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Dear Mr Bailey

**Zoo Licensing Act 1981- Informal Inspection
Child Beale Wildlife Trust, Beale Park, Lower Basildon, Reading, RG8 9NH**

I write further to the informal licensing inspection carried out 17 June 2015, also present Julia O'Brien, Principal Environmental Health Officer and Curator, Dave Coles.

The inspection covered a compliance check including the additional licence conditions from the periodical inspection of 7 January 2014 which have since been complied with. A copy of the Animal Health Plan was submitted to the licensing authority 11th April 2014 and you also provided report forms on 28 April 2014 to confirm the escape drills to take place four times a year commenced in January 2014 and are being documented.

Recommendations

We also observed that the recommendations made at the periodical inspection of 7 January 2014 relating to the new signage and the walkway at the coatis have also been implemented. The signage displayed includes the information on the status of species in wild and the non-slip application on the walkway at the coatis has been applied.

Conservation, Education and Research

The Trust continues to promote public education through its education programmes and projects. Conservation and research efforts remain commendable.

Ethical Review

A process has been established and a copy of the minutes of the Ethical Review meeting held on 4 June 2014 was provided to the Council 17 June 2014.

In general the Zoo was found to be well managed and demonstrated a high standard of animal welfare.

Next Inspection – Informal

The 14 (2) Dispensation was revoked on 12 December 2014 which means that future periodical and renewal inspections will be carried out by two Secretary of State vets, the Local Authority vet and a local authority officer. The next periodical inspection is due before 08 July 2017.

The Council will contact you to arrange a suitable date for the next informal inspection due to be carried out on or before 8 July 2016.

Should you have any enquiries or require any information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Licensing Officer