

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

GEDMONDS-WIGGINS INS-0000824305

#### **Inspection Report**

The Learning Zoo LLC
38 Pinepath PI
The Woodlands. TX 77381

Customer ID: **6012438** 

Certificate: 74-C-1142

Site: 001

The Learning Zoo LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 21-OCT-2022

2.40(b)(3) Critical

Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

On August 12, 2022, an adult, male African Crested porcupine was found deceased at the end of one of the tunnels down in his exhibit. Per a facility representative, the porcupine had not routinely been fully visualized during daily observations by the facility's staff. This was in part due to the skittish nature of this animal, which made the staff uncomfortable and afraid to handle him, as per the facility representative. In failing to conduct consistent daily observations on this porcupine, medical conditions or injuries were not detected in time to prevent the death of this animal. Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include consistent and adequate daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being. As a result of this incident, the facility began more training and socialization of the porcupines to make observations and handling easier.

Correct By: To be corrected from this day forward

3.133 Critical

Separation.

On September 23, 2022, a male, juvenile African Crested porcupine was found with matching lacerations on the top and bottom of his foot consistent that of a bite wound. In consulting with their Attending Veterinarian, the facility's internal

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investigation determined that the animal was bitten on his right foot - through the fence - by the older female African

Crested porcupine neighboring his enclosure. Incompatibility between these two animals resulted in injury and discomfort to the juvenile porcupine. Animals shall not be housed near animals that interfere with their health or cause them discomfort. At the time of inspection, the facility already installed an additional protective barrier between the two animals, preventing them from accessing one another.

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

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# **Species Inspected**

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Count 000002 000003 000002 000004 000001 000001	Scientific Name Hystrix cristata Sus scrofa domestica Capra hircus Cynomys ludovicianus Equus caballus Atelerix albiventris	Common Name  AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE  DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG  DOMESTIC GOAT  BLACK-TAILED PRAIRIE DOG  DOMESTIC HORSE  FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000002	Monodelphis domestica	GREY SHORT-TAILED OPOSSUM
000015	Total	