Barn Hill Preserve
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Barn Hill Preserve has locations in two states, with headquarters in Louisiana and a mobile facility in Delaware. Barn Hill Preserve has failed to meet minimum standards for the care of animals used in exhibitions as established by the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited it for failing to handle an 8-month-old Asian small-clawed otter properly—resulting in the death of the animal—failing to provide safe enclosures and clean water, repeatedly failing to have an effective perimeter fence, and repeatedly failing to have an adult available to accompany USDA officials so that an inspection could take place. Documentation is available upon request.

April 10, 2019: The USDA cited Barn Hill Preserve for failing to reduce the risk of harm and injury to a hyena by failing to maintain the floor of the animal’s enclosure properly. There was an exposed wire bed within the dirt floor of the enclosure.

March 18, 2019: The USDA cited Barn Hill Preserve for failing to have an adult available to accompany officials so that an inspection could take place.

March 7, 2018: According to the Miami Herald, a sloth provided by Barn Hill Preserve bit a secretary during a photo op at Camelot Elementary School in Orlando, Florida. The secretary was treated for a hand injury.

November 8, 2018: The USDA issued a repeat citation to Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware for failing to have an effective perimeter fence around the lynx enclosure. The fence had not been anchored in the ground to prevent contact with the animal contained within.

November 7, 2018: The USDA cited Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware for failing to have an adult available to accompany officials so that an inspection could take place.

June 21, 2018: The USDA issued a repeat citation to Barn Hill Preserve for failing to have a perimeter fence around several enclosures to contain the regulated species and prevent unwanted entry by animals and unauthorized persons.

March 8, 2018: The USDA issued a critical citation to Barn Hill Preserve after an employee dropped a circular tub on an 8-month-old Asian small-clawed otter, who died as a result of the injuries sustained in the incident. The employee was washing and filling the tub when it occurred.

Barn Hill was also cited again for failing to have a perimeter fence around several enclosures to contain the regulated species and prevent unwanted entry by animals and unauthorized persons.

March 1, 2018: The USDA cited Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware for failing to have a perimeter fence to contain the regulated species and prevent unwanted entry by animals and unauthorized persons.

June 15, 2017: The USDA issued a citation to Barn Hill Preserve for failing to have a perimeter fence around several enclosures to contain the regulated species and prevent unwanted entry by animals and unauthorized persons. It was also cited for failing to provide clean water in the Asian small-clawed otter enclosure—the water in the pool, used for both drinking and swimming purposes, was cloudy and green with larvae present on the surface.
The USDA also cited Barn Hill Preserve for failing to reduce the risk of harm and injury to a goat and two potbellied pigs by failing to maintain the floor of the animals’ enclosure properly. There was an exposed wire bed within the dirt floor of the enclosure.

February 15, 2017: The USDA cited Barn Hill Preserve for failing to have an adult available to accompany officials so that an inspection could take place.

September 18, 2014: The USDA cited Barn Hill Preserve for failing to submit itineraries for animals on overnight journeys.