## United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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## **Inspection Report**

Great American Entertainment Co. L L C

5396s Us Highway 281

Stephenville, TX 76401

Customer ID: 329219

Certificate: 92-C-0172

> Site: TRA

GREAT AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT CO. LLC

Type: **ROUTINE INSPECTION** 

Date: 12-MAR-2015

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#### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

During inspection of the area of the petting zoo housed in an indoor building, a wallaby was observed to be contained in a canvas tote bag with two straps constructed as handles attached to the top on each side of the bag. The bag with the wallaby inside was clipped to the enclosure fencing on the interior of the petting zoo area which was accessible to the public. Both straps on the tote bag were attached with one clip and the weight of the animal pulled the straps taut minimizing the opening so that the animal was essentially restrained within the bag.

Many members of the public were observed crowded around the tote bag handling the animal. Attendants were not in close proximity observing the public interactions with the wallaby. The wallaby was unable to move to remove itself from unwanted or potentially stressful interactions. Exhibition of an animal while restrained and unable to move around an enclosure without observation by an attendant in close proximity is incompatible with requirements under the Animal Welfare Act. Animals must only be exhibited under conditions consistent with maintaining their well-being.

Correct by: This non-compliance was corrected prior to the completion of this inspection however all animals must be appropriately exhibited in the future.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted conducted with company employees and on-site managers.

The inspection was conducted at the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Show and included petting zoo and animal racing venues.

#### **Additional Inspectors**

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# **Species Inspected**

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329219	92-C-0172	TRA	GREAT AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT CO.	12-MAR-15

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	Bos taurus	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000076	Capra hircus	DOMESTIC GOAT
000010	Dama dama	FALLOW DEER
000004	Lama glama	LLAMA
000003	Lama pacos	ALPACA
000007	Notamacropus rufogriseus	BENNETT'S WALLABY / RED-NECKED WALLABY
000014	Ovis aries aries	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000023	Sus domestica	DOMESTIC PIG
000140	Total	