



Inspection Report

Houston Interactive Aquarium and Animal Preserve
5440 N Sam Houston Parkway East
Houston, TX 77032

Customer ID: **6002705**
Certificate: **74-C-1129**
Site: 002
Houston Interactive

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 12-SEP-2023

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Handling of animals.

At the time of inspection there was no responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable attendant or employee present for the male camel and giraffe during periods of public contact. A couple (man and woman) approached the far-right side of the camel's enclosure and took turns petting and photographing themselves with him. Upon my approach to the giraffe's enclosure, there was a family (husband, wife, and child) petting the giraffe (in the area between his enclosure and the arcade building). After the family left, the giraffe was also able to reach his head and neck out to where I was standing (the same area as the family), providing me the opportunity to pet him without an attendant present. Lack of a responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable attendant or employee during periods of public contact, especially since both animals are accustomed to public feedings, pose a significant risk to the health and well-being of both the animals and the public. A responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable attendant or employee must always be present during periods of public contact.

Correct by: September 22, 2023

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6002705	74-C-1129	002	Houston Interactive	12-SEP-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000004	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000001	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000006	Total	