



## Inspection Report

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Texas State Aquarium  
2710 N Shoreline Blvd  
Corpus Christi, TX 78402

Customer ID: **4866**  
Certificate: **74-C-0241**  
Site: 001  
TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 22-JUN-2023

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### 2.131(b)(1) Critical

#### Handling of animals.

During the course of inspection, facility representatives indicated that two male Vampire bats (ID#'s: M16012 and M16021) were found drowned in a bowl of water in the secondary containment area just outside of their primary enclosure on 5/5/2023 as a result of an employee mistakenly leaving their primary enclosure door open. Failure to be careful when handling animals can negatively impact their health and well-being, and ultimately lead to death. Handling of all animals must be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. The facility implemented the following corrective actions as result of the incident: changes to depth and presentation of water bowl that is held in the secondary containment area; disciplinary action for employee; and an update to the Vampire bat husbandry checklist to include checking the seal of the primary enclosure door.

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

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Date:  
24-JUN-2023

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL  
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:  
24-JUN-2023



### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
4866	74-C-0241	001	TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM	22-JUN-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000004	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN
000001	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	SERVAL
000020	<i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	COMMON VAMPIRE BAT
000003	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	NORTH AMERICAN RIVER OTTER
000001	<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>	OCELOT
000029	<b>Total</b>	