

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

SWELCH INS-0000928197

Inspection Report

Animal Quest Entertainment Inc 23946 W Grass Lake Road Antioch, IL 60002 Customer ID: 328349

Certificate: 33-C-0430

Site: 002

ANIMAL QUEST ENTERTAINMENT INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 16-FEB-2024

2.131(b)(1)

Handling of animals.

The facility had their female sloth at a public event (Wild Birds Unlimited) on December 23, 2023. The licensees confirmed in some of the pictures from the event that different adults and children were allowed to hold their sloth. In a few of the pictures their sloth was stretching and reaching her neck back. In some of the photos the licensee recalled that they would actually call from behind the camera and she would look back at the camera more as a learned behavior. While some of the pictures might be a learned behavior or the sloth looking for her bonded caretaker, a sloth stretching its neck back and away from someone holding it might also be stressed. Allowing young children and multiple adults hold a sloth with no direct control of it by the license-holder can also be stressful for the sloth and increase the risk of injury to public members. Ensure that if the sloth is in public events that she is handled in a manner that prevents any behavioral stress or discomfort. (The licensee discussed their corrective plans and do not plan to allow the public to hold their sloth in future events.)

***To be corrected from 2/16/2024 forward.

3.127(d)

Facilities, outdoor.

A wallaby has access to an area outside where the facility perimeter fence acts also as the primary fence for the wallaby. Wood posts have been installed and the final section of the secondary fence needs to be installed. A perimeter fence is required to help restrict animals and unauthorized persons from going through it or under it and having contact with the animals in the facility, and so that it can function as a secondary containment system for the animals in the facility. It must be of sufficient distance from the outside of the primary enclosure to prevent physical contact between animals inside the enclosure and animals or persons outside the perimeter fence (at least 3 ft from the primary fence unless approval is obtained from the Administrator).

Ensure to finish the remaining section of secondary fence for the wallaby's area.

***Correct by March 1, 2024.

3.154

Environment enhancement to promote psychological well-being.

	SCOTT WELCH VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER	USDA, APHIS, Animal Care	Date: 16-FEB-2024
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The facility has enrichment and areas for birds that promote species-typical behaviors, however a written environmental enhancement plan for the birds that is approved by the attending veterinarian has not been completed by the facility. A written plan of enrichment for birds helps ensure that birds have adequate enrichment and veterinarian input for the bird's environment and enrichment. Ensure to develop and document a species appropriate plan for birds' environmental enhancement that is approved by the attending veterinarian.

***Correct by March 8, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the President and Vice President.

Prepared By: SCOTT WELCH _____ Date:

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

OFFICER

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Species Inspected

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Count 000002 000003 000001 000012 000005 000005 000003 000005 000012 000014 000009	Scientific Name Chinchilla lanigera Dolichotis patagonum Mustela putorius furo Nasua narica Oryctolagus cuniculus Cavia porcellus Sus scrofa domestica Mephitis mephitis Atelerix albiventris Capra hircus Anas platyrhynchos domesticus Gallus gallus domesticus	Common Name CHINCHILLA PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA DOMESTIC FERRET WHITE-NOSED COATI DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG STRIPED SKUNK FOUR-TOED HEDGEHOG DOMESTIC GOAT DOMESTIC DUCK INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS TURKIN / COCK / HEN / ROOSTER)
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