3.131 (c)

SANITATION.

Sec. 3.131 Sanitation. (c) Housekeeping. Premises (buildings and grounds) shall be kept clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals from injury and to facilitate the prescribed husbandry practices set forth in this subpart...

*The floor and lowest 6 in of wall area behind and under the ferret cage is dirty with accumulated fecal material and dirt. The surfaces are textured and rough thus making it difficult to clean.

*Several refrigerators/freezers (in Asia area and quarantine/infirmary area) are dirty with dried blood and produce

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debris adhered to the shelves.

Housing surfaces and refrigerators/freezers need to be kept clean to help prevent infection and minimize odors/pests/vermin. All premises shall be kept clean in order to facilitate prescribed husbandry practices. Staff started cleaning the areas during the inspection. Correct by 8/27/09.

Records reviewed: Program of veterinary care/addendum, medical records, acquisition/disposition records.
Inspection and exit conducted by undersigned VMO and assistant director.

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