



## Inspection Report

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K&M Pets LLC  
4301 Kirkwood Dr  
Saginaw, MI 48638

Customer ID: **6011853**  
Certificate: **34-B-0244**  
Site: 001  
K&M Pets LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 21-FEB-2023

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### 2.131(a) Direct

#### Handling of animals.

The sloth has a lack of appropriate housing. This issue demonstrates that the licensee does not have adequate knowledge or experience with sloths. This knowledge is critical to avoid unnecessary suffering and possible death for this animal. The licensee must acquire adequate knowledge and experience with sloths.

Correct by: March 6, 2023

### 2.131(b)(1) Direct

#### Handling of animals.

The sloth is currently being housed in an enclosure near the front of the pet store. The enclosure has open viewing to the public on all four sides of the enclosure. The enclosure provides no area in which the sloth can remove itself from public view. Constant exposure to the public with no opportunity to escape the close vicinity of the public can be very stressful to the sloth. The sloth is exposed to drafts when the front door of the pet store is open. The humidity level as measured with a kestrel was 40%. This is well below the 60% to 80% that sloths require. The drafty conditions and low humidity can contribute to the discomfort of this animal and be detrimental to its health. The sloth enclosure is brightly lit with overhead florescent lights. Bright lights can be blinding to the sloth and may have contributed to the bite incident. The enclosure is lacking an appropriate substrate and a central climbing structure. There is no basking light and no platforms

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nooks or hammocks to provide appropriate resting areas. Lack of these items can contribute to behavioral stress and unnecessary discomfort for this sloth. Provide appropriate housing conditions for this sloth.

Correct by: March 6, 2023

### 2.131(c)(1) Direct

#### Handling of animals.

On February 12, 2023, a patron was bit on the arm by Sid the sloth during a sloth encounter experience. According to the licensee this incident occurred when the patron was feeding the sloth an apple during the encounter. During public exhibition animals must be handled so that there is a minimal risk of harm to the animal and the public. The licensee must adjust encounter handling procedures so that no additional injuries occur to the public or the sloth.

Correct by: Correct prior to any future sloth encounters.

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

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6011853	34-B-0244	001	K&M Pets LLC	21-FEB-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000046	<i>Atelerix algirus</i>	ALGERIAN HEDGEHOG
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000007	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000001	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000001	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000001	<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	SYRIAN / GOLDEN HAMSTER
000004	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000062	<b>Total</b>	