



Inspection Report

BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO

Customer ID: **11495**

Certificate: **14-C-0069**

Site: 001

BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO

425 HAWTHORN ST

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

Date: May-20-2011

3.101 (a) (1)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Section 3.101 (a) (1) states - "Indoor and outdoor housing facilities for marine mammals must be structurally sound and must be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury."

1. Seal Beach: The concrete surface of the dry resting area for the Seals' pool is showing signs of deterioration. There are several areas where the outer layer of concrete has lifted off and the inner rough stone aggregate concrete surface is exposed. There are also other portions of the dry resting area where the concrete surface is crumbling. The pool is the primary enclosure for 3 Harbor Seals.

2. Seal Pool: A piece of concrete approximately 4-6 inches in length has broken off of the edge of the right side of the pool just above the water line as seen from the front of the exhibit. As a result, some of the iron rebar inside the concrete is now exposed. The pool is the primary enclosure for 3 Harbor Seals.

3. Seal Pool: There is an area approximately 4 by 8 inches in size on the right side of the pool above the water line where the paint has flaked off and the bare concrete is exposed. The pool is the primary enclosure for 3 Harbor Seals.

Outdoor housing facilities for marine mammals must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. The facility needs to make the necessary repairs to the dry resting area and to the pool to protect the animals from possible injury due to direct contact with the roughened surfaces or from contact with fragments of loose concrete or flakes of paint.

Correct items 1, 2, and 3 by 7/1/11.

3.125 (a)

FACILITIES, GENERAL.

Section 3.125 (a) states - "Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength

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as appropriate for the animals involved. 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."

1. Small sized wire mesh is attached to the inside of the wooden rails that form the sides of the pens that house farm animals. The wire mesh has detached from some sections of the wooden rails so that the edges of the wire mesh are bent in towards the inside of the pens. As a result, there are sharp wire edges and sharp points of wire that are accessible to the animals and could cause injuries to the animals' eyes, mouth, or skin. This was identified in the following animal pens in the locations specified.

- a. Pig pen: The back corner of the pen adjacent to the barn door. There are 2 Pigs housed in the pen.
- b. Sheep/Goat pen: The back right corner of the pen near the perimeter fence. There are 4 Goats and 1 Sheep housed in this pen.

2. The top edge of the Otters' pool has an area where the concrete is cracked and a piece of the concrete approximately 3 inches wide by 16 inches long has broken off. As a result, there is an opening into the concrete shell that makes up the pool and some of the iron rebar inside the concrete is now exposed. The size and shape of the opening could result in an injury to the Otters' feet or tails. There are 2 Otters housed in the exhibit.

3. There is an 8 foot high wooden stockade-type fence surrounding the off-exhibit portion of the Bear Exhibit. The lawn on the public side of the stockade fence has several picnic tables that are used by members of the public. The stockade fence is leaning and out of plumb in several sections and the inspector was able to rock the fence back and forth using little effort. One of the vertical wooden fence posts was rotted at ground level.

On the off-exhibit side of the stockade fence there was a wooden board nailed to 2 different vertical wooden posts to brace the fence with the ground. On the public side of the fence there was a wooden board nailed on top of the stockades horizontally across one of the vertical posts half-way between the top and bottom of the fence to help reinforce and brace adjacent sections of the fence. The stockade fence is the barrier between the public and the Bears' primary enclosures when the animals are housed in the off-exhibit portion of the exhibit. There are 3 Bears housed in the exhibit.

4. There is a chain link fence around the Aquatics Building that is located next to the outdoor portion of the Elephant exhibit. A metal vertical bar fence is located in front of the Elephant exhibit and it forms the barrier between the exhibit and the public. The end of the chain link fence was connected to the end of the metal vertical bar fence using orange colored twine that had been wrapped several times at ground level around a vertical support bar of each fence. The inspector noticed that the fence moved backwards about 6 inches when she leaned against the top of the metal bar fence while standing in front of the Elephant exhibit. This movement in the fence could allow a member of the public to get past the barrier fence and get into the Elephant exhibit. There are 2 Elephants housed in the exhibit.

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5. The metal mesh cover for the 4-6 inch diameter PVC overflow pipe to the Otters' pool was missing. The cover prevents plant debris from clogging up the pool's overflow pipe. All drains in animal enclosures should be covered to minimize the potential risk of animal entrapment. There are 2 Otters housed in the exhibit.

Outdoor housing facilities should be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. The outdoor housing facilities must also be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The Licensee needs to address these items to maintain the facility in good repair and for the safety of both the animals and the members of the viewing public.

Correct items 1 and 4 by 5/31/11 (1 week); item 5 by 6/7/11 (2 weeks); item 2 by 7/1/11 (1 month); and item 3 by 8/1/11 (2 months).

NOTE - Exit interview held with facility personnel by telephone on 5/24/11. Inspection report delivered by e-mail on 5/24/11. END OF REPORT.

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