Tregembo Animal Park, owned by Robert Tregembo, has failed to meet minimum federal standards for the care of animals used in exhibition, as established by the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture has cited it for failing to maintain housing facilities in a structurally sound manner that prevents injury to the animals, failing to provide necessary veterinary care, failing to have a primate enrichment plan that adequately addresses the social and environmental needs of nonhuman primates, and failing to sanitize structures properly on many occasions. The facility has also experienced two break-ins, resulting in the removal and death of animals.

June 19, 2017: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to provide a female black leopard named Shadow with adequate veterinary care. She had approximately 1.5 centimeters of “pink tissue exposed past the haired tip of the tail.” Such exposed tissue can lead to infection. According to facility representatives, no veterinary examination or veterinary care had been provided.

February 10, 2016: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to house monkeys in enclosures free from damage and hazards and failing to implement a thorough cleaning and sanitization program for multiple enclosures housing animals, posing health hazards to them.

May 4, 2015: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park with a repeat violation for failing to provide a bear with facial lesions with necessary veterinary care.

April 29, 2015: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for not repairing an enclosure housing a goat and failing to provide a bear, who had severe facial lesions that were causing the animal to lose vision, with proper veterinary care.

August 15, 2011: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to provide monkeys with a structurally sound enclosure and failing to provide a lion, who had multiple areas of irritated skin, with veterinary care.

September 1, 2010: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to provide a primate enrichment plan that adequately addresses the social and environmental needs of nonhuman primates. One monkey was observed to be pacing the cage and engaging in head-tossing, one was repetitively doing backflips, and another was slightly rocking.

March 18, 2009: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to repair several gaps under the fence where the potbellied pigs are housed and failing to keep the cages housing primates properly sterilized. They contained excessive fecal material.

December 1, 2008: According to a Wilmington, North Carolina, news source, two people broke into Tregembo Animal Park and took a prairie dog.

September 18, 2007: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for having several gaps under the fence where the potbellied pigs are housed.

May 24, 2007: The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for a repeat violation for failing to repair structural damage to the enclosure
housing the camels.

**November 9, 2006:** The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for having structural damage to a pen housing camels and failing to keep the cages for the primates properly clean and sanitized.

**May 18, 2006:** The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to provide a new white tiger with protection from inclement weather and failing to remove trash in the pen housing pigs.

**October 31, 2005:** According to a Wilmington, North Carolina, news source, someone broke into Tregembo Animal Park, beat a prairie dog to death, and threw the animal into the enclosure housing the lion. The intruder also took six snakes.

**June 29, 2004:** The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to provide a spider monkey, who was being housed alone, with social enrichment.

**May 5, 2004:** The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to provide two camels with adequate shelter from inclement weather and failing to provide a binturong with veterinary care. For a week, the animal hadn’t been able to walk properly.

**February 9, 2004:** The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to trim overgrown hooves on a male aoudad and failing to have a perimeter fence that meets height requirements for dangerous animals.

**December 8, 2003:** The USDA cited Tregembo Animal Park for failing to provide a written program of veterinary care, failing to conduct a veterinary exam for a black leopard who had ocular discharge and was drooling, and failing to provide monkeys with the minimum amount of space required.