

**DRIVE THROUGH
ZOO INSPECTION**

A zoo or animal park which allows people to drive through either in their own vehicles or a zoo/park vehicle must meet all applicable regulations and standards.

**Conducting
the Inspection**

When inspecting a Drive Through Zoo (or Park), some specific items to evaluate include, but are not limited to:

- measures to protect the safety of the public and animals, such as:
 - caution signs reading:
 - Do not get out of car
 - Do not put fingers in cages
 - patrol of Zoo/Park by attendants
 - monitoring of the Zoo/Park by employees during their regular duties
 - video monitoring
 - monitoring of areas not readily visible to attendants
 - posting or distribution of the safety rules
 - speed bumps
- number of employees to patrol the Zoo/Park
- training of the employees
- shelter, either artificial or natural, for the Zoo/Park's climatic conditions
- access of the shelter to all the animals
- size of shelter for the number of animals
- monitoring of large areas of natural habitat for hazards, such as flooding or deep mud which animals could get mired in
- availability of potable water
- control of feeding of the animals by the public, such as:
 - monitoring animals for adequate food intake
 - appearance of the animals, i.e., too thin or too fat
 - measures to prevent people from feeding animals if not allowed
 - measures for stopping people from bringing in food for the animals
 - action taken if find people feeding animals or feeding inappropriate food

- monitoring of the animals' health and well-being, including meeting the veterinary care daily observation requirement
- routine veterinary care, such as vaccinations and worming
- capture methods if veterinary care is needed
- death loss, especially among young animals
- procedure in the event of an animal escape or attack
- compatibility of the animals in an area
- management of the males:
 - to prevent fighting
 - during rutting season
- off-exhibit areas, if any

Suggested topics to discuss with the exhibitor which may or may not be regulatory requirements include:

- proper nutrition for carnivores
- emergency procedures for:
 - attacks
 - escapes
 - natural disasters
- provision and visibility of water for the animals (public perception versus AWA standards)
- enrichment for animals other than nonhuman primates, such as:
 - elevated surfaces for cats
 - pools for tigers and bears