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Animal Care Clarifications
4/30/18

- Spot Nosed Guenons
    - The perimeter fence is checked monthly. Native animals, such as armadillos can cause damage between inspections.
- Spectacled Bear (Plato)
    - Biopsies of the mass were completed as soon as it was noticed.
    - A procedure to remove the cancerous mass was slated to occur at LSU (as it could not be done in-house) in August 2016 and the flood delayed this procedure to September 2016.
    - At the time of the procedure, an additional mass was found and no treatment would have slowed the progress of this aggressive cancer, shy of a jaw removal for the bear.
    - Therefore, the decision was made to euthanize the bear as the most humane response.
- Debrazza Guenon (Marcy)
    - This guenon was 22 years old and diabetic monkey who had survived years of diabetes treatments simply because of the excellent care given by Zoo staff. A fall is not uncommon based on her stage in life and condition.
    - This guenon lived 8.7 years longer than normal life expectancy due to excellent care given by Zoo staff. It's the responsibility of the Zoo to take care of all geriatric animals until they pass.
- Jaguar (Jack)
    - This jaguar was an 18-year old who had some minor blood spotting. Often this can be indicative of a minor cut in the mouth or nose, not warranting major medical intervention.
    - He was monitored and his issue cleared fully.
    - His death occurred much later to age related issues, nothing associated with the aforementioned concerns. He lived four years longer than normal life expectancy due to excellent care given by Zoo staff.
- Debrazza Guenon (Sukari)
    - This species is known to have irritations that lead to gnawing.
    - The suggestion by this keeper to clip the guenon's tail would not have ended well. It would have likely resulted in a full amputation of the tail eventually due to more gnawing.
    - The issue was treated, resolved and the animal is still at our Zoo and fine today.
- Malayan Tiger (Intan)
    - A biopsy was done of a lesion and it came back all clear.
    - The animal is still at our Zoo and doing fine today.
- Maned Wolf (Yobo)
    - Nipping is normal and separating during feeding is a typical solution.
- Sumatran Tiger (Seattle)
    - It is not unusual to observe some traces of blood in feces.

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    - Animal was monitored and is fine. He is still at our Zoo doing fine today.
- Off Display Holding
    - Water is changed daily.
- Sumatran Tiger Water
    - Filter was broken at the time of the photos and was repaired soon after.
    - The water is removed and refilled once per week.
- Spectacled Bear Exhibit
    - It was not deemed an emergency for the heater that evening. With forecasts into the 40-degree range. The inside area for the bear remains at least 10-degrees higher than out in the open.
    - In addition, this type of bear is indigenous to the very cold climate of the Andes Mountains and is equipped very well for the cold. Their range included the snowy mountainous region.
- Cheetah Exhibit
    - The door was not closing due to debris that keepers are tasked with cleaning.
    - This area fell within this keeper's job duty.
    - The door was between the exhibit yard and hold area, and posed no danger of the animal getting into the public space, as was incorrectly reported.
- Colobus Monkey
    - Food was purposefully being provided outside of the exhibit, as it creates more of an enrichment for the monkeys to retrieve.
- Adequate Water
    - One water bowl in an exhibit with more than one animal is acceptable.
    - Wild animals are typically protective of food, not water.
    - The animal staff observe these conditions at all times and would provide more water if it were necessary.
- Sulawesi Macaque (Zada)
    - Water is changed daily.
    - It is not unusual for this species to "overgroom" themselves.
    - Annual physicals are done on primates and nothing was found to be a problem.
- Tiger meat
    - Normal oxidation can cause a color change in meat.
    - All meat is thawed in a refrigerator and not at room temperature in order to prevent bacteria from forming. See side #48 for evidence of this thawing.
    - The residue shown in images is mostly water, not blood.
- Overall property
    - Cypress bayou is a public waterway that is maintained by the City-Parish government and public works agencies, not BREC.
- Kitchen/Commissary
    - All produce is delivered two times per week and is human quality.
    - The images related to the state of the Zoo's kitchen/commissary simply show signs of an active kitchen preparing meals for hundreds of animals in the midst of

the workday. At the end of each day, all areas are cleaned and organized back to normal.

- Tortoise
  - The tortoise was placed on its side, not it's back for a maximum of 2-3 hours.
  - The surgery was performed by Mark Mitchell, a nationally recognized reptile veterinarian from the LSU vet school.
  - The tortoise was observed closely and lived for 5 more days following surgery.
  - He was behaving normally, eating and showed no signs that the surgery was leading to any major issues.
  - The shell is retained for education team's learning purposes. It was being dried out before being provided to the education team.
- Enrichment
  - All enrichments are scheduled, but they do not have to be performed daily.
  - The idea is for an enrichment to be different and unique or else it loses its stimulating aspects.
- Records
  - All record keeping is done properly and meets the standards required for AZA accreditation.
- Keeper Training
  - All new keepers are teamed with an experienced keeper. This keeper was removed from this team aspect due to his incompatibility with the training process.
- Correspondence
  - See all previous comments.