



## Inspection Report

Seaworld Parks & Entertainment Llc  
Busch Gardens  
3605 E Bougainvillea Ave  
Tampa, FL 33612

Customer ID: **324780**  
Certificate: **58-C-1002**  
Site: 001  
BUSCH GARDENS, TAMPA

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 06-JUL-2016

### 2.131

#### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

The female orangutan that escaped the outdoor portion of the enclosure entered into the public areas and had to be darted with a sedative to be captured and returned to her enclosure. During her escape she was brachiating in the trees when she grabbed a tree limb that failed to support her weight and she fell approximately 20-25 feet to the ground. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. The animal suffered stress and some physical harm from the escape, fall and the darting. The veterinary staff cared for the animal during and following the event.

The facility has taken steps to prevent any future escapes as the animal is being housed indoors until modifications/repairs are made.

### 3.75(a)

#### HOUSING FACILITIES, GENERAL.

A female orangutan escaped the outdoor housing area on July 01, 2016. This orangutan had previously escaped from this same enclosure in 2008. The egress area is unknown at time of this inspection. Housing facilities must securely contain the animals and the current orangutan enclosure did not securely contain the female. The facility is considering several modifications to ensure the animals stay contained within the enclosure. At time of recapture and to this date the animals is being housed in the back holding area and is not being allowed into the outdoor sections.

On 06-16-2016 a male orangutan escaped the outdoor enclosure called the "Day Yard." The stainless steel mesh was pushed/bit through at the top of the enclosure. A fire hose that is referred to as the "tightrope" was high enough that the orangutans used the wire mesh roof to hold onto when on the fire hose. The weight of the animals may have caused the mesh to stretch and weaken. The facility has reinforced the weakened area that the animal used to leave the enclosure and the fire hose was lowered to prevent the animals from using the top of the mesh to hang from. The mesh is approximately 8 years old and other sections appeared stretched. The mesh needs to be further evaluated to determine if it is strong enough to contain the orangutans or if a different material is necessary.

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Further modifications are planned to re-enforce this area and other areas where it appears the wire mesh is stretching for additional structural soundness.

Correct by: 08-06-2016

This exit briefing was conducted with Megan E. Adams-ACI, Dr. Gregory Gaj-Animal Care Supervisor and the facility representative.

### Additional Inspectors

Gaj Gregory, Supervisory Animal Care Specialist

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
324780	58-C-1002	001	BUSCH GARDENS, TAMPA	06-JUL-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	<i>Pongo pygmaeus</i>	BORNEAN ORANGUTAN
<b>000006</b>	<b>Total</b>	