



## Inspection Report

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Incredible Bats Inc  
210 Elm Street  
New Lenox, IL 60451

Customer ID: **6018587**  
Certificate: **33-C-0533**  
Site: 001  
Incredible Bats Inc

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION  
Date: 20-SEP-2025

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#### Handling of animals.

On September 20, 2025, "Rico" the approximately 3-year-old male sloth was interacting with the public for 6 hours without opportunity to rest out of public eye.

From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Rico participated in a public presentation and public interaction (petting) with photo opportunities. Rico was a popular attraction and the inspector observed intermittent long lines. Rico hung from a railing or rested on a chair. Rico was observed crawling down the railing and spending time on the ground under the chair, but still within public view. His handler was observed picking him back up and returning him to the railing periodically (the inspector observed this twice in the 30 minute interval of direct observation).

When asked about a break period, facility representatives stated Rico would not have a scheduled break during this event. If staff believed Rico to be asleep based on him closing his eyes, petting was not allowed, but other guest interactions continued (such as approaching and taking photographs).

Six hours is the majority of a sloth's waking hours. Sloths in captivity sleep an average of 14 - 20 hours a day and are often motionless even when awake. Extended periods of time in constant view of the public increase the risk of stress and abnormal behavior. Increased activity levels and crawling under a chair suggest that Rico was searching for a place to retreat out of the public eye.

The licensee must ensure that animals are exhibited only for periods of time and under conditions consistent with their good health and well-being.

Correction date: This day forward, September 25, 2025.

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
6018587	33-C-0533	001	Incredible Bats Inc	20-SEP-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000001	<i>Vulpes zerda</i>	FENNEC FOX
000001	<i>Atelerix albiventris</i>	FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG
000001	<i>Tolypeutes tricinctus</i>	BRAZILIAN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000001	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>	STRAW-COLOURED FRUIT BAT
000001	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT
000002	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000010	<b>Total</b>	