



## Inspection Report

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Conservators Center Inc  
P O Box 882  
Mebane, NC 27302

Customer ID: **40119**

Certificate: **55-C-0223**

Site: 001

CONSERVATORS CENTER INC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 31-JAN-2017

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No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.

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

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**Prepared By:**

MARY ANN MCBRIDE      USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

**Title:** VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 6093

**Date:**

31-JAN-2017

**Received By:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Title:** FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE  
19-03772\_000001

**Date:**

31-JAN-2017



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19-03772\_000002

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02-APR-2018



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Site: 001

CONSERVATORS CENTER INC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 31-JAN-2019

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No non-compliant items documented on this inspection report.

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**Prepared By:**

MCBRIDE MARY ANN, D V M      USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

**Date:**  
05-FEB-2019

**Title:** VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 6093

**Received By:**

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**Title:** FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE  
19-03772\_000003

**Date:**  
05-FEB-2019



United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Teachable Moments

Legal Name: CONSERVATORS CENTER INC

Customer Number: 40119 Certificate Number: 55-C-0223

Inspection Date: 31-JAN-17 Site Number: 001

Inspector: MARY ANN MCBRIDE, D V M

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

**2.131(c)(1) HANDLING OF ANIMALS.**

Continue evaluation and monitoring of public barriers to ensure animal and public safety during exhibition.



# USDA-APHIS-Animal Care



ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINT			
Complaint No. AC19-092	Date Entered: 1-Feb-19	Processed By: LBA	
Referred To: KINGSTON/ MCBRIDE		Reply Due: 5-Mar-19	
Facility or Person Complaint Filed Against			
Name: CONSERVATORS CENTER INC		Customer No.: 40119	License No.: 55-C-0223
Address: 676 E HUGHES MILL RD		Email Address:	
City: BURLINGTON	State: NC	Phone No.: 3364210065	
Complainant Information			
Name: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)		Organization:	
Address:		Email Address: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)	
City:	State:	Phone No.:	
How was the Complaint received? Email			
Details of Complaint: SEE ATTACHED			
Results:  A phone call was made to the Conservators Center (40119), located in Burlington, NC and the leadership of the national organization called the Feline Conservation Federation. Neither entity had any involvement at the Tulare County Fair on September 15, 2017. The Conservators Center does not take animals on the road for display, not even within NC. The Feline Conservation Federation does not own animals itself, and serves as a membership group for those who own exotic and wild cats. Neither entity knew anything about who might have been displaying animals at that fair on that date. No further information could be obtained.			
Application Kit Provided: Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Inspector: Mary Ann McBride		Date: 6/3/19	
Reviewed By: Susan Kingston		Date: 6/3/19	



Animal and Plant  
Health Inspection  
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Western Region

February 1, 2019

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

Dear Complainant:

Thank you for your correspondence dated 31-Dec-18 concerning Conservators Center Inc. Your complaint has been issued number AC19-092. **Depending on the circumstances of the situation, please allow us enough time (30 to 60 days) to thoroughly look into your concerns.** After that time, the status of our findings may be requested through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office.

**FOIA Requests can be submitted three ways:**

1. Web Request Form: <https://efoia-pal.usda.gov/App/Home.aspx>
2. Fax: 301-734-5941
3. US Mail:  
USDA- APHIS- FOIA  
4700 River Road, Unit 50  
Riverdale, MD 20737

Should you have any questions regarding the APHIS FOIA process or need assistance using the Web Request Form **please contact the APHIS FOIA office at 301-851-4102.**

Animal Care is the division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that is responsible for the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. The Act provides minimum standards for the humane care and use of animals at USDA licensed or registered facilities.

Animal Care inspectors conduct routine unannounced inspections at all USDA licensed and registered facilities to ensure that they are meeting or exceeding these minimum standards. Our inspectors also conduct searches when necessary in response to valid concerns and complaints received from the public to ensure the well-being of the animals and compliance with the law. If violations are found enforcement action appropriate for the circumstances will be initiated.

Please be assured that we will look into your concern(s) and the appropriate action(s) will be taken.

Thank you for your interest into the welfare of these animals.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Juarez  
Deputy Administrator  
USDA APHIS Animal Care

**From:** [noreply@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:noreply@aphis.usda.gov)  
**To:** [AC West](#)  
**Subject:** USDA APHIS ANIMAL CARE - Animal Welfare Complaint Submission  
**Date:** Monday, December 31, 2018 3:32:13 PM

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**55-C-0223, #40119**

**Details of complaint:**

- Name of USDA licensee/registrant:
- USDA license/registration number:
- City/State: Tulare, CA
- Complaint details: September 15, 2017 at the Tulare County Fair in Tulare, California. The fair had an attraction of caged wild cats such as leopards, tigers, cougars, etc. The animals were pacing their small enclosures, clearly anxious at the fair goers being way too loud and way too close. This "organization" that appears to be more of a traveling zoo exhibit calls themselves the Feline Conservation Federation and have a website at [www.felineconservation.org](http://www.felineconservation.org). I am skeptical of their legitimacy because these animals were in tight, poor conditions and seemed distressed. I realize this complaint is a year overdue but perhaps if the Tulare County Fair can be contacted, this zoo can be found and investigated.

Submitted To: [acwest@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:acwest@aphis.usda.gov)

**Complaint Contact Information:**

Can Contact Complainer: Yes

Name: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
Organization:  
Street Address: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
Apt/Suite:  
City / State / Zip: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
Phone Number: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
Email: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
Submitted on: Dec 31, 2018 3:32:08 PM MST