

ZAA's Troubling History of Accreditation

The Zoological Association of America (ZAA) accredits poorly run roadside zoos and private menageries with disturbing records of dangerous incidents, Animal Welfare Act (AWA) violations, outdated practices, and financial instability. They also accredit zoos that failed to gain re-accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), a zoo trade organization with a proven track record of accrediting facilities that meet high standards. The following table lists information concerning some current and former facilities accredited by ZAA.

Facility	State	Accreditation Status	Issues
Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo	AL	Accredited intermittently since 2005	The USDA issued a critical* citation and an official warning in 2021 after a visitor was allegedly bitten during an encounter with a kangaroo and subsequently went to an urgent care facility to receive a tetanus toxoid vaccine. In 2010, 2014, and 2020, OSHA issued a total of \$8,468 in fines for ten violations, including six that were categorized as serious.
Animal Adventure Park	NY	Accredited since 2022	Allows the public to play with, hold, and/or feed various animals, including sloths, penguins, kangaroos, African lions, otters, alligators, and capybaras. According to certificates of veterinary inspection, between 2018 and 2021, zoo owner Jordan Patch sent numerous baby animals, including a 5-day-old monkey, a 2-week-old hyena, an 8-month-old camel, a 3-week-old hyena, a 4-week-old binturong, and two 5-week-old lion cubs to animal dealers and roadside zoos. Three wallabies were sent to an Ohio roadside zoo that previously sold meat from captive black bears and lions. A 9-month-old giraffe Patch sent to a Texas roadside zoo died 11 months later.
Animal Junction (a.k.a. Jungle Joe's Wildlife Adventure and Bucks County Zoo)	PA	Accredited 2009-2011 Closed 2011	Animal Junction was a privately-owned menagerie composed of a collection of caged animals—including primates and a tiger cub—displayed inside a warehouse at an industrial park. Just 2½ years after opening, the zoo went out of business. It advertised its displaced and deadly reticulated pythons and a Gaboon viper in <i>Animal Finders' Guide</i> , a publication that catered to the pet trade. After the zoo moved out, the property owner claimed the zoo had caused more than \$100,000 in damage.

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Animal World & Snake Farm	TX	Accredited since 2011	Between 2010 and 2019, the USDA cited Animal World & Snake Farm 23 times, including for veterinary care violations, a prairie dog who died from internal trauma after being attacked by an armadillo, a man being lacerated by a pig in the petting zoo (an injury which required medical care), and inadequate public safety barriers for capuchin, cavy, and capybara cages. Nearly half the citations were for enclosures in disrepair, including standing water in the hyena, warthog, and cougar cub enclosures and four citations were for poor sanitation, including areas littered with trash and an ant-infested margay exhibit.
Austin Zoo	TX	Accredited since 2018	A 2019 report in the <i>Austin American Statesman</i> detailed allegations—based on the accounts of 24 current and former zoo staffers and various records—that the zoo mistreated animals and disregarded zookeepers’ concerns. Accusations included allowing suffering animals to languish rather than euthanize them, disregard of veterinary recommendations, animals attacking each other, and high staff turnover. The USDA cited the facility ten times between 2013 and 2023 for issues including tiger, bear, and primate cages in disrepair, an inadequate public safety barrier, poor sanitation, and a critical* citation for a wolf escape.
Bearizona	AZ	Accredited since 2011	Bearizona pulls bear cubs from their mothers—a practice condemned by experts. Bearizona has sent bears to a facility that has used physical abuse on bear cubs while subjecting the cubs to public handling. Bearizona also sent a bear to an outfitter that allowed a customer to illegally kill a captive-reared black bear named Cubby who was shot with a bow-and-arrow while confined in a 3-acre pen. The USDA cited Bearizona 16 times between 2010 and 2017, including five repeat and one critical* citation. In 2016, the USDA issued an official warning for causing an animal trauma and harm and failure to provide adequate veterinary care.

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California Living Museum	CA	Accredited since 2009	According to a USDA inspection report, “[t]he records review revealed an uncharacteristically high mortality rate at this facility since 1 January 2018. Included among the deaths are one skunk that died with no food or feces in the intestinal tract and a fisher with a severe flea infestation that was noticed but not treated, and that ultimately led to the death of the animal. A second fisher living in the same enclosure died shortly before its cage mate (no necropsy was performed) and that death was likely due to the same cause.” In 2017, the USDA issued an official warning for inadequate veterinary care, failure to maintain enclosures after the decomposed bodies of two San Joaquin kit foxes were found entangled in pipes in a burrow, and failure to separate an aggressive animal who was injuring other animals.
Capital of Texas Zoo	TX	Accredited 2011-2013	AWA violations throughout 2013 led the USDA to issue an official warning for failure to provide veterinary care to underweight animals, repeated failure to maintain facilities in good repair, repeated failure to feed animals an appropriate diet, repeated failure to keep premises clean and in good repair, and inadequate pest control. Less than two months after the warning was issued, a series of three inspections days apart found several more violations for inadequate veterinary care for underweight animals, enclosures in disrepair, and inadequate shelter resulting in a \$2,929 penalty. A cougar twice bit volunteers in 2007 and again in 2008.
Catoctin Wildlife Preserve	MD	Accredited since 2005	In 2012, the USDA fined Catoctin \$12,000 after an inexperienced keeper was mauled by two jaguars and for inadequate veterinary care, enclosures in disrepair, insufficient space, inadequate shelter, a camel escape, filthy cages, and other issues.
Cougar Mountain Zoo	WA	Accredited since 2007	An 11-acre private menagerie that houses dangerous wild animals and is in a residential area next to a school. In 2015, the USDA cited the zoo for failure to have a complete perimeter fence to prevent unauthorized access to animals, an inadequate tiger enclosure that may not safely contain the animals, and an outdated program of veterinary care and primate enrichment plan. The agency issued an official warning for failure to provide adequate veterinary care to a severely underweight reindeer.
Exotic Feline Breeding Compound	CA	Accredited 2005-2021 Closed 2023	Citing financial difficulties, the privately-owned breeding compound closed in 2023 and its roughly 50 wild cats were transferred to other facilities.

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Gulf Breeze Zoo	FL	Accredited since 2011	Cited 23 times by the USDA between 2011 and 2015 for repeatedly failing to provide sufficient public safety barriers around primate cages, causing trauma and stress after an untrained and unsupervised intern allowed the escape and subsequent death of a short-tailed opossum, unmonitored public contact that resulted in a child being bitten by a camel, enclosures in disrepair including an instance where a giraffe was euthanized after getting his head caught in a gate, inadequate veterinary care, inadequate shelter, and an unsanitary food preparation area. In 2023, the USDA issued a critical* citation after a newborn capuchin was killed by a cage mate. See also Virginia Safari Park.
Hernando Primate	FL	Accredited 2010-2013 USDA license canceled 2014	Between 2011 and 2013, Hernando Primate was cited for filthy cages, enclosures in disrepair, unsanitary food storage, housing together incompatible species, an unsafe lion enclosure, failure to have an environmental enrichment plan for a newly-acquired chimpanzee, and for having only one inexperienced employee to care for all the animals at the facility.
Jackson Zoo	MS	Accredited 2016-2022	Struggled for years with financial woes, failing infrastructure, plummeting attendance, an audit that revealed misuse of state bond funds, and ongoing USDA citations for violations of the AWA. Four months after losing its AZA accreditation in 2016, the Jackson Zoo was accredited by ZAA. After closing for nearly a year, ostensibly for renovations and decisions regarding management, the zoo reopened in August 2020 and <i>at the very next inspection</i> was cited for, among other things, failure to provide sufficient space to a herd of adult red river hogs; the animals were fighting and injuring each other while being confined indoors <i>for seven months</i> in an area that was intended to be used only as night housing.
Jungle Island	FL	Accredited since 2008	In 2010, a 500-pound tiger escaped by jumping over a 14-foot-high fence in pursuit of a primate who had also escaped and was running amok. The tiger came within 10 feet of a 2-year-old, and four people were hurt during the chaos. In 2012, the USDA issued an official warning in connection with the two animal escapes and for failure to have a responsible adult available to accompany USDA officials on an inspection.

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Lake Tobias Wildlife Park	PA	Accredited since 2022	In 2023, the USDA issued an official warning and critical citation after a drive-thru safari bus ran over and killed a baby llama in the facility's drive-thru park area. Also in 2023, a safari bus driver required stitches after she was gored on the leg by a bison while she was giving a ride to 40 to 50 passengers. In 2011, an employee was attacked by a 450-pound tiger after she stuck her arm inside a fenced area containing tigers. She sustained a severe injury to her arm which required reconstructive surgery.
Lion Habitat Ranch	NV	Accredited since 2013	A private menagerie that has kept as many as 46 lions, 1 giraffe, 2 emus, and 3 ostriches on just 6 acres. The county acted to permanently prohibit owner Keith Evans from allowing public contact with lions and established a breeding moratorium until the animal population falls under 40 at his crowded backyard facility. In 2014, the USDA cited the facility for allowing the public to have unsafe contact with adult lions. In 2010, the USDA issued an official warning for declawing two lion cubs. The many problems at Lion Habitat Ranch led Clark County commissioners to reject an effort to exempt ZAA when the county updated its exotic animal possession ordinance in 2015.
Mill Mountain Zoo	VA	Accredited since 2019	Lost its AZA accreditation in 2016 due to the zoo's precarious financial situation. In 2019, the zoo gained accreditation from ZAA. According to the zoo director, "[ZAA] do[es] not dive into the financials or relationships with municipalities [like AZA]." In October 2022, the USDA cited the zoo for failing to maintain enclosures for goats, pigs, a bear, raccoons, and otters. Five months later, the zoo failed an announced re-licensing inspection due to more enclosures in disrepair for a snow leopard, red pandas, lynx, and raccoons as well as poor sanitation.

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Monterey Zoo	CA	Accredited since 2020	Monterey Zoo owner Charlie Sammut has been a ZAA accreditation inspector. In an internal memo documenting a phone call with Sammut, USDA Veterinary Medical Officers discuss concerns at Sammut's facility, including a kangaroo with tremors and vision loss, a muntjac with long hooves and impaired gait, inadequate veterinary care records, almost all medications were expired, unsecured controlled substances, a chain left dangling around the waist of a squirrel monkey that posed risk of entanglement, dirty water receptacles, broken plastic chairs with rough edges in the baboon cage, an alligator tank with mosquito larva, inadequate shade, a fennec fox exhibiting fear behavior, thickened skin on elephants, and lack of enrichment. In 2019, the zoo was fined \$2,250 by OSHA after an elephant became agitated and attacked a keeper who was handling her aggressively.
Montgomery Zoo	AL	Accredited since 2013	Switched its accreditation from AZA to ZAA in 2013 after AZA raised concerns about elephant deaths at the zoo. The USDA had issued numerous citations, including for animal escapes, veterinary care issues, inadequate space, and enclosures in disrepair. In 2013, a zoo visitor was scratched by a jaguar who was able to reach his paw through the wires of the enclosure, and a tiger escaped from an enclosure through a break in the fencing. The USDA issued a critical* citation and official warning when a cheetah died in 2022 after eating parts of a lunchbox dropped into the enclosure from a person on an overhead ski lift. In 2023, the USDA issued a critical* citation after two keepers were attacked in separate incidents by a red river hog, once during an escape of the animal.
Myrtle Beach Safari	SC	Accredited 2014-2019	Operated by Bhagavan Antle (a.k.a. Kevin Antle or "Doc" Antle), who was the cult-like character featured in the Netflix show <i>Tiger King</i> . Antle has bred hundreds of big cats, used the cubs for public handling, and was ZAA-accredited until shortly before <i>Tiger King</i> aired. In 2023, he was convicted by the Virginia Attorney General for wildlife trafficking and pleaded guilty to federal charges of trafficking two cheetah cubs, two lion cubs, two tigers and a juvenile chimpanzee as well as laundering more than \$500,000 in a staged immigrant smuggling scheme.

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NGALA	FL	Accredited since 2010	A party venue that offers close encounters with wild animals, such as a rhinoceros, panther, and a chimpanzee who “regularly visits” NGALA. In 2010, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service denied owner Donovan Smith a captive-bred wildlife permit for clouded leopards and cheetahs after determining that Smith and his staff lacked experience with handling or maintaining these species. In 2020, the USDA issued a teachable moment for a lack of enrichment for lemurs and a porcupine cage in disrepair.
Niabi Zoo	IL	Accredited since 2020	Lost its AZA accreditation in 2012 after the AZA identified major concerns, including insufficient staffing and inadequate animal care. In 2020, a few months after trying, but failing, to regain its AZA accreditation, the Niabi Zoo obtained ZAA accreditation. In 2022, the USDA issued a critical* citation and official warning after an employee dropped a shift door on a guinea pig, killing the animal.
Oswald’s Bear Ranch	MI	Accredited 2013-2020	Oswald allows members of the public to handle bear cubs weighing up to 90 pounds. Fined \$2,400 by the USDA in 2021 after two black bears climbed over two fences and wandered onto neighboring properties in 2019. One bear was captured, and the other was shot and killed by a sheriff’s deputy after she attempted to gain entry into a neighbor’s home and climbed on a vehicle in the driveway. Oswald provided false information to the USDA about the escape. Between 2010 and 2021, cited by the USDA for using physical abuse to discipline bear cubs, allowing children to have unsafe contact with bear cubs, unsafe handling after a visitor was scratched by a bear cub, and for feeding bears an improper diet.
Panther Ridge Conservation Center	FL	Accredited since 2016	The USDA fined the facility \$2,786 after a jaguar at the facility tore off a woman’s thumb in 2010. In 2008, the owner was attacked by two cheetahs during a fundraising event and airlifted to a hospital. In 2005, a 500-pound Bengal tiger escaped from a cage by pushing past a woman who was feeding him. More than 20 sheriff’s deputies and state wildlife officers responded as the tiger wandered the grounds for more than two hours. The USDA cited the center in 2009 for declawing two clouded leopards.

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Pittsburgh Zoo	PA	Accredited since 2015	Despite an elephant attack that left a keeper dead, the Pittsburgh Zoo refused to comply with AZA's upgraded and safer elephant standards. In 2015, the zoo switched its accreditation from AZA to ZAA since ZAA standards permit unsafe contact with elephants. In 2016, the USDA issued an official warning for excessive chlorine levels in the sea lion pool that caused the animals to suffer from eye disorders. In 2017, the USDA issued a critical* citation after 36 Jamaican fruit bats died from hypothermia. A 2022 article in the <i>Pittsburgh Post-Gazette</i> stated that the zoo "has lost grant money, newly acquired animals and the chance to take part in global conservation efforts because of dropping [AZA] accreditation that's considered the 'gold standard for zoos.'" The Pittsburgh Zoo tried, but failed, to regain AZA accreditation in 2023. Barbara Baker, who served as president of the Pittsburgh Zoo for more than three decades before her recent retirement, also served as chair of ZAA's board of directors.
Roer's Zoofari	VA	Accredited since 2020 Sold 2022	In 2017, Roer's Zoofari, co-owned by one-time ZAA board member Vanessa Stoffel, was cited by the USDA for not providing shade to a giraffe, lemurs and guinea pigs on a hot, sunny, 90-degree day; for not shearing sheep who showed signs of heat stress; and, in two separate incidents, the zoo's safari bus ran over three aoudads. Their injuries were so severe they were euthanized. In 2021, two giraffes were killed in a barn fire. Roer's Zoofari has sent animals to a Tennessee auction plagued with problems and a Texas dealer that sells wild animals to hunting ranches. Two years after being accredited by ZAA, Roer's Zoofari was sold to a new owner, renamed to NOVA Wild, and remains ZAA accredited.
Roo Ranch	SD	Accredited 2008 Closed 2009	A private menagerie that opened on a whim in 2006 following the owner's trip to Australia and closed after the owner's death in 2009.

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Roos-N-More	NV	Accredited 2008-2013 Closed 2016	After a 2014 inspection, county officials closed Roos-n-More, a 3-acre zoo with 385 animals, until it could remedy a long list of code violations relating to operating a business on residential property. After a few limited re-openings allowed by the county, the owners closed the zoo in 2016. Former zoo employees and volunteers, including a zoo board member, expressed concern to the county board that the menagerie was collecting too many animals, many animals were kept in deplorable conditions and subjected to stressful handling, dozens of deaths were concealed from officials, and money raised was not going to animal care. One of the zoo owners served on ZAA's board of directors. The many problems at Roos-N-More led county commissioners to reject an effort to exempt ZAA from the county's exotic animal possession ordinance.
Safari Adventures	OH	Accredited 2011-2016	Owner used tiger, lion, and bear cubs for public handling and had African lions and captive black bears slaughtered to sell their meat.
Safari Wilderness Ranch	FL	Accredited 2008-2017	Co-founded by Lex Salisbury, who was forced to resign as president of Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo in 2008. An audit concluded that Salisbury owed more than \$200,000 to the city for transferring some of the zoo's animals and equipment to his private properties that were under development to become his personal ZAA business venture. He also made zoo employees work for his personal business venture, gave himself an unauthorized bonus, and took his wife on expensive zoo-funded trips. In 2008, fifteen patas monkeys escaped Salisbury's property by swimming across a 60-foot-wide moat and climbing a 28-foot fence. One monkey was shot to death, and it took nearly eight months to recapture the rest. Salisbury served on ZAA's board of directors during the controversy.
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom	CA	Accredited since 2012	Cited by the USDA in 2021 and 2022 for repeatedly having high coliform bacteria levels in the walrus and pinniped pools, housing a marmoset and a pig in an office where the animals had access to potentially dangerous items, a crumbling dolphin pool, and storing fish for marine mammals at too high a temperature in a malfunctioning freezer. Cited in 2023 for keeping a harbor seal in an undersized holding area for five weeks following medical treatment because of high coliform levels in the exhibit pool.

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Six Flags Great Adventure	NJ	Accredited since 2009	Cited by the USDA in 2014 after several university students were bitten during a public handling session with two 3-month-old, 30-pound lion cubs. The USDA issued an official warning in 2011 after a baboon escaped from the facility's drive-through park and was recaptured two days later at a farm 20 miles away.
Southwick's Zoo	MA	Accredited since 2005	Southwick's Zoo co-owner and one-time ZAA board member Dr. Peter Brewer testified in support of the Virginia-based Natural Bridge Zoo at a hearing in January 2024 to determine the fate of animals seized a month earlier by state law enforcement for keeping animals in filthy, crowded conditions with inadequate food, water, and veterinary care. Days later the judge determined that 56 animals, including two dozen primates, a serval, birds, and turtles were subject to cruelty or inadequate care. In 2019, the USDA fined Natural Bridge Zoo \$41,500 for multiple veterinary care and handling violations.
Tanganyika Wildlife Park	KS	Accredited since 2005	The USDA issued two official warnings after a pygmy hippo bit a child in 2016 and for subjecting three 20-day-old lynx kittens to stressful transport conditions in 2021. The facility was also cited for allowing a lemur to perch on the head of a human infant. For years, Tanganyika lobbied unsuccessfully to reverse a state ban on public contact with big cats, a law that was enacted after a teenager was killed by a tiger.
The Preserve (formerly Have Trunk Will Travel)	TX	Accredited since 2010	Cited by the USDA in 2012 for unsafe handling of elephants while giving rides to the public. In 2011, facility trainers, including one of the owners, were videotaped viciously jabbing, hooking, and striking elephants with bullhooks to make them perform circus tricks. Relocated from California to Texas after California passed a ban on the use of cruel training tools on elephants—the ban was supported by the AZA zoos in the state.

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Triple D Game Farm	MT	Accredited 2013-2023	In 2023, the USDA filed a complaint for a fox kit escape, the death of a river otter after failed attempts were made by trainers to re-crate the animal, the death of a female wolf who was left unsupervised with a male, the death of a pine marten who was found decapitated in a fox pen after escaping an enclosure, and a snow leopard who was injured in an attack. In 2021, the USDA issued a critical* citation after a snow leopard apparently bit or tore off two-thirds of the tail of another snow leopard in an adjacent cage and multiple citations for enclosures and a perimeter fence in disrepair, filthy drinking water, filthy cages, an insufficient number of employees. In 2013, the USDA issued an official warning for declawing a tiger cub which can cause “ongoing pain, discomfort, or other pathological conditions in the animals.”
Two Tails Ranch	FL	Accredited since 2015	The USDA issued an \$857 fine in 2014 after an unsupervised encounter with a bull elephant resulted in a woman being attacked and hospitalized for months with life-threatening injuries. Uses bullhooks on elephants and offers elephant rides.
Virginia Safari Park	VA	Accredited since 2005	Eric Mogensen owns the ZAA-accredited Virginia Safari Park and the Gulf Breeze Zoo in Florida. He also formerly owned the unaccredited Reston Zoo in Virginia. In 2015, the USDA filed a complaint against Eric Mogensen, his daughter Meghan Mogensen, and Virginia Safari Park for numerous AWA violations at his three facilities. In a 2018 consent decision, respondents were assessed a \$99,999 civil penalty. One charge related to Meghan Mogensen drowning a wallaby with an eye injury in a bucket of water. Other charges included unmonitored public contact that resulted in a child being bitten by a camel (the girl was hospitalized for three days to treat a serious bite on her arm that nearly reached the bone and required at least 17 stitches). He was also charged with repeated failure to prevent and treat illnesses and diseases such as diarrhea, dystocia, mastitis, stillbirths, lameness, eye and skin conditions, and coccidia. In 2023, Virginia Safari Park was cited after a newborn llama was run over and killed by a contractor’s truck in its drive-thru park, and a giraffe with a heavy parasite load and poor body condition who was nursing a calf died after being kept outdoors in the cold.

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Vogel's Exotics	MN	Accredited 2009-2014	In 2014, a Syrian brown bear cub escaped as Vogel transported the animal between his two facilities. The bear escaped an improperly latched sky kennel inside the transport trailer and then broke through the trailer's sliding window when Vogel stopped at a restaurant. Vogel was unaware that the bear had escaped until he reached the final destination. In the meantime, the bear encountered people in the restaurant's parking lot and was ultimately recovered by local authorities. The incident resulted in a \$1,357 USDA fine.
Washington Park Zoo	IN	Accredited 2007-2012 Accredited since 2014	In 2014, an alligator escaped and in 2008 a spider monkey escaped from the zoo. Both were found at a nearby boat dealership. In 2011, the zoo director, who also served on the ZAA board of directors, was suspended by city officials after he used the zoo for a personal after-hours party. During the party, the primate house doors were left open, allowing temperatures to fall into the low 60s, and partygoers consumed concessions without paying for them and left the grounds littered with trash. City officials fired the zoo director in 2014.
Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium	AZ	Accredited since 2006	Cited 38 times by the USDA between 2010 and 2019, including a 2019 critical* citation after a visitor was able to cross an inadequate safety barrier and was clawed by a caged jaguar. Other citations include unmonitored public contact, filthy cages, enclosures in disrepair, unsanitary feeding practices, filthy water receptacle, and housing animals near a foul-smelling garbage dump. Fined \$2,350 by the USDA in 2016 for concealing areas that contained regulated species from the inspector and poor sanitation. In 2013, the USDA issued an official warning for failure to safely handle a 3-month-old tiger cub brought to a television studio. In 2023, the zoo failed an announced re-licensing inspection for failure to have a contingency plan to address emergencies and an inadequate public safety barrier around an adult male mangabey's cage.

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Wright Park Zoo	KS	Accredited 2010-2021	The USDA issued an official warning in 2015 for failure to provide clean, dry bedding to wolfdogs during bitterly cold temperatures and repeated failure to maintain enclosures in good repair. The USDA cited the zoo 60 times between 2010 and 2019, including 27 citations for enclosures in disrepair and 14 citations related to filthy conditions, filthy drinking water, and unsanitary feeding practices. A ZAA co-founder and Wright Park Zoo's veterinarian spent just 2-1/2 hours conducting the zoo's ZAA accreditation inspection in 2010.
Zoo at Forest Park	MA	Accredited since 2010	The USDA cited the zoo 43 times between 2010 and 2018 for problems including inadequate public safety barriers, inadequate veterinary care, and many enclosures in disrepair. In 2016, a guenon, a monkey, at the zoo escaped by opening the unlocked door of his enclosure. The primate was recaptured three days later. In early 2015, the public learned of two primate deaths at the zoo. A marmoset died from injuries sustained in a fight with other monkeys, and a tamarin died from exposure to cold temperatures after the zoo failed to have a back-up generator when an electrical malfunction shut off power to a heating system.
Zoological Wildlife Foundation	FL	Accredited 2014-2017	Fined \$1,313 by the USDA in 2015 after a tiger bit off the thumb of a construction worker. The facility was also cited for failure to provide veterinary care to primates who were fighting and causing injuries to each other and failure to provide adequate enrichment to three solitary primates.
Zoosiana	LA	Accredited since 2009	Citing the Zoo of Acadiana's (a.k.a. Zoosiana) inadequate space and lack of cage enrichment, in 2009 the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service denied a captive-bred wildlife registration application for numerous species of primates, big cats, and other animals. Between 2011 and 2016, cited by the USDA for failure to dispose of expired medication, enclosures in disrepair, unsanitary conditions in the food preparation building, roach and rodent infestation, and inadequate lighting in a capuchin enclosure.

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ZooWorld Zoological	FL	Accredited since 2005	Crowded 5-acre park with 250 animals co-owned by ZAA board member Kayte Hogan since 2015. ZooWorld has been cited by the USDA for 71 AWA violations between 2010 and 2022, including for: unsafe animal handling after two children were attacked by lemurs in separate incidents; for failure to provide relief from a 115-degree heat index to primates showing signs of heat exhaustion; failure to provide veterinary care to wolves with irritated ears from fly bites and a lion with sores on her face; unmonitored public contact with animals; insufficient public safety barriers; enclosures for primates, bears, giraffes, jaguars, and other animals in disrepair; and filthy cages. In 2013, USDA fined ZooWorld \$1,571 for repeated violations and issued official warnings in 2016 for repeated violations and in 2022 for unsafe handling.



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