

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

MS Leisure Company, Inc. 4400 Rickenbacker Causeway Key Biscayne, FL 33147 Customer ID: 6011009

Certificate: 58-C-1252

Site: 001

Miami Seaquarium

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 05-MAR-2024

3.150(a) Repeat

Facilities, general.

The penguin building and indoor enclosure are still not in good repair. The ceiling inside the enclosure has multiple areas of sagging, peeling paint. Rust like stains run down the walls from numerous screws and several patches of round, black, mold-like substance can be observed diffusely across the ceiling.

Keeping these facilities in good repair protects the animals from harm or injury.

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

2.40(b)(2) Direct

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

The facility failed to use appropriate methods to control disease. On February 23, 2024, Monty, a blue and gold macaw was confirmed positive for Pacheco's disease via serology and choanal/cloacal swab. At the time of inspection, Monty was observed on exhibit with other birds in the facilities flock.

Pacheco's disease is a highly infectious and deadly bird disease. Exposure to infected birds can lead to the spread of the disease to other birds.

Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases. To be corrected immediately, March, 7, 2024.

3.103(c)(1)

Facilities, outdoor.

The facility still needs to make repairs to the perimeter fence. Many support beams are still rusted through at the base and are no longer connected to the concrete and require prompt attention to maintain the structural integrity of the fencing in this section. Areas at the base of the fence have gaps and are not continuous with the floor.

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Defects in the perimeter fence can allow animals and unauthorized people to enter and exit the area, gaining access to the animals at the facility. Stray cats were still observed at the facility.

Perimeter fencing must be regularly checked and maintained to ensure it protects marine mammals by restricting animals and unauthorized persons from having contact with the marine mammals.

3.150(c)(2) Repeat

Facilities, general.

In the Tropical Wings section, there are areas of flaking paint under metal cone shade structures where birds have pecked. The higher placed perches allow larger birds to have access to the bottom lip of the painted cones. Additionally, about six of the metal enclosures used to house the birds when they are off display have areas of bubbling and flaking paint due to rust and areas where the metal is rusted through.

Excessive rust can compromise structural strength, present roughened and jagged surfaces where it is possible for the birds to injure themselves and prevent proper cleaning and sanitization of a surface.

Any surfaces, that come in contact with the birds, must be free of rust or damage that affects the structural integrity of the surface or prevents cleaning.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count 000012 000008	Scientific Name Zalophus californianus Phoca vitulina	Common Name CALIFORNIA SEA LION HARBOR SEAL
000018 000009 000028	Tursiops truncatus Spheniscus demersus Phoenicopterus ruber	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN AMERICAN FLAMINGO
000003 000002 000001	Ara chloropterus Ara macao Ara militaris	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW SCARLET MACAW MILITARY MACAW
000005 000001	Ara ararauna Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittac spp hybrid	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW
000002 000001	Amazona autumnalis Cacatua galerita	RED-LORED PARROT / RED-LORED AMAZON SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO / GREATER SULPHUR-
000003 000001 000001	Cacatua alba Cacatua moluccensis Psittacus erithacus	CRESTED COCKATOO WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
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