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GIFFORD ZOO NAMED ONE OF 10 WORST FOR ELEPHANTS

A California animal rights group on Wednesday named the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park one of the top 10 worst zoos for elephants in the United States.

Syracuse's zoo landed seventh on the list. In Defense of Animals cited the death of Romani's unborn calf as the reason. The calf got stuck in its mother's birth canal in June.

Zoo spokeswoman Lorrell Walter said the zoo abides by the standards of the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, an accrediting organization that monitors animals' welfare.

"Accredited zoos equal good health for their animals," Walter said. "I think people in the community really know how much we care about our elephants."

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