

As part of our core mission, the Zoological Association of America accredits professional zoological facilities.



## ZAA ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is a comprehensive, multi-phase process.

1. Applications may be more than 100 pages, depending upon the size and complexity of the facilities collection. It must include two letters of support from existing professional ZAA members.
2. In depth on-site accreditation inspection conducted by at least two Accreditation Committee approved Inspectors.
3. Accreditation Committee review of application materials and comprehensive Accreditation Inspector's Report.
4. Review by the ZAA Board of Directors for final approval for accreditation.



ZAA's objective is to establish a high bar with respect to professional standards and best management practices. ZAA's standards and practices often surpass existing federal requirements. Areas that are evaluated include: animal care & husbandry, vet care, nutrition, enrichment, safety & security, facility aesthetics & maintenance, record keeping. The Accreditation Committee conducts a thorough review of facilities policies, procedures, and protocols.

ZAA accredited facilities are among the finest in the United States. ZAA's accredited facilities have a remarkable safety record. Some state and local governments have adopted or incorporated ZAA standards into their wildlife requirements.



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