

Zoo Licensing Act Special Inspection

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Licensees: Andrew White

Zoo: Greenacres Animal Park

Inspectors: [REDACTED] – LA Appointed Veterinary Inspector
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1. Preamble:

This inspection was the annual Informal Inspection for 2019. This follows a renewal Inspection undertaken on 19th April 2018 where significant issues with compliance were identified. Special inspections have been held on 27th September, 6th November, 18th December 2018 and 19th April 2019. The whole site was inspected on this inspection

2. Inspection Findings

The licensees have made significant improvements and taken considerable effort to address all of the issues identified on previous inspections. They have developed and implemented a full record keeping system, put standard operating procedures, risk assessments and a staff training process in place and contracted comprehensive veterinary services.

The licensees have investing in considerable physical improvements to the site with new enclosures for the parrots, ferrets and raccoon dogs, refurbished facilities with proper heating for the reptiles and a new wolf-dog enclosure amongst others. The licensees have also made sensible decisions regarding the collection, rehoming species such as ostrich which are less suitable for the site and facilities.

3. Conditions and Recommendations for the License.

Schedule 1 Conditions – Placed on all Zoo Licences.

The zoo must, as required by the Zoo Licensing Act (1981) and its subsequent amendments:

1. Participate in at least one of the following:
 - a. research from which conservation benefits accrue to the species;
 - b. training in relevant conservation skills;
 - c. the exchange of information relating to species conservation;
 - d. Breeding of wild animals in captivity
 - e. Repopulating an area with wild animals, or re-introducing wild animals

2. Promote public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, particularly by providing information about the species exhibited and their natural habitats.
3. Accommodate and keep the animals under conditions which aim to satisfy the biological and conservation requirements of the individual species, inter alia, by providing species specific enrichment of the enclosures in a manner consistent with the standards set out in the current Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice.
4. Maintain a high standard of animal husbandry in the zoo, including a developed programme of preventive and curative veterinary care and nutrition.
5. Prevent escapes and put in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals.
6. Introduce practical measures designed to prevent the intrusion of pests and vermin into the premises of the zoo.
7. Keep up-to-date records of the zoo's collection appropriate to the species, including records of the numbers of different animals, acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes, causes of death and the health of the animals.
8. Keep information to show how it has complied with these conditions and supply said information to the local authority upon request.

Schedule 2 Conditions – Remain for the Duration of the Licence.

9. Zoo operators must have insurance cover which covers them and every other person under a contract of service or acting on their behalf, against liability for any damage or injury which may be caused by any of the animals or by other factors, whether inside or outside the zoo, including during transportation to other premises. Any upper limit on the sum insured must be set at an adequate but realistic level. Within one month of the date of renewal of the policy a copy of the zoo's current public liability insurance policy is to be sent to the Licensing Authority
10. In the event of any non-domestic animal escaping from the confines of the Zoo, notification shall be made to the licensing authority as soon as possible, and, in any case, not later than 24 hours following the escape.
11. An accurate annual stocklist of all animals must be kept and a copy must be forwarded to the local authority before the 1st April of the year following that to which it relates. This must be in, or similar to, the format stipulated in Section 9.6 of the current Secretary of State's Standards of Modern Zoo Practice and cover the period from the 1st January until the 31st December.
12. In accordance with section 3.28 all listed non-native invasive species must be managed in accordance with the appropriate legislation implementing 'EU Regulation 1141/2014 on invasive alien (non-native) species', this specifically

impacts the coati (*Nasua nasua*), raccoon dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*) and the red-eared sliders (*Trachemys scripta elegans*).

13. In accordance with 6.1, and 6.3 of the SSSMZP (2012). Any surplus or disposed of zoo stock must only be passed on to responsible persons who have the appropriate facilities, resources and expertise to ensure the welfare of the animals. Where necessary, the appropriate licences for the keeping and management of the species must be held. An acquisition and disposition policy, in line with zoo best practice should be produced and reviewed by the Ethics Committee. A form detailing this information should be completed and signed by the destination representative and be available for inspection.
14. Although the whole premises is subject to the licence in order to meet the requirements set out in the SSSMZP which states that " the perimeter of the zoo must be suitable to prevent unauthorised entry and where practicable, aid in the confinement of zoo stock" the zoo animals should be housed in the area which is contained within the 1.8m chainlink fence and must not be housed in the fields and paddocks outside this fence which constitute the wider site. Domestic animals, outside the remit of the ZLA (1981) can be housed here and should be inspected and included in all other aspects of the zoo as their management, health and welfare cannot be separated. The defined zoo site must have a complete secured perimeter fence which is maintained free from vegetation and is checked on a weekly basis for defects and breaches.
15. The licence holder, including premises operated under this licence, are prohibited to acquire additional species listed under category one of the Hazardous Animal Categorisation (see Appendix 12 of the SSSMZP (SOPS) unless risk assessments, SOPs, escape plans, staff experience and training records, exhibit design and facility plans and any other documentation requested is approved and the site inspected by the Zoo Licensing Authority.

Schedule 3 Conditions – Can be Removed Once Compliance is Confirmed by Local Authority.

16. There must be a documented system for regular review, by the relevant veterinary and curatorial staff of clinical, behavioural and pathological records, including mortality. The collection must be able to demonstrate that these reviews have taken place, at a minimum quarterly, and that where problems become apparent there is written evidence in the records system of the actions taken place and any subsequent impact this has.
17. In accordance with 7.14 and Appendix 2 of the SSSMZP an ethical review process must be developed, implemented, with written records of the meetings maintained. (Meeting to be held annually).

4. Recommendation to Local Authority

The next inspection should be the annual informal inspection to confirm compliance with the SSSMZP. This is the standard inspection regime.

5. Conclusion

The licensees are to be highly commended on the efforts they have taken to achieve such a positive inspection in 12 months. The inspection team recognize the effort and commitment demonstrated. It has been a pleasure to support operators who have worked with inspectors so productively to achieve such a positive outcome for all parties.



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