

Investigative and Enforcement Services**Settlement Agreement**

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| RESPONDENT: | |
| <u>1st Address</u> | <u>2nd Address</u> |
| Panther Ridge Conservation Center, Inc. 14755 Palm Beach Point Blvd. Wellington, FL 33414 | <div style="background-color: black; width: 100px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> 14755 Palm Beach Point Blvd. Wellington, FL 33414 |

CASE NUMBER FL10200-AC
REVISED

DUE ON OR BEFORE
CONTACT
PHONE

| DATE | CITATION | DESCRIPTION |
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| (SEE ATTACHED PAGES) | | |

PENALTY \$ 2,786

TERMS

Titles 7, 15, 19, and 21 of the United States Code authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to impose civil penalties and other sanctions to resolve violations after providing notice and opportunity for a hearing.

You may waive your right to a hearing and agree to pay the specified civil penalty in settlement of this matter. If you do not agree to the specified penalty, a complaint shall be issued charging you with the violation(s) and seeking higher penalties. You will have the opportunity for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge to present your case.

I acknowledge that I have been given an opportunity for a hearing and waive such hearing. I neither admit nor deny the violations cited above and agree to pay the civil penalty in full settlement of this matter.

Signature of Respondent:

Date:

PAYMENT RECORD - FOR IES USE ONLY

| Payment Type | Date | Amount | Signature of IES Representative |
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T04A – Settlement Agreement
7/1/09

| DATE | CITATION | DESCRIPTION |
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| 19-FEB-2010 | 9 C.F.R.§2.131(c)(1) | <p>Handling of animals. (c)(1) During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.</p> <p>During a public exhibition, Respondent failed to provide sufficient distance and/or barriers between a jaguar and the general viewing public to assure the safety of the jaguar and the public. Respondent allowed a volunteer who did not handle animals to give a tour to a member of the public. Respondent's volunteer allowed the member of the public to pet a jaguar through its enclosure and the animal bit her thumb.</p> |
| | 9 CFR 2.131(d)(3) | <p>Handling of animals. (d)(3) During public exhibition, dangerous animals such as lions, tigers, wolves, bears, or elephants must be under the direct control and supervision of a knowledgeable and experienced animal handler.</p> <p>During a public exhibition, Respondent failed to keep a jaguar under the direct control and supervision of a knowledgeable and experienced animal handler. Respondent allowed a volunteer who did not handle animals to give a tour to a member of the public. Respondent's volunteer allowed the member of the public to pet a jaguar through its enclosure and the animal bit her thumb.</p> |