



### SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ("APHIS"), and Little River Zoo, Inc., with reference to the following facts:

1. At all times mentioned herein, Little River Zoo, Inc. operated as a Exhibitor under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) (the "AWA") at the facility located at 3405 SE 120 Avenue, Norman, OK 73026.
  2. APHIS has documented evidence of Little River Zoo, Inc.'s non-compliance with the AWA and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), and specifically, has documented evidence of Little River Zoo, Inc.'s failure to provide sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the viewing public, failure to ensure that all housing facilities were structurally sound and maintained in good repair, and failure to establish and maintain an effective program of pest control, as required by the AWA regulations and AWA standards for the humane handling and treatment of animals (9 C.F.R. §§ 2.131, 3.125 and 3.131).
  3. APHIS has not instituted an administrative enforcement action based on the findings described above in paragraph 2.
  4. APHIS and Little River Zoo, Inc. have determined to settle the issues related to the potential violations of the AWA and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, as described above.
- NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:
5. Little River Zoo, Inc. admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, and waives oral hearing and further procedure.
  6. Little River Zoo, Inc. consents and agrees to the following:



a. As of the date Little River Zoo, Inc. signs this Settlement Agreement, AWA licenses 73-C-0123 and 73-C-0179 are hereby revoked.

b. Little River Zoo, Inc. and any partnerships, firms, corporations or other legal entities that it controls or in which it has a substantial interest, financial or otherwise, are permanently disqualified from (a) obtaining an Animal Welfare Act license, and (b) engaging in activities governed by the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) and regulations issued thereunder (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 *et seq.*), either directly or indirectly, on or off 3405 SE 120 Avenue, Norman, OK 73026.

7. Little River Zoo, Inc. consents and agrees that its failure to comply with the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall automatically void paragraph 8 below, and that APHIS shall have the right to immediately institute enforcement proceedings against Little River Zoo, Inc. based upon the non-compliant items documented at 3405 SE 120 Avenue, Norman, OK 73026, in connection with animal welfare investigations OK10004-AC and OK10030-AC, and any future violations, and to pursue any and all remedies available to APHIS under the AWA.

8. For and in consideration of Little River Zoo, Inc.'s agreements and actions described in paragraph 6 above, and the promises and admissions of Little River Zoo, Inc. set forth herein, APHIS agrees not to institute an administrative or civil enforcement action against Little River Zoo, Inc. in connection with the alleged AWA violations documented in animal welfare investigations OK10004-AC and OK10030-AC.

APHIS and Little River Zoo, Inc. warrant and represent that their respective representatives, whose signatures appear below, have the authority to execute this Settlement Agreement and to bind each of the parties, respectively, to this Settlement Agreement.



United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Investigative and Enforcement Services

Reference Number: OK10004-AC  
and OK10030-AC  
Issuance Date: September 28, 2012  
Version: Final

Little River Zoo, Inc.

Signature: [Redacted]

*Board Member Representing  
Little River Zoo, Inc.*

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

Date: 11/06/12

Signature: [Redacted]

Robert J.  
Director

Investigative and Enforcement Services  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
United States Department of Agriculture

Date: 11/15/2012