



SeaQuest Holdings, LLC
5759 N. Discovery Way
Boise, ID 83713

CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Alleged Violation: August 26, 2019 through November 13, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 2.131(c)(1) Handling. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

On the following dates, SeaQuest, LLC failed to handle animals with minimal risk of harm to the animal and/or the public; and sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the general public as required.

On August 26, 2019, a guest was bitten by an otter while feeding the animal;

On October 09, 2019, a guest was scratched by a coatimundi. The coatimundi was trying to climb up the leg of the guest who was wearing short pants. The guest received a scratch to her right calf;

On November 11, 2019, a guest and an employee were bitten by a South American Coati ("Gus"). The guest received skin abrasions;

On or about December 27, 2019, during a public interaction, a guest and an employee were bitten by a South American Coati ("Gus"). The guest and employee received skin abrasions;

On September 28, 2021, a guest was bitten by a kinkajou causing a puncture wound to the tip of the finger; and,

On or about November 13, 2021, an Asian Small Clawed otter ("Chip") bit the guest when the guest attempted to hand the otter a toy.

Date of Alleged Violation: June 24, 2021



9 C.F.R. § 2.131(b)(1) Handling of animals. All licensees who maintain wild or exotic animals must demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of the species they maintain. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

SeaQuest, LLC failed to handle animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

During an inspection conducted on November 30, 2021, APHIS officials learned that, on or about June 24, 2021, an employee of the facility closed the door on a flying squirrel. The animal died as a result of its injuries.

Date of Alleged Violation: December 7, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. Structural strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

SeaQuest, LLC failed to construct housing facilities of such material and of such strength appropriate for animals involved.

During an inspection conducted on April 26, 2022, APHIS officials learned that, on December 7, 2021, an enclosure door fell on an otter injuring its right foot. The animal received veterinary care for a dislocated second digit, a fracture of the fifth digit, and a laceration on the main pad of the foot.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$4,500.