



Inspection Report

Houston Interactive Aquarium and Animal Preserve
5440 N Sam Houston Parkway East
Houston, TX 77032

Customer ID: **6002705**
Certificate: **74-C-1129**
Site: 002
Houston Interactive

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 19-JUL-2022

2.40(b)(3)

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Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

Prior to the day of inspection (7/18/22), there was a solitary ground squirrel that was isolated and quarantined away from the rest of the colony due to an active skin condition. However, the animal's skin condition was not reported to the veterinarian until the day after the inspection (7/20/22). Failure of communicating accurate information in a timely manner to the attending veterinarian (AV) could lead to suffering and worsening of the animals' condition. Each exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of veterinary care that, when daily observations are not performed by the AV, a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the AV.

2.134(a)

Contingency planning.

At the time of inspection, the facilities' contingency plan that was available for review was incomplete, whereby it was missing some of the following information: common identifiable emergency situations known to the local area; outlines for specific tasks required to be carried out in response to the identified emergencies or disasters, an identifiable chain of command, along with their name and/or position and their associated response duties; and addressment of how response and recovery will be handled (in terms of materials, resources, and training needed). Should a foreseeable disaster occur,

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an incomplete contingency plan would put the well-being of the facilities' animals at risk if the instructions were not documented and followed, possibly at the expense of their lives. Exhibitors must develop, document, and follow an appropriate plan to provide for the humane handling, treatment, transportation, housing, and care of their animals in the event of an emergency or disaster (one which could be reasonably anticipated and expected to be detrimental to the food, health, and well-being of the animals in their possession).

Correct by: September 2, 2022

3.13(a)(4)

Veterinary care for dogs.

At the time of inspection, the most current Program of Veterinary Care (PVC) for the dog at the facility was incomplete. An incomplete PVC could negatively impact the health and well-being of the animal if the scheduled routine care instructions – from the PVC - are not documented and followed. Each exhibitor must: follow an appropriate PVC for dogs that is developed, documented in writing, maintained, and addresses the requirements of adequate veterinary care, including, but not limited to, preventative care and treatment to ensure healthy and unmatted hair coats, properly trimmed nails, and clean and healthy eyes, ears, skin, and teeth. The facility elected to retire the dog.

3.125(a)

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Facilities, general.

In the outdoor portion of the otter exhibit, there was an exhibition window made of plexiglass – along the main guest pathway – that had two metal pieces lining the top and bottom of the window/glass (approximately 3-4 feet in length and 2-2.5 inches in width). When the inspector rested her arms on the upper metal landing, she had to immediately withdraw her arms as it was very hot to the touch. An infrared gun was then used to check the surface temperature of the metal in the enclosure at the level of the animals, where the readings ranged between 143-147 degrees Fahrenheit, which at

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these temperatures could burn/injure them. The facility must be constructed of such material as appropriate for the animals involved, and the indoor and outdoor facilities must be structurally sound and maintained to protect the animals from injury. The facility corrected the issue during the inspection whereby a piece of wood was placed over the metal landing that the otters had access to.

This inspection, along with an initial exit briefing conducted on July 19, 2022, and a final briefing on August 4, 2022, were all conducted with a facility representative.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	GIRAFFE
000001	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000001	<i>Camelus dromedarius</i>	DROMEDARY CAMEL
000001	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000003	<i>Lama pacos</i>	ALPACA
000001	<i>Hystrix cristata</i>	AFRICAN CRESTED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	WARTHOG
000011	<i>Capra hircus</i>	DOMESTIC GOAT
000003	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000001	<i>Hydrochaeris hydrochaeris</i>	CAPYBARA
000017	<i>Dolichotis patagonum</i>	PATAGONIAN CAVY / MARA
000005	<i>Varecia variegata</i>	BLACK-AND-WHITE RUFFED LEMUR
000011	<i>Lemur catta</i>	RING-TAILED LEMUR
000007	<i>Varecia rubra</i>	RED RUFFED LEMUR
000018	<i>Spermophilus richardsonii</i>	RICHARDSON'S GROUND SQUIRREL
000001	<i>Tamandua tetradactyla</i>	SOUTHERN TAMANDUA
000001	<i>Tolypeutes matacus</i>	SOUTHERN THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO
000002	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000001	<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	WESTERN EUROPEAN HEDGEHOG
000001	<i>Coendou prehensilis</i>	PREHENSILE-TAILED PORCUPINE
000001	<i>Philander opossum</i>	GREY FOUR-EYED OPOSSUM
000005	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000004	<i>Cuniculus paca</i>	LOWLAND PACA
000002	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	ORIENTAL SMALL-CLAWED OTTER
000001	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000003	<i>Potos flavus</i>	KINKAJOU
000002	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000002	<i>Equus asinus asinus</i>	DONKEY / BURRO / ASS
000108	Total	



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