



## Inspection Report

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Houston Interactive Aquarium and Animal Preserve  
5440 N Sam Houston Parkway East  
Houston, TX 77032

Customer ID: **6002705**  
Certificate: **74-C-1129**  
Site: 002  
Houston Interactive

Type: RE-LICENSE INSPECTION  
Date: 09-DEC-2024

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### 3.126(d)

#### Facilities, indoor.

At the time of inspection, there were several outdoor animal enclosures with standing water and excessive muddy conditions. The warthog and two mini pigs (in an enclosure together separate from the warthog) had mud covering more than fifty percent of their enclosure, where it was thick, of a clingy consistency, rutted areas, and mud puddles that varied in size throughout. Lack of adequate drainage can negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals contained therein as it creates an environment that can foster the following: health issues that arise from the proliferation of organisms like bacteria and fungi; injuries; foot problems, etc. A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment. The facility initiated the following corrective actions during the inspection: addition of sandy substrate; draining the water; and crushed granite in the warthog enclosure.

Correct by: December 13, 2024

### 3.131(d)

#### Sanitation.

During the inspection, excessive amounts of rodent feces was found in various areas of the facility in food storage areas. Feces was found atop multiple bags of feed in the feed shipping container, tack shed, upstairs mammal prep area, and atop the food storage lids in the hoof stock tack shed. Lack of an adequate pest control program can negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals as it can foster the contamination of feed and transmission of diseases. A safe and effective program for the control of insects, ectoparasites, and avian and mammalian pests shall be established and maintained. The facility initiated the following corrective actions during the inspection: elimination of rodent access points of the shipping container, and by increasing the number and frequency of checking bait stations.

Correct by: December 19, 2024

### 3.150(g)

#### Facilities, general.

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At the time of inspection, the ostrich enclosure had standing water and excessive muddy conditions. More than fifty percent of the enclosure was affected, whereby the mud was thick, of a clingy consistency, rutted areas, and mud puddles that varied in size throughout. There was an area along the front fence line that had large puddles of water. Lack of adequate drainage can negatively impact the health and well-being of the animals contained therein as it creates an environment that can foster the following: health issues that arise from the proliferation of organisms like bacteria and fungi; injuries; foot problems, etc. Housing facilities must be equipped with disposal and drainage systems that are constructed and operated so animal wastes and water are rapidly eliminated so the animals have the option of remaining dry. The facility initiated the following corrective actions during the inspection: drainage of the water; repair of a broken sprinkler; removal of the mud and the addition of crushed granite.

Correct by: December 13, 2024

### 3.155(a)

#### Feeding

In the feed shipping container where the animal diets are stored, there were two large bags of expired bird food. The Mazuri Crane diet expired on November 7, 2024, and the Mazuri Soft Bill/Toucan diet expired on August 6, 2024. Both diets could have been utilized at any time and were not identified as being expired. Expired food loses its nutritive value, can foster contamination via mold and toxins, which can subject the birds to health issues. The food must be wholesome, palatable to the birds, and free of contamination. It must be of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain a healthy condition and weight range of the bird and to meet its normal daily nutritional requirements. During the inspection, the facility began the following corrective actions: the expired food was discarded; the rest of the animal food was inspected for expiration; the protocol for the inspection of new food was modified; and discontinuation of a particular diet supplier.

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This is a 1st Re-License Inspection for a Class "C" license. The inspection and exit briefing were conducted with the applicant.

All items must be in compliance within 2 more inspections or January 8, 2025 or the applicant will forfeit the license fee and must wait 6 months to reapply. Please contact your inspector to schedule your next Re-License Inspection.

Regulated activity can continue under your existing USDA license until it expires.

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### Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000001	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000002	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000003	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000002	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	WARTHOG
000008	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000001	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000007	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000004	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
000007	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000008	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000001	<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>	SOUTHERN TAMANDUA
000001	<i>Tolypeutes matacus</i>	SOUTHERN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000002	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000004	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000002	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Struthio camelus</i>	COMMON OSTRICH
000002	<i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i>	AFRICAN SACRED IBIS
000002	<i>Anthropoides virgo</i>	DEMOISELLE CRANE
000024	<i>Columba livia domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIGEON INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000010	<i>Netta peposaca</i>	ROSY-BILLED POCHARD
000004	<i>Aix galericulata</i>	MANDARIN DUCK
000001	<i>Pavo muticus</i>	GREEN PEAFOWL / INDONESIAN PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000001	<i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i>	EMU
000002	<i>Chrysolophus amherstiae</i>	LADY AMHERST'S PHEASANT
000002	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	NORTHERN BOBWHITE
000001	<i>Pavo cristatus</i>	INDIAN PEAFOWL / COMMON PEAFOWL / PEAHEN / PEACOCK
000008	<i>Aix sponsa</i>	WOOD DUCK / CAROLINA DUCK
000001	<i>Anas platyrhynchos domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000001	<i>Lophonetta specularioides</i>	CRESTED DUCK
000015	<i>Pyrrhura molinae</i>	GREEN-CHEEKED PARAKEET / GREEN-CHEEKED CONURE
000001	<i>Nymphicus hollandicus</i>	COCKATIEL
000001	<i>Brotogeris versicolurus</i>	WHITE-WINGED PARAKEET / CANARY-WINGED PARAKEET
000002	<i>Aratinga solstitialis</i>	SUN PARAKEET
000016	<i>Gallus gallus domesticus</i>	DOMESTIC CHICKEN (INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS / TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
000002	<i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i>	KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000001	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>	SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO
000001	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	MEALY PARROT
000002	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>	CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
000001	<i>Ara ararauna</i>	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW



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6002705	74-C-1129	002	Houston Interactive	09-DEC-2024
000063	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>		FISCHER'S LOVEBIRD	
000097	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>		BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET	
000001	<i>Tauraco leucotis</i>		WHITE-CHEEKED TURACO	
000001	<i>Coturnix japonica</i>		JAPANESE QUAIL / COTURNIX QUAIL	
000002	<i>Chrysolophus pictus</i>		GOLDEN PHEASANT	
000001	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>		RING-NECKED PHEASANT / COMMON PHEASANT	
000332	<b>Total</b>			