Investigative and Enforcement Services

Settlement Agreement

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RESPONDENT:

2nd Address 1st Address

Dallas Zoo Management Inc. 650 South R.L. Thornton

Freeway

Dallas, TX 75203

Registered Agent:

CT Corporation System 350 N Saint Paul Street Dallas, TX 75201

CASE NUMBER TX10360-AC **REVISED**

DUE ON OR BEFORE CONTACT

July 30, 2011

PHONE (301) 734-2263

CITATION DESCRIPTION DATE

13-FEB-2010	9 C.F.R. § 2.131(b)(1)	Handling of animals. Handling of all animals shall 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.
		Respondent failed to handle an animal as carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. A zoo employee opened a door to an interior enclosure occupied by a gorilla within a non-public building, which allowed the gorilla to access the keeper area of the non-public building and required the animal be tranquilized to allow for its safe return to its interior enclosure.

PENALTY \$3,143

TERMS

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

Prior to the issuance of a formal complaint seeking sanctions under the Act, The Department may enter into a stipulation to resolve the above-described violations. Your payment constitutes a waiver of your right to a hearing, a finding that the violations of law have occurred, and settlement of such violations.

If you do not pay the specified penalty within the designated time or wish to exercise your right to a hearing, this matter will be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel for litigation. The penalty offered in this stipulation is not relevant to the sanctions the Department may seek, or that will be assessed, upon issuance of a formal complaint.

Signature of Respondent:

Date:

PAYMENT RECORD - FOR IES USE ONLY

Payment Type	Date	Amount	Signature of IES Representative

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