

Inspection Report

Date of inspection:	23-03-2021	Date report completed:	26-05-2021		
Name of applicant or current licence holder: Wingham Wildlife Park					
Name and address of zoo:	Wingham Wildlife Park Rusham Road Wingham Kent		stoode: OTO 4 II		
		FU	stcode: CT3 1JL		
Tel no:	01227 720836	Licence Number:	LN/00000137		
Date of last formal inspection	on: 02-08-2016	Type of last formal inspe	ction: Periodical (Renewal)		
Timing of next formal inspect	ion: April 2022	Type of next formal inspe	ection: Periodical (Renewal)		
Type of inspection Statutory composition of inspection team Please tick appropriate box Section 10 Periodical: 2 Defra/Welsh Government nominees; 1 LA vet; option of up to 2 more from LA Section 11 Special: Any number of competent LA authorised appointees					
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Preamble to inspectors' report

Information and guidance about the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 (ZLA) is available at https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-biodiversity-and-ecosystems-at-home-and-abroad/supporting-pages/species-protection and https://wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/ahw/zoos/?lang=en

Preamble to inspectors' report*, including any comments about the current dispensation status, if applicable.

Wingham Wildlife Park first opened in 1986 under the name of Wingham Bird Park, with a small collection of aviary birds, waterfowl and a tea room. As new animals were added to the collection, including a variety of mammals the current, more appropriate, name of Wingham Wildlife Park was adopted in around 1996.

In February 2008 the park ownership changed hands, with the following 3 years seeing the collection grow by almost 100 new species, including numerous animals which were of high conservation interest. Since then the park has continued to grow and expand, with the construction of new exhibits including but not limited to tigers, Chimpanzee, Orangutan and most recently a mixed African Species enclosure with Giraffe. Wingham Wildlife Park are active members of the zoo community including involvement in the British and Irish Association of Zoo's and Aquaria and the European Association of Zoo's and Aquaria.

The park continues to work on improving enclosures and has numerous redevelopments planned to upgrade various facilities including the reptile house which is in desperate need of refurbishment but which had been put on hold due to the global pandemic.

The parks 14.2 dispensation was removed following the inspection in 2016 and it is clearly appropriate Wingham Wildlife park should not have a dispensation considering the species held in the collection.

The Parks interim periodical inspection should have taken place in 2019 and was further delayed in 2020 due to the pandemic. The park is reminded that they will need a licence renewal inspection at least 6 months before their licence expires in October 2022.

This inspection report is written as per the instructions found in the current version of the 'Guidance for zoo inspectors 2019' which was released on the 21st January 2019 and clarifies that where there has been any, however small, failure of compliance then a question is marked 'no'. Where a box is marked 'no' the specific area of non-compliance is commented on and all other aspects of the zoo with regard to each individual question were considered compliant unless otherwise stated. In addition, where there has been failure of full compliance and the area in question pertains to one of the Section 1A Conservation measures or any other conditions on the current licence then the failure will result in the requirement that the licensing authority issue a Direction. Full details of this clarification were provided to the operator through the 'Notice to Zoo Inspectors, Zoo Operators and Local Authorities'.

This report is based upon the findings and information supplied in association with the formal inspection that took place on 23rd March 2021.

*this might include general background about the zoo (type of collection, size etc) and any relevant information or comments from the pre-inspection audit

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Findings at inspection

Guidance note: Where possible a Yes, No or Not Applicable (N/A) answer should be given. Where not all criteria are met for a particular question, comments and clarification should be made indicating where any deficits occur. If appropriate, means of correction or improvement should be included as Conditions or Recommendations under 'Additional conditions' or Additional space' towards the end of the form.

1. Provision of food and water	Marking Yes No N/A	Comments/clarification
Section 1A(c)(ii) ZLA 1981: 1.1. Are animals provided with a high standard of nutrition?	Yes	
1.2. Is food and drink that is supplied appropriate for the species/individual?	Yes	Diets for Psitticines are out dated. See Recommendation 1.
1.3. Are supplies of food and water: (a) kept hygienically?	No	Food preparation areas contain unhygienic equipment such as nets and enrichment items. Chopping boards were in very poor condition. See Direction 1.
(b) prepared hygienically?	No	Meat and fish were being defrosted out in the open rather than in a fridge. See Condition 1.
(c) supplied to the animal hygienically?	Yes	
1.4. Has natural feeding behaviour been adequately considered to ensure that all animals have access to food and drink?	Yes	
1.5. Are feeding methods safe for staff and animals?	Yes	Feeding of Tigers by visitors is now done using tongs but the LA hasn't recieved an updated risk assessment. See Condiiton 2.
1.6. Is feeding by visitors permitted?	Yes	Meerkats, goats and goldfish can be fed by visitors but quantities are controlled and packaging is different to reduce the risk of the
(a) if 'yes', is it properly controlled?	Yes	wrong food being fed to the wrong species.
2. Provision of suitable environment		
Section 1A(c)(i) ZLA 1981: 2.1. Are the animals provided with an environment well adapted to meet the physical, psychological and social needs of the species to which they belong?	No	Most of the enclosures were of a very high standard and in particular the bears, lynx, giraffe, orang-utan and chimpanzee. However the Callitrichids housed within the Chimp building have no outdoor access. See Condition 3. Numerous enclosures allow public viewing from all sides including indoor housing. See recommendation 2.
2.2. Are the following environmental parameters appropriate:(a) temperature?	No	Butterflies are no longer being housed in the Tropical house but the plan is to bring them back and currently the enclosure does house Conures and Rainbow Lorikeets among other tropical bird species. Temperatures are not being recorded or monitored in the
(b) ventilation?	Yes	tropical house. See Conditions 4 & 5.
(c) lighting?	Yes	
(d) noise levels?	Yes	
(e) any other environmental parameters?	Yes	

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2. Provision of suitable environment (contd.)	Marking Yes No N/A	Comments/clarification
2.3. Are there satisfactory measures in place to safely confine the animals?	No	There have been escapes of two Category 1 species due to failures in enclosure fencing but no documentation on increased review or maintenance of any fencing was seen. See Direction 2.
2.4. Do animal enclosures have sufficient shelter and refuge areas?	No	Birds in the mixed parrot aviary have no access to any indoor areas. See Condition 6.
2.5. Do animal enclosures provide sufficient space?	No	The reticulated Python exhibit does not provide sufficient space for the animals. See Direction 3.
2.6. Are backup facilities for life support systems adequate?	Yes	Good back up generator facilities in place.
2.7. Is the cleaning of the accommodation satisfactory?	Yes	High standards of cleaning seen in exhibits.
2.8. Is the standard of maintenance adequate for: (a) the buildings?	No	Most exhibits showed high standards of maintenance and management but the Tropical house looks tired and has numerous broken panels not suitably repaired. See Condition 7.
(b) the fences?	Yes	
2.9. Is all drainage effective and safe?	Yes	
3. Provision of animal health care		
Section 1A(c)(ii) ZLA 1981: 3.1. Are the animals provided with a high standard of animal husbandry?	Yes	Commended on high standards of husbandry throughout.
3. 2. Do animals on display to the public appear in good health?	Yes	All animals seen looked in excellent health.
3.3. Are observations of condition and health made and recorded?	Yes	Daily diaries kept by keepers and then transferred onto ZIMS.
3.4. Do animals receive prompt and appropriate attention when problems are noted?	Yes	Excellent relationship with the local Veterinary practice and good communication.
3.5. Are enclosures designed and operated in such a way that social interaction problems are avoided?	Yes	Good seperation facilities in most enclosures and adaptations made where necessary to ensure positive social interactions such as a divide added to the Moon bear outdoor area so the male could be seperated from mother and cub.
On-site facilities 3.6. Are catch-up and restraint facilities adequate?	Yes	
3.7. Is darting equipment satisfactory?	No	A dart rifle is on site but no suitable drugs are stored at the park for use in an emergency and no blowpipe. See Condition 8.
3.8. Are on-site veterinary facilities adequate?	Yes	Adequate facilities available but no fridge for storing medicines and cages stored there could compromise cleanliness and cause potential spread of disease. See recommendation 3.

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3. Provision of animal health care (contd.)	Marking Yes No N/A	Comments/clarification
Veterinary care Section 1A(c)(ii) ZLA 1981:		Commended on the document outlining preventative and curative veterinary care.
3.9. Are the animals provided with a documented and maintained programme of preventative and curative veterinary care and nutrition?	Yes	
3.10. Is there a system for the regular review of clinical and pathological records?	No	No formal system in place for reviewing clinical or pathological records. See Condition 9.
3.11. Are appropriate veterinary records kept?	Yes	A new system ensures much improved documenting and recording of veterinary visits and treatments. The previous system did not meet standards.
3.12. Are medicines kept and disposed of correctly?	No	Drugs found in food preperation fridges. No broach dates on any opened drugs. No records of drugs being used. No temperatures being taken. See Conditions 10 & 11.
3.13. Are controlled drugs used and recorded satisfactorily?	N/A	
3.14. Are appropriate antidotes available?	N/A	
3.15. Are <i>post mortem</i> examination arrangements satisfactory?	Yes	Most post mortems carried out at the local veterinary practice except large animals which are done on-site.
Isolation and containment 3.16. Is adequate reserve accommodation available for isolation of animals for: (a) assessment?	Yes	Seperation facilities seen throughout the park at enclosures and in off-show areas.
(b) treatment?	Yes	
(c) recovery?	Yes	
(d) quarantine (where required)?	Yes	
Sanitation and control of disease Section 1A(e) ZLA 1981:		Programme of pest control in place and documented.
3.17. Are satisfactory measures in place to prevent the intrusion of pests and vermin into the zoo premises?	Yes	
3.18. Does it appear that general sanitation and pest control are effective?	Yes	No evidence of any pest problems throughout the park.

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4. Provision of an opportunity to express most normal behaviour	Marking Yes No N/A	Comments/clarification
4.1. Do the accommodation and management regimes encourage normal behaviour patterns and minimise any abnormal behaviour, taking into account current enrichment and husbandry guidelines?	Yes	Commended on the enrichment programme and the monitoring and review system in place.
4.2. Are animals of social species normally maintained in compatible social groups?	Yes	
5. Provision of protection from fear and distress		
5.1. Are the animals handled only by or under the supervision of appropriately experienced staff?	Yes	Staff only signed off when fully trained.
5.2. Is physical contact between animals and the public consistent with the animals' welfare?	Yes	Review of animal handling led to tarantulas no longer being utitlised due to the impact on their welfare.
5.3. Are interactions between the animals such that they are not excessively stressful?	Yes	
6. Transportation and movement of live animals		
6.1. Can the zoo demonstrate a knowledge of, and compliance with, the regulations covering transportation of animals, and provide copies of certificates to show compliance when transportation has occurred?	Yes	
6.2. Can the zoo demonstrate that: i) transport and movement equipment is in good order?	Yes	Various transport boxes seen and in good order.
ii) facilities suitable for lifting, crating and transportation of all the types of animals kept within the zoo to destinations both inside and outside the zoo are readily available?	Yes	
iii) catching and transportation techniques take account of the animal's temperament and escape behaviour in order to minimise injury, damage and distress?	Yes	
iv) adequate provision is made for the animal's and the public's safety and well-being while the animal is being transported or kept away from the zoo?	Yes	

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7. Conservation, education and research	Marking Yes No N/A	Comments/clarification
Section 1A(a) ZLA 1981:		
7.1. Is the zoo participating in at least one of the following:		
(i) research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals?	No	
(ii) training in relevant conservation skills?	No	
(iii) the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals?	Yes	Various areas dedicated throughout the park to educating visitors on the plight of wild animals such as the pet trade and bile farming.
iv) where appropriate, breeding of wild animals in captivity?	Yes	Involved in a number of EAZA Ex-situ breeding programmes and is following recommendations of breeding and non-breeding where appropriate.
(v) where appropriate, the repopulation of an area with, or the reintroduction into the wild of, wild animals?	No	But excellent plans to particpate in the White Clawed Crayfish programme. Hatchery tanks set up and will soon to ready for use.
Section 1A(b) ZLA 1981: 7.2. Is the zoo promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity, in particular by providing information about the species of wild animals kept in the zoo and their natural habitats?	Yes	Old signage is not aadequate but the park is already in the process of replacing all signs and the new style meets the required standards.
7.3. Where appropriate are animals managed in a way consistent with the conservation needs of the species, (such as exchange between zoos, accommodation to encourage natural behaviour and breeding etc)?	Yes	Very detailed Aquisition and Disposition policy in place. Commended on the space provided for a number of species and in particular the great apes.
7.4. Are on-site education facilities adequate for the resources of the collection?	Yes	
7.5. Are the conservation efforts adequate for the resources of the collection?	No	Up until now all conservation efforts have been focused on just fundraising for projects. Involvement with the White Clawed Crayfish will be a big step forward but is not yet in place. See Directions 4 & 5.
7.6. Are the research efforts adequate for the resources of the collection?	Yes	Commended on the number of research projects being carried out and that staff are participating in their own projects to benefit the animals welfare.
7.7. Is captive breeding properly managed?	Yes	

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8. Public safety	Marking Yes No N/A	Comments/clarification
Section 1A(d) ZLA 1981:		See comments in section 2.3 and Direction 2.
8.1. Are there satisfactory measures in place to prevent the escape of animals?	No	
8.2. Are there satisfactory measures in place to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals?	Yes	Escape procedures are in place but are unclear. Gun cabinet was chaotic and unorganised. Not all licences are full so not all staff can use all weapons. Weapons held on site need reviewing to ensure suitability. See recommendations 4, 5, 6 & 7.
8.3. Are escape drills carried out four times a year, recorded and regularly reviewed (at least two drills should include the escape of a Category 1 animal where present)?	No	Only 3 drills were carried out in 2020. De-brief notes lacked detailed information and action and follow up points. See Direction 6.
8.4. Will the perimeter deter unauthorised entry and aid the confinement of zoo stock?	Yes	
8.5. Do stand-off barriers appear adequate?	Yes	Penguin and Emu barriers are questionable. See recommendation 8.
8.6. Are adequate warning signs provided?	Yes	
8.7. Are prohibited areas appropriately signed?	Yes	
8.8. Are exits clearly marked and accessible?	Yes	
8.9. Do public areas, walkways and buildings appear safe?	Yes	Areas identified as being unsafe have been sectioned off and are no longer in use.
8.10. Are trees regularly inspected and appropriate remedial action taken?	Yes	Recent tree work could be seen in the wolf enclosure.
8.11. Have appropriate risk assessments for direct contact by the public with animals been carried out?	Yes	Risk assessments are being updated and a new format being used which is even more effective.
8.12. Are the special safety requirements for walk-through or drive-through exhibits adequately met?	Yes	Some concerns regarding the barriers in the Tropical house that surround the pond. See recommendation 9.

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9. Records	Marking Yes No N/A	Comments/clarification
Section 1A(f) ZLA 1981:		Numbers of stock at start and end dates on annual records do not add up. See Direction 7.
9.1. Are there up-to-date records of the zoo's collection, including records of:		add up. dee Birection 7.
(i) the numbers of different animals?	No	
(ii) acquisitions, births, deaths, disposals and escapes of animals?	No	Some births and deaths clearly not being recorded as annual records are incorrect. See previous Direction 7.
(iii) the causes of any such deaths?	Yes	
(iv) the health of the animals?	Yes	
9.2. Are daily diaries maintained, and do they contain appropriate information?	Yes	Keepers maintain daily diaries and they contain appropriate and detailed information.
9.3. Are animal stock records clear and up-to-date?	No	ZIMS records are only updated every 2 months even though there is a full-time registar employed. See previous Direction 7.
9.4. Are annual stock records completed in the correct format and submitted to the local authority?	Yes	
9.5. Are animal source and destination records kept?	Yes	
9.6. Are archived records secure?	Yes	
10. Miscellaneous		
10.1. Do staff numbers and training of staff appear adequate?	Yes	Clear sign off system for the training of staff.
10.2. Is the management structure and organisation of staff adequate to ensure compliance with the Standards at all times?	Yes	
10.3. Are effective risk assessments carried out where appropriate?	No	Lone workers enter the park out of normal operating hours. See recommendation 10.
10.4. Has an ethical review process been established and implemented?	Yes	Currently a vet does not attend Ethics meetings. See recommendation 11.
10.5. Are public toilet facilities adequate and serviced?	Yes	
10.6. Are parking facilities adequate?	Yes	
10.7. Is a First Aid policy and accident reporting and recording system in place?	Yes	

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11. Associated legislation	Marking Yes No N/A	Comments/clarification
11.1. Is electrical equipment routinely serviced?	Yes	
11.2. Have fire precautions been agreed and implemented?	Yes	Fire risk assessment in place. Alarms in high risk buildings connected to monitoring stations and extinguishers seen throughout the park. No staff are trained in the used of fire extinguishers. See recommendation 12.
11.3. Is refuse and clinical waste disposed of correctly?	Yes	
11.4. Are the required needs of disabled visitors met?	Yes	Lift in Giraffe building so top floor can be accessed.
12. Compliance check including licence conditions		
12.1. Is the current licence or a copy on public display at each public entrance?	Yes	
12.2. Is adequate Public Liability Insurance current?	Yes	
12.3. Have any Additional licence conditions been met?	No	The park were given a condition at their last inspection to ensure every person licenced to use firearms undergo formal training by a suitably qualified person. This has not been done. See Direction 8. A condition related to the Butterfly exhibit monitoring had not been met as the area was not being used but would need to be met if Butterflies were again to be introduced and has again been added as a proposed condition.

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Additional space

The following space is provided for:

- additional notes and comments on the answers to the earlier questions
- recommendations (other than in respect of grant or refusal of a licence and any specific conditions recommended for a licence) including those based on comments already made to earlier questions
- any general remarks which the inspecting team may wish to record

The inspection team would like to thank the staff at Wingham Wildlife Park for their hospitatlity during the inspection and accommodating it during zoo closure due to the Global Pandemic and current national lockdown.

The park is clearly continuing to grow and expand and new exhibits in partcular are of exceptionally high standards, providing large spaces for the animals.

Recommendations:

- 1. It is recommended that the Psitticine diets be reviewed as they are mainly seed based which is not in line with current best practice.
- 2. It is recommended that Best Practice Guidelines be consulted with regards to enclosure requirements for primates and carnivores as enclosures at the park are quite open and exposed and can be viewed by visitors from all angles, including indoor housing.
- 3. It is recommended that a fridge be added to the vet room for the storing of medicines (including to allow for the monitoring of temperatures) and that the cages be removed as their presence could compromise clinical conditions.
- 4. It is recommended that animal escape procedures be reviewed and in particluar the categorization of animals and the use of code words as currently they are unclear.
- 5. It is recommended that ammunition to be used in the event of a dangerous animal escape be stored in pre-loaded belts to improve response time and organisation of the gun cabinets.
- 6. It is recommended that weaponry and ammunition held on-site be reviewed to ensure it is suitable for the species in the collection. Consideration should be made to the exchange of the .416 for a smaller calibre rifle such as a .30-06 and shotguns be pump action holding a larger number of rounds. Solid Slug should be considered as the main ammunition to use in shotguns in the event of a dangerous animal escape.
- 7. It is recommended that all members of the Firearms team have full Firearms licences so that everyone can use all weapons and ammunition on-site. This will improve appropriate firearms cover for the zoo.
- 8. It is recommended that the stand-off barriers at the Penguin and Emu enclosures be reviewed due to visitors being able to access the animals easily which could compromise both visitor and animal safety.
- 9. It is recommended that the barrier around the pond in the Tropical house be reviewed and discussed with the Local Authority as currently it could be considered a risk for visitors.
- 10. It is recommended that a risk assessment be carried out regarding lone working within the park due to the events surrounding the wolf escape in 2018.
- 11. It is recommended that the veterinary surgeon be part of the Ethical review process and attend meetings as and when they are held.
- 12. It is recommended that a number of staff recieve Fire Extinguisher training to ensure their safe and effective use in the event of a fire. CO2 extinguishers are also an exceptionally useful tool when mixing, seperating or in the defence against dangerous animals.
- 13. It is recommended that documents be updated as soon as possible to reflect the recent closing of the parks sister site Sandwich Wildlife Park.
- 14. It is recommended that a written policy be produced outlining actions to be taken in the event of an Invasive Alien Species escape from it's enclosure.

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Inspecting team's recommendation to the local authority

Havir	ng inspected (name of zoo)	Wingham Wildlife Park				
on:	on: 23-03-2021					
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• it	it is recommended that a licence be refused					
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1	ordance with 1.3b of the SSSMZP and in line with current ordance with 1.0 and 8.3 of the SSSMZP a risk assessme		h must be thawed in a refrigerator, (2 months) y the public. A copy of this must be forwarded to the local authority. The zoo must			
send the	ir updated risk assessment for visitors feeding Tigers to the	ne local authority. (1 month)	I seek to meet the physiological needs of the animal. The Zoo must produce suitable			
plans an	d and a timeline of work to be carried out on the current c	allitrichid enclosures detailing the addition of outdoor	or spaces and provide copies to the local authority. (2 months) age or allowed access to a temperature gradient. The Zoo must not house butterflies			
in the tro	pical house unless a programme of monitoring and record	ding of temperatures and humidtity is in place and h	has been submitted to the LA, to ensure the environment is suitable for them. Indeed, and provide appropriate humidity. The Zoo must introduce o process to			
monitor a	and record temperaures in the tropical house to ensure its	suitability for the species being housed in there. (v	vithin 1 month and continuing)			
areas. (3	months)		try to ensure their comfort and well being by providing them with access to indoor			
cleaning	(3 months)		iouse to ensure it is in safe condition including replacing broken panels and improved			
	ordance with 8.19 and 8.20 of the SSSMZP a dart system ate tranquilliser and/or anaesthetic drugs on site to be use		nd trained operators. In consultation with their vet ,the collection must store event of an emergency situation. (3 months)			
9. The codemonst	ollection must produce a document that outlines the syste rate that the system is being implemented as per 3.12 of	m for regular review of the clinical, behavioural, pat the SSSMZP. (2 months)	hological records and mortality patterns within the collection and be able to			
	ılar temperature monitoring of drug storage areas must be er current veterinary pharmaceutical storage legislation. (ogger or daily recorded max/min thermometer as per section A5.13 of the SSSMZP			
	riew of the storage and recording of drugs kept on site (in nagment complies with current legislation and as per A5.1		n dates of injection vials) and their subsequent use must be undertaken to ensure			
12.The c	12. The collection must ensure that all escapes are recorded with detailed reports made and submitted to the local authority not later than 24 hours following escape from the confines of the Zoo of any wild animal as per 8.39 of the SSSMZP. Any escapes of category one species from their specified encloses should also be reported to the local authority in the same manner (Immediate and ongoing)					
	ocal Authority is to be notified of the movement of catego ccompany the notification (Immediate and ongoing)	ry 1 species ideally 28 days prior to movement. Wh	ere this cannot be achevied a reason for the urgent movement of the animal/s			
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