



Inspection Report

The Creature Conservancy
4950 Ann Arbor Saline Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Customer ID: **43980**

Certificate: **34-C-0387**

Site: 001

THE CREATURE CONSERVANCY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 01-MAY-2015

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

An approximately 50 pound cougar was exhibited to the public on a small platform located on a stage. There were no barriers between the general viewing public and the cougar. The cougar was about 15 feet from the public. It was restrained by two leads attached to two separate collars on its neck. The leads were around the wrists of the two handlers. During the exhibition the cougar noticed the video image of itself projected on the screen behind it. The cougar became extremely agitated and leaped off the platform in the direction of the general public. The cougar was restrained by the leads but continued to be very agitated. The handlers pulled it and it was slid a few feet back from the edge of the stage. The handlers continued to pull, push and slide the cougar off the stage as it attempted to strike the handlers. This appeared to be a very stressful for the cougar. This cougar is too large, fast and unpredictable to be exhibited to the public in this manner. No more exhibitions should be done without sufficient public barriers and adequate control of this animal. This animal can no longer be safely controlled by the lead system being used.

Correct by: 5-1-15

This was a focused inspection. The inspection focused on the exhibition of the cougar at a traveling location in Flint, MI.

An exit interview was conducted with the licensee at the time of the inspection and the non-compliant item was discussed. A formal exit interview was conducted with the licensee on 5-4-15.

Prepared By: KURT HAMMEL, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:
01-MAY-2015

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 1023

Received by Title: LICENSEE

Date:
04-MAY-2015



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
43980	34-C-0387	001	THE CREATURE CONSERVANCY	01-MAY-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Puma concolor</i>	PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
000001	Total	