



## Inspection Report

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Gulf World Marine Park Inc  
15412 Front Beach Road  
Panama City Beach, FL 32413

Customer ID: **324287**

Certificate:

Site: 001

Gulf World Marine Park Inc.

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 13-MAY-2025

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### **3.150(a)**

#### **Facilities, general.**

The facility failed to keep some bird enclosures in good repair:

- The African penguin enclosure housing two penguins has cracked concrete in areas where the birds have access. The cracks go through the impervious coating and expose the concrete below.
- The exhibit stands inside the aviary building contain multiple food and water bowl holders and enrichment chains that are heavily rusted.

Cracked concrete and rusty surfaces can be signs degradation which can worsen over time, increasing the risk of breakage, enclosure compromise, and possible injury to the birds.

Housing facilities for birds must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species of bird housed in them. They must be kept in good repair.

Correct by 6/15/2025.

### **2.40(b)(1)**

#### **Repeat**

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

The facility continues to not maintain a program of adequate veterinary care by failing to provide the availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services:

- According to conversations with facility veterinary staff, financial constraints continue to result in delinquencies and non-payments for laboratory services deemed necessary by veterinary staff, resulting in the denial of services.
  - According to conversations with facility veterinary staff, in house bloodwork equipment is not going to be serviced anymore nor will supplies be delivered to run its functions, due to a change in contract with prior participating entities.
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- From conversations with facility water quality staff, they are unable to clear the 4 inch diameter pipe that feeds the facility's water from the Bay, reducing flow rate. According to them, it is due to a variety of reasons: a lack of available equipment to clean the small diameter pipe, sea turtle nesting season, and resistant contractors to work with the facility.
  - In conversation with the newly contracted attending veterinarian, their recommendation is that the facility needs an onsite/near onsite veterinarian and another veterinary technician.

Properly functioning equipment, appropriate facilities, adequate numbers of trained employees, quick access to supplies, medications, and testing services is necessary for diagnosing, treating and maintaining the health of the animals.

Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that includes the availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services.

### **3.101(a)(1) Repeat**

## **Facilities, general.**

The facility continues to fail to maintain the marine mammal enclosures in good repair. During a follow up routine inspection of the facility, USDA inspectors continue to identify several areas in need of repair:

- The far west dolphin pool has previously identified cracks in the walls and surrounding concrete which has still not been addressed and is continuing to break down. These areas have flaking paint, exposed aggregate, and loose stone or cement pieces which could fall into the water.
  - According to conversations with a facility representative, the 4 inch diameter pipe that pulls water from the Bay into the facility for its water supply is blocked, allowing no more than 40% intake on an ideal day.

Enclosures that fall into states of disrepair may no longer be able to safely contain the animals and can lead to health and well-being hazards to the animals within.

Indoor and outdoor housing facilities for marine mammals must be maintained in good repair.

**3.103(b) Repeat**

## **Facilities, outdoor.**

The facility continues to fail to provide protection from the weather or direct sunlight. Although previously identified, the facility has not provided shade over the far side of dolphin east pool where dry guest interactions are done, or the over the main show stage where the dolphins station for food during training sessions with the trainers or during public guest interactions after shows. At the time of inspection, guest and dolphin interactions were observed at the main stadium pool. Two groups were observed, one on the east and one on the west side of the pool. No additional shade or shelter was provided to either group and the dolphins were positioned looking directly toward the sun, especially on the east side of the enclosure.

Direct sunlight can be uncomfortable and adversely affect the animal's health, especially skin and eye health.

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Natural or artificial shelter shall be provided for all marine mammals kept outdoors to afford them protection from the weather or from direct sunlight.

**3.103(c) Repeat**

**Facilities, outdoor.**

The facility continues to fail to maintain an effective perimeter fence:

- Facility maintenance equipment and debris were found along the perimeter fence's edge.

Animals and unauthorized people can use structures laying along the perimeter fence to enter and exit the area and gain access to the animals behind it.

The perimeter fence must be constructed so that it protects marine mammals by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the' marine mammals, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility when appropriate.

**3.108(a) Repeat**

**Employees or attendants.**

The facility continues to not have enough employees to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

The facility continues to be unable to make the corrections necessary to comply with the Animal Welfare Act, as indicated by the repeat designations on this inspection report's noncompliant items identified. The facility's current employees have to fulfill collateral duties in order to run business operations at their current pace.

A sufficient number of adequately trained staff to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry can ensure that optimal welfare and care can be provided for the animals maintained at this facility.

A sufficient number of adequately trained employees or attendants, responsible to management and working in concert with the attending veterinarian, must be utilized to maintain the prescribed level of husbandry practices set forth in this subpart.

**3.110(d)**

**Veterinary care.**

The facility failed to provide marine mammal medical records for APHIS inspection. Since the changeover of attending veterinarians from the last inspection, the new attending veterinarian and veterinary staff were unable to generate medical summaries for each animal. They indicated they had notes on their personal devices, but had not yet found the time to put their findings into official medical records.

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Accurate and well kept marine mammal medical records ensure that adequate veterinary care is being administered.

Individual animal medical records must be kept and made available for APHIS inspection.

Correct by 6/14/2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
324287		001	Gulf World Marine Park Inc.	13-MAY-2025
<b>Count</b>				
000002	<b>Scientific Name</b>		<b>Common Name</b>	
000008	<i>Felis catus</i>		CAT ADULT	
000004	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>		BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN	
000002	<i>Steno bredanensis</i>		ROUGH-TOOTHED DOLPHIN	
000002	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>		AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN	
000002	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>		RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW	
000001	<i>Cacatua moluccensis</i>		SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO	
000002	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i>		CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT	
000003	<i>Ara ararauna</i>		BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW	
000001	<i>Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittaca spp hybrid</i>		MACAW HYBRID	
000002	<i>Thectocercus acuticaudatus</i>		BLUE-CROWNED PARAKEET	
000001	<i>Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus</i>		HYACINTH MACAW	
000001	<i>Ara militaris</i>		MILITARY MACAW	
000001	<i>Amazona oratrix</i>		YELLOW-HEADED PARROT / YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON / DOUBLE YELLOW-HEADED AMAZON	
000001	<i>Eolophus roseicapilla</i>		GALAH / ROSE-BREASTED COCKATOO / ROSEATE COCKATOO	
000001	<i>Corvus albus</i>		PIED CROW	
000001	<i>Amazona auropalliata</i>		YELLOW-NAPED PARROT / YELLOW-NAPED AMAZON	
000033	<b>Total</b>			



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