



City of Dallas



ZOO SECURITY UPDATE AND ENHANCEMENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

City of Dallas Quality of Life, Arts, & Culture Committee

January 13, 2023

- *Clouded Leopard (Nova) is reported missing after the habitat is vandalized sometime overnight.*
- *Langur Monkey habitat is found to have been vandalized in a similar manner to Clouded Leopard.*
- *DPD is contacted to assist in recovery efforts and a criminal investigation is initiated.*
- *Clouded Leopard is found later in the afternoon near the habitat and recovered.*

Enhanced Security Measures

- *Over-night security guard levels significantly increased that evening.*
- *Existing camera system footage reviewed, and additional cameras ordered for installation.*



TIMELINE



January 21, 2023

- *Lappet Faced Vulture “Pin” found dead in its habitat in the Wilds of Africa section of the Zoo.*
- *Animal was found to have a fatal puncture wound.*
- *No object or weapon that may have caused this wound was discovered in the animal’s habitat.*
- *DPD animal cruelty team and US Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted to assist in the investigation.*

Enhanced Security Measures

- *Over-night security guard presence increased again.*
- *DPD provided several solar-powered surveillance camera units to monitor locations of interest.*
- *Small trail cameras and other mobile cameras posted in various locations around the Zoo.*



TIMELINE



Established Reward For Information

January 30, 2023

- *Two Emperor Tamarin monkeys (“Bella” and “Finn”) were discovered missing from their habitat.*
- *Both the outdoor and inside holding areas were found vandalized by Zoo staff that morning.*
- *DPD contacted and immediately determined the animals were stolen from their night holding area.*
- *Staff reported to DPD a suspicious guest showing unusual interest in this habitat over the weekend.*

Enhanced Security Measures

- *DPD added additional perimeter patrols at night.*
- *Over-night security guard presence increased again with multiple road vehicles patrolling both the inside and outside perimeter areas of the Zoo.*



TIMELINE



January 31, 2023

- *Pictures & video were released by DPD of a person of interest wanted for questioning.*
- *The photos and video footage were provided by the Zoo's existing camera systems.*
- *Reward for information was increased to \$25,000.*
- *Tips immediately began coming in from the public.*
- *The Tamarin monkeys were found that night in an abandoned building in Lancaster and brought home to the Zoo by animal care and security teams.*

February 2, 2023

- *Person of interest was taken into custody after departing the Dallas World Aquarium.*
- *This individual has been charged and currently being held in the Dallas County Jail.*



TIMELINE





CNN

Suspect in Dallas Zoo animal thefts allegedly admitted to the crime and says ...

1 day ago

INSIDER

Dallas Zoo suspect may have put monkeys in backpack, official says

17 hours ago

Also in the news

NPR

A man jailed in the theft of monkeys from the Dallas zoo said he'd do it again

1 day ago



CBS NEWS

Texas man arrested for stealing 2 monkeys from Dallas Zoo says he'll do it...

1 day ago



The Guardian

Dallas zoo monkey theft suspect says he will steal again if released – police

10 hours ago



PBS NEWSHOUR

Monkey theft, leopard escape at Dallas Zoo raise concerns

1 day ago



Dallas Morning News

Man jailed in Dallas Zoo crimes plans to steal more animals if released, affidavi...

3 days ago



MEDIA



CONTINUING SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

- Perimeter fence enhancements
- Expanding on-grounds camera system
- Increased security lighting
- Outside security expert assessment
- Expanded use of state-of-the-art technology
- Evaluation of our current on-grounds security provider
- Continued expansion of night-time coverage with off-duty police & patrol supplements





WoA Plaza



Savanna Plaza



Picnic Ridge



Giraffe Feeding Platform



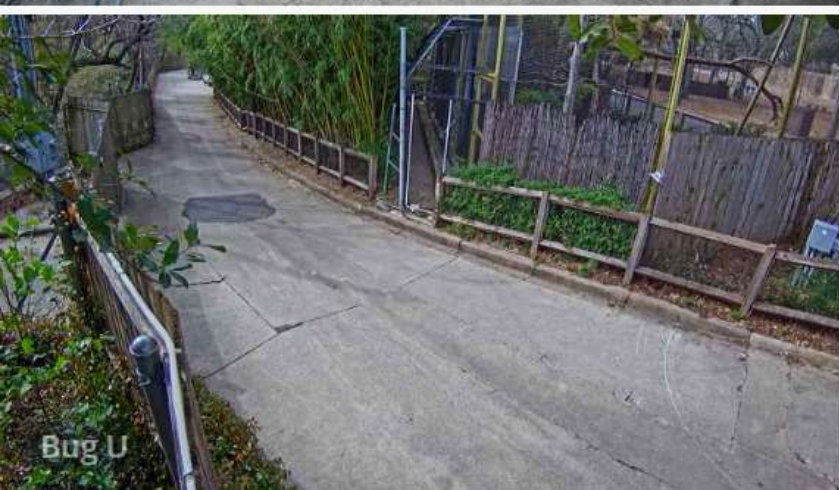
Wildlife Show Trailer



Expanded Use of Technology



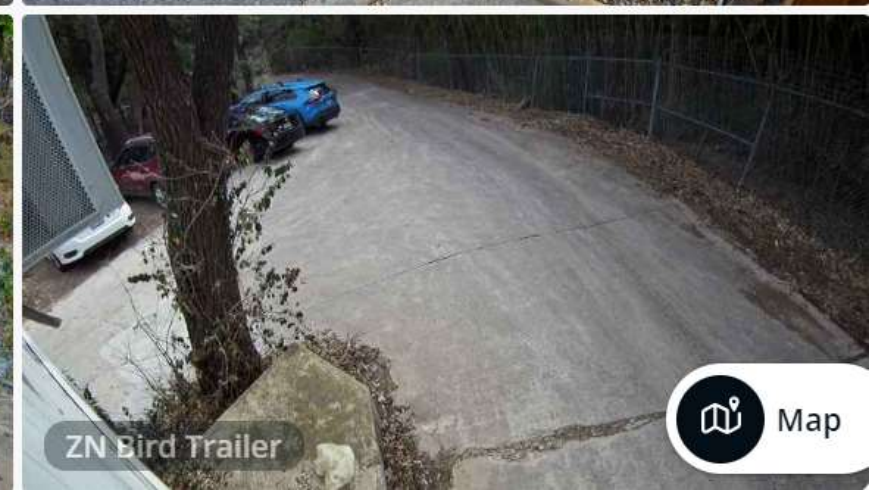
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Otter Driveway



ZN Bird Trailer

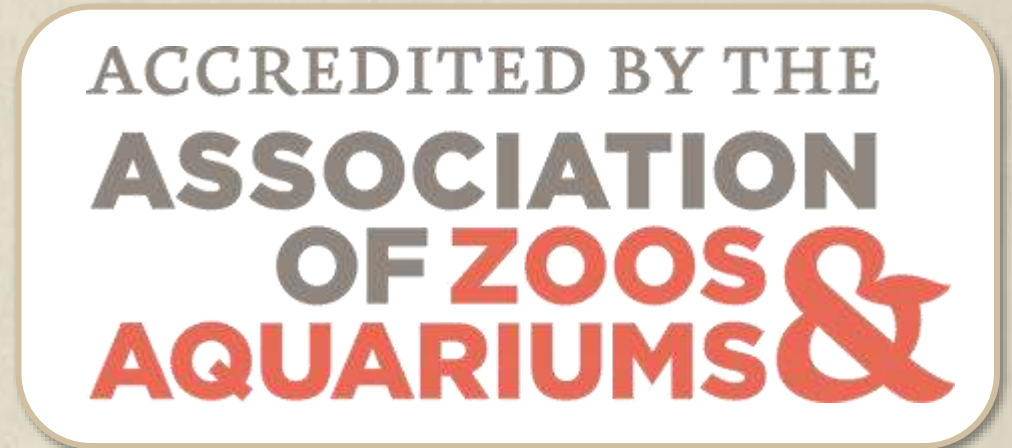






Enhanced Perimeter Fence Locations

RECENT INSPECTIONS COMPLETE:



ANIMAL UPDATE





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