



Inspection Report

Larry Wallach
551 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Customer ID: **2134**
Certificate: **21-C-0069**
Site: 002
Larry Wallach

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 30-JAN-2024

2.131(c)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

In a video complaint received by Animal Care dated 11/4/2023, an employee is seen hitting a sloth with a spray bottle. This incident occurred during a public interaction where at least 4 individuals were inside of the primary enclosure housing 7 sloths. According to the licensee, the employee was attempting to break up a fight between a male and female sloth. One sloth can be seen in video falling to the ground. The video also shows that one sloth sustained an injury around its mouth/nares. The licensee can later be seen grabbing both sloths a different time periods by the back the neck. Both sloths show signs of distress, flailing arm motions and attempting to bite. The licensee stated the employee involved was fired.

Inadequate handling or control of animals during public interactions can lead to injury of the public and the animals. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public. Correct by 2/6/2024.

3.125(a)

Facilities, general.

At the time of inspection the food bucket/receptacle within the kangaroo enclosure had a broken handle. The handle was split into two parts, leaving sharp edges accessible to the kangaroo housed within the enclosure. The broken handle has the potential to cause injury to the kangaroo when the animal attempts to eat.

The artificial grass floor of the capybara enclosure was damaged. The defect ran a few feet on a side of the enclosure and left a flap of flooring accessible to the capybara. This damaged floor flap could become a hazard for the two capybaras housed within.

Housing facilities must be appropriate for the species and shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury. Correct by 2/6/2024.

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Separation.

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In a video complaint received by Animal Care dated 11/4/2023, two sloths engage in an aggressive altercation. One sloth can be seen in video falling to the ground. The video also shows that one sloth sustained an injury around its mouth/nares. One of the sloths in the video, Eddie, is thought to be the instigator by the licensee. The licensee stated that "Eddie is a bully" and will go after the other sloths, including but not limited to Cosmo, and Sunny. The current sloth enclosure does not provide separation, physical or visual, for any of the sloths.

Incompatibility between animals housed in the same enclosure increases risk of negative interactions which can lead to injury or death of the animals. Animals housed in the same primary enclosure must be compatible and cannot interfere with the health of other animals or cause them discomfort. Correct by 2/9/2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the licensee.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000005	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000007	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000003	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000002	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000003	<i>Octodon degus</i>	DEGU
000001	<i>Cacatua alba</i>	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO
000010	<i>Agapornis spp hybrid</i>	LOVEBIRD HYBRID
000034	Total	