



Inspection Report

AUSTIN AQUARIUM
13530 N. Hwy 183 #101
AUSTIN, TX 78750

Customer ID: **331570**
Certificate: **74-C-1084**
Site: 001
AUSTIN AQUARIUM

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 09-JAN-2023

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Handling of animals.

Since last inspection the facility added 2 clear tubes in to front wall of the Asian small-clawed otter enclosure for public feeding interaction. Each is roughly 2.5 feet off the ground, 2 inches in diameter and 6 inches long extending into the exhibit. These tubes are open at all times. During our inspection an otter on exhibit reached into the tube and touched a finger of an inspector.

Unsupervised public can provide foreign material or food, and touch the animals. There are no barriers or signs present to discourage public contact. Sufficient barriers are important to protect both the animals and the public, particularly when there is not an attendant present to supervise interactions between the animals and the public. People or animals can be injured by unauthorized direct contact and animals can become ill if they eat inappropriate food or objects presented to them by the public.

The facility must must provide sufficient barriers or supervision to insure the safety of the public and the animals.

Correct by January 23, 2023

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
331570	74-C-1084	001	AUSTIN AQUARIUM	09-JAN-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000001	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000006	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000003	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
000002	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000001	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000001	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000021	Total	