



Inspection Report

South Carolina Aquarium
100 Aquarium Wharf
Charleston, SC 29401

Customer ID: **10952**

Certificate: **56-C-0125**

Site: 001

South Carolina Aquarium

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 16-SEP-2025

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Facilities, general.

Two events have occurred at the facility, resulting in two birds unable to be accounted for by the staff. The facility was unable to locate one Red-winged blackbird from its aviary. Despite increased daily observations and the addition of cameras within the habitat, the bird was declared missing/deceased on August 5, 2025. Employees were unable to visualize this animal since July 18, 2025. Additionally, one Wood thrush was noted missing from its habitat on September 12th, 2025. The staff identified an approximate 4 x 4 inch round hole in the front corner of the habitat that was not present the night before. While the facility's investigation of both events showed no evidence of feather loss, predation, or pest activity, the staff increased surveillance, observations, and housekeeping measures immediately following each event.

Compromised housing enclosures can provide a route of escape, entrapment, or injury to the animals contained therein. These animals are more vulnerable to harm and further injury when they are not safely contained or cannot be accounted for. The facility must ensure that bird enclosures are maintained in good repair, protect the birds from injury, contain the birds, and restrict other animals from entering that may negatively affect the welfare of the birds housed within.

Corrective actions were taken by the facility following these occurrences.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representatives.

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:

16-SEP-2025

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Received by Title: Authorized Person

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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