

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

Dolphins Plus Oceanside Marine Mammal Responder Customer ID: **504633**

31 Corrine Place Key Largo, FL 33037 Certificate: 58-C-1209

Site: 001

DOLPHINS PLUS OCEANSIDE MARINE RESPONDER

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 23-AUG-2023

2.131(c)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

On April 12, 2023, two dolphins, "Bob" and "Alfonz", were performing a dorsal tow encounter that resulted in a guest receiving bites on his left ankle and right thigh. The guest was treated for superficial cuts and refused further medical attention.

On June 12, 2023, a guest was participating in a pole jump encounter in deep water. During this encounter, guests hold the end of a floating pole as a dolphin jumps over it. A dolphin named "Dinghy" jumped diagonally over the pole and hit a guest with her rostrum. The guest was treated at the facility for bleeding and elected to receive additional medical treatment.

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. To be corrected from this day, August 24, 2023, forward.

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

Additional Inspectors:

Eduardo Vivas. VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

Prepared By: CHARLES PALMER Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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Species Inspected

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CountScientific NameCommon Name000007Tursiops truncatusBOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN000001Ara araraunaBLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW

000008 Total