

Many questions have been asked regarding CAZA's role in the Government of Alberta's decision to suspend the operation of a facility near Three Hills, Alberta known as Guzoo.

In April 2011 CAZA was contracted by the Government of Alberta to conduct an independent, objective, professional assessment of all aspects of the facility's operations based upon the requirements of the Alberta Zoo Standards. CAZA was to provide a written report summarizing the outcome of the review as well as the general health of the animals at the facility.

CAZA developed an assessment tool linked directly to the Alberta Zoo Standards utilizing the CAZA inspection scoring approach and philosophy. The CAZA inspection team included a highly qualified, experienced licensed Veterinarian and a zoo professional with extensive animal husbandry and zoo management experience.

On May 4 & 5 the CAZA inspection team visited GuZoo,; they were supported by representatives of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) and the Alberta Society for Protection of Animals (ASPCA).

A full copy of the report prepared by CAZA for the Government of Alberta is available on the government website at:

<http://www.srd.alberta.ca/FishWildlife/ZooStandards/GuZoo/documents/CAZA-GuZooInspectionReport-May2011.pdf>

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