

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

Little Creek Landing LLC 222 Little Creek Rd Sumrall. MS 39482 Customer ID: 6011421

Certificate: 65-B-0138

Site: 001

Little Creek Landing

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 27-NOV-2024

2.131(c)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

During a paid public animal encounter session in October 2024, a child was bitten on their upper arm by the 5-month-old female ring-tailed lemur "Zoey". The lemur was under direct control of the handler during the interaction by use of a lightweight leash that is attached around the animal's abdomen. Prior to animal encounters, animal handlers inform patrons to only pet the lemur on its back. The facility handler present at the time of the interaction reported that the lemur's tail had been pulled which could have contributed to the negative interaction. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient safeguards as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

The facility instituted corrective action prior to this inspection on 11/27/2027 by moving "Zoey" to a non-contact exhibit and an alternate ring-tailed lemur with a more amenable temperament is now used for animal encounters.

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

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Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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Species Inspected

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CountScientific NameCommon Name000001Lemur cattaRING-TAILED LEMUR

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