



## Inspection Report

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Ripley's Aquarium, Myrtle Beach  
1110 Celebrity Circle  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Customer ID: **6013212**  
Certificate: **56-C-0284**  
Site: 002  
Ripley's Aquarium Myrtle Beach

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 03-OCT-2023

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### 2.40(a)(1)

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

The facility has not developed a written program of veterinary care for the penguins maintained at the facility. The written program of veterinary care is needed to ensure that the facility understands the expectations of the attending veterinarian regarding the veterinary care of the regulated animals, affirming that both parties have a clear understanding of their roles to appropriately manage the species on hand. The facility should ensure that the written program of veterinary care is available for review during all USDA inspections, with the documented arrangements to include regularly scheduled visits to the premises of the facility.  
Correct by October 16, 2023.

### 2.134(a)

#### Contingency planning.

The facility's contingency plan does not include the required elements to address the needs of the penguins on hand in the event of an emergency or disaster. An outlined plan is necessary to prepare for unexpected disasters or events, as well as a detailed strategy to address instructions for, but not limited to: animal evacuation, sheltering-in-place, and backup provisions for husbandry and food/watering supplies, sanitation, and ventilation. The facility shall develop and document an appropriate contingency plan available for review upon USDA inspection, ensuring the written contingency plan includes an outline of the specific tasks required to be carried out in response to the identified emergencies/disasters.  
Correct by October 23, 2023.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility representatives.

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USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Date:  
03-OCT-2023

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL  
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:  
03-OCT-2023



**Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6013212	56-C-0284	002	Ripley's Aquarium Myrtle Beach	03-OCT-2023

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000021	<i>Spheniscus demersus</i>	AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN
000023	<b>Total</b>	