



Inspection Report

Oak Meadow Productions, LLC
440 Red Top Rd
Valley View, TX 76272

Customer ID: **600228**

Certificate: **74-C-1123**

Site: 001

Oak Meadow Productions, LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 12-MAR-2024

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Repeat

Handling of animals.

The facility continues to advertise and allow the public to "HUG a sloth". This allows the public to hold a sloth in a manner that places the sloth's mouth next to the person's neck. According to the facility's web page about experience and pricing (<https://www.oakmeadowranch.com/what-we-do>), under Chef Dinner and Exotic Animal Experience it states, "You get to HUG a sloth!!!"

In a post on Facebook dated Feb 18, 2024, an individual talks about a surprise visit his wife booked at the facility for Valentine's Day. The post states, "I think the highlight for us was to get to hold the Sloth" In a photo from the same post a woman was seen "hugging" the sloth with the sloth's mouth next to her neck.

In a post on Facebook dated Feb 19, 2024, an individual talks about "girls trip 2024" to the facility. The post states that she and a friend "have been searching for a place closer than Roatan to hold a sloth. She finally found Oak Meadow Ranch in Valley View Texas". Photos from the same post show multiple women holding the sloth and transferring the animal between them.

The sloth could easily bite someone on the neck, head, or face. Sloths have the potential to inflict serious bites that can easily become infected and/or serious scratches with their long claws if they become agitated or scared. There is also the potential for the sloth to become injured if a child or adult accidentally drops the animal. Furthermore, there is the possibility that local public health authorities could require rabies testing of an animal that bites someone, which would require euthanasia of the animals.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public. The facility needs to discontinue allowing the public to hold the sloth.

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Sheltered housing facilities.

The facility continues to allow primates to sit on the head and shoulders or near the face of visitors. In a post on Facebook dated Feb 18, 2024, an individual talks about a surprise visit his wife booked at the facility for Valentine's Day. In that post there are pictures of a lemur on his shoulder and a lemur on her arm very near her face.

When allowed to sit and climb on the visitors in close proximity to their head and neck, nonhuman primates can easily bite or scratch the visitors on the head, face, or neck before a person can consciously respond to control them. There is also the possibility of injury to the animal due to defensive reactions from members of the public should the animal decide to attack. Furthermore, there is the possibility that local public health authorities could require rabies testing of an animal that

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bites someone, which would require euthanasia of the animals.

Nonhuman primates used in uncaged public exhibits must be under the direct control and supervision of an experienced handler or trainer at all times when the public is present. Regardless of the type of "direct control" the facility uses, primates should not be allowed on the heads and shoulders or near the face of visitors.

The facility needs to discontinue allowing primates on heads, shoulders, and near faces of visitors.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|
| 000001 | <i>Caracal caracal</i> | CARACAL |
| 000012 | <i>Ovis aries aries</i> | SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS |
| 000004 | <i>Dama dama</i> | FALLOW DEER |
| 000001 | <i>Leptailurus serval</i> | SERVAL |
| 000006 | <i>Lemur catta</i> | RING-TAILED LEMUR |
| 000002 | <i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i> | HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH |
| 000002 | <i>Dolichotis patagonum</i> | PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA |
| 000001 | <i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i> | GIRAFFE |
| 000002 | <i>Camelus dromedarius</i> | DROMEDARY CAMEL |
| 000001 | <i>Equus quagga</i> | BURCHELL'S / GRANT'S / CHAPMAN'S / PLAINS ZEBRA |
| 000002 | <i>Bubalus bubalis</i> | ASIATIC WATER BUFFALO |
| 000004 | <i>Bos taurus</i> | CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI |
| 000003 | <i>Osphranter rufus</i> | RED KANGAROO |
| 000002 | <i>Bison bison</i> | AMERICAN BISON |
| 000001 | <i>Eulemur fulvus</i> | BROWN LEMUR |
| 000002 | <i>Vulpes zerda</i> | FENNEC FOX |
| 000001 | <i>Varecia variegata</i> | BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR |
| 000001 | <i>Hystrix cristata</i> | AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE |
| 000003 | <i>Aonyx cinereus</i> | ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER |
| 000001 | <i>Nasua narica</i> | WHITE-NOSED COATI |
| 000005 | <i>Boselaphus tragocamelus</i> | NILGAI |
| 000002 | <i>Callithrix jacchus</i> | COMMON MARMOSET |
| 000002 | <i>Dromaius novaehollandiae</i> | EMU |
| 000001 | <i>Ara severus</i> | CHESTNUT-FRONTED MACAW / SEVERE MACAW |
| 000001 | <i>Ramphastos sulfuratus</i> | KEEL-BILLED TOUCAN |
| 000063 | Total | |