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August 3, 2015

Timothy R. Fordahl  
Western Regional Director  
Investigative & Enforcement Services

### **Request for Fact Finding**

Please initiate fact finding on the following individual(s):

NAME: San Antonio Aquarium, LLC  
ADDRESS: 6320 Bandera Rd.  
CITY: San Antonio, TX 78238  
LIC / CUST#: Not Licensed / 333285

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Animal Care is requesting a fact finding to determine whether Ammon Covino, who plead guilty to conspiracy to illegally purchase and sell fish/wildlife, has a substantial interest in the San Antonio Aquarium.

History: None with Animal Care, APHIS, USDA.

If further information is needed, please let me know.

Laura Blanton  
Enforcement and Compliance Specialist  
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

cc: R. Gibbens, DVM, Director  
T. Howard, DVM, SVMO  
B. Irwin, ACI



## Inspection Report

San Antonio Aquarium Llc  
6320 Bandera Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78238

Customer ID: **333285**

Certificate: **74-C-1082**

Site: 001

SAN ANTONIO AQUARIUM LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 24-OCT-2018

### 3.78(e)

#### OUTDOOR HOUSING FACILITIES.

The daily observation record book for the lemurs describes several incidents where the lemurs have bitten or scratched members of the public during interactive encounters. These occurred between 10/13/18 and 10/22/18. The incident record book describes three separate incidents that occurred on 10/13/18. These involved a staff member and two members of the public. One incident description states: "Lemur scratched son's arm and jumped on head grabbing him aggressively and continued to jump on him after the incident". Three of the six Lemurs used in public encounters have bitten or scratched the public. This is an indication that the animals are not trained and are not under direct control. Trained non human primates may be allowed physical contact with the public, but only if they are under the direct control and supervision of an experienced handler or trainer at all times during the direct contact. At time of this inspection the facility has not taken corrective action.

CORRECT BY : 10/26/18

The inspection and exit briefing was conducted with the Husbandry Manager.

#### Prepared By:

PANNILL ELIZABETH, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 4018

Date:  
25-OCT-2018

#### Received By:

JAMIE SHRANK

Title: HUSBANDRY MANAGER

Date:  
25-OCT-2018



## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
333285	74-C-1082	001	SAN ANTONIO AQUARIUM LLC	24-OCT-18

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000002	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000001	<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	NINE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000006	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000005	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
<b>000016</b>	<b>Total</b>	



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Legal Name: SAN ANTONIO AQUARIUM LLC

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Inspection Date: 24-OCT-18 Site Number: 001

Inspector: ELIZABETH PANNILL, D V M

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

**2.75(b)(1) RECORDS: DEALERS AND EXHIBITORS.**

Acquisition records are not available for the kangaroos.

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

**3.125(a) FACILITIES, GENERAL.**

Armadillo enclosure must contain the animal.



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### 2.131(c)(1)

#### HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

The gate at the entrance to the armadillo and African crested porcupine exhibit is low enough that a member of the public would be able to reach and contact the animals. The porcupine was laying next to the door at time of the inspection, and I was able to easily reach over the door and touch the animal. Unsupervised public contact with these animals may result in injury to the animals or to the public. Sufficient distance and or barriers must be present during public exhibition to assure the safety of the animals and viewing public. CORRECT BY : 7/31/19

The inspection and exit briefing was conducted with the husbandry manager.

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#### Prepared By:

PANNILL ELIZABETH, D V M      USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 4018

Date:  
24-JUL-2019

#### Received By:

SENT BY EMAIL

Title: HUSBANDRY MANAGER

Date:  
24-JUL-2019



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000002	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000001	<i>Galago senegalensis</i>	NORTHERN LESSER BUSHBABY
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000007	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000010	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000002	<i>Marmota monax</i>	GROUNDHOG / WOODCHUCK
000006	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000001	<i>Tamandua mexicana</i>	NORTHERN TAMANDUA
000008	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000008	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
<b>000054</b>	<b>Total</b>	