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

ZAA ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is a comprehensive, multi-phase process.

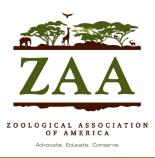
- 1. Applications may be more than 100 pages, depending upon the size and complexity of the facilities collection. It must include two letters of support from existing professional ZAA members.
- 2. In depth on-site accreditation inspection conducted by at least two Accreditation Committee approved Inspectors.
- 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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