



## Inspection Report

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Animal Quest Entertainment Inc  
23946 W Grass Lake Rd  
Antioch, IL 60002

Customer ID: 328349  
Certificate: 33-C-0430  
Site: TRA

Animal Quest Entertainment Inc

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 09-JAN-2026

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### 2.131(c)(1)

#### **Handling of animals.**

Over a two-day inspection, the inspectors observed that the two rabbits were handled in a manner that did not minimize harm to the animal and the public.

On Friday, January 9th, the inspectors observed many children and adults petting and handling the rabbits without an employee ensuring the safety of the animals and people involved. An attendant was standing outside the enclosure, however the large crowd in between the attendant and the rabbits interfered with supervising. A child was bitten on the hand by a rabbit when attempting to hand-feed the rabbit lettuce that had been placed on the floor of the enclosure.

Handling animals in this manner increases the risk of injury or harm to the animals and to the public.

Measures were taken to correct this after the inspection. Correct from this day forward (January 14, 2026) by ensuring that during public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public.

### 2.131(d)(1)

#### **Handling of animals.**

Over two consecutive days the inspectors observed that several animals were exhibited for periods of time and under conditions inconsistent with their good health and well-being. The inspectors observed the following:

- The sloth, "Stella", was exhibited for four consecutive hours on Friday, January 9th (4:00 PM – 8:00 PM), and a total of 6.5 hours on Saturday, January 10th (10:00 AM – 6:00 PM with a 1-hour scheduled break followed by a 30-minute scheduled break). She was scheduled for another four-hour exhibition (10:00AM – 2:00 PM) on Sunday, January 11th. The licensee stated that Stella got multiple smaller, unscheduled breaks throughout the day, which the inspectors were unable to visually confirm due to the arrangement of the photo booth. However, sloths are nocturnal and sleep on average 15-20 hours during the day.

- "Stella" also did not have the opportunity to hang or perch from elevated furniture for the duration of the event. Stella had furniture to rest in/on, and spent a long portion of the event holding onto her caretaker inside and outside the tented exhibit area. However, sloth's natural behavior is to live solitary in trees and spend most of their time hanging from a tree branch or similar.

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- The rabbits were in view of the public for the entirety of the inspection. The animals had a 45-minute break from public handling (e.g. petting and holding) on Saturday, January 10th, but remained in view of and close to the public during this break. Their temporary enclosures did not contain hide areas to avoid public eye. They were observed in the corner of the enclosure, which can indicate an attempt to avoid public handling.

Exhibiting animals under conditions and time periods inconsistent with their natural wake-sleep cycles, natural behaviors, and without opportunity to avoid public viewing, can affect their physical and psychological health.

Measures were taken to correct this for the remainder of the exhibition. Continue to correct this from this day forward (January 14th, 2025) by exhibiting animals for periods of time and under conditions consistent with their good health and well-being.

### **3.53(a)(4)**

#### **Primary enclosures.**

On Friday, January 9th, 2026, the floors of the temporary primary enclosures for the rabbits did not contain litter. The floor consisted of soft rubber matting.

Litter provides a comfortable resting spot as well as an area to absorb excreta, which facilitates sanitary conditions.

The facility had corrected this unprompted on Saturday, January 10th, by providing a sufficient layer of straw on the flooring. Continue to correct from this day forward (January 14th, 2026) by ensuring that litter shall be provided in all primary enclosures having solid floors.

### **3.58(a)**

#### **Classification and separation.**

On Friday, January 9th, and Saturday, January 10th, the facility housed rabbits in the same enclosure as goats.

The animals were in two adjoining pens with a gate. However, during the exhibition hours, the gate remained open so that the members of the public could freely walk between the two areas, allowing the animals to share a floor space. An inspector witnessed a goat pass through the gate and enter the rabbits' side of the enclosure. After a period, an attendant moved the goat back to the goat side of the enclosure, but did not shut the gate.

Sharing an enclosure with other animals can pose a health and safety risk for both rabbits and goats, such as bacterial and parasitic diseases, or injury from interaction.

The facility corrected this for the remainder of the event on Saturday, January 10th, and Sunday, January 11th. Continue to correct from this day forward, January 14th, 2026, by ensuring rabbits are not housed in the same primary enclosure with any other species of animals.

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This inspection was conducted at the Bald Eagle Days event at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island, IL. The exit interview was conducted after the inspection with a facility representative.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
328349	33-C-0430	TRA	Animal Quest Entertainment Inc	09-JAN-2026

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000002	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000005	<b>Total</b>	