

Edward Laquidara dba Animal Adventures

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Animal Adventures, owned by Edward Laquidara, has repeatedly failed to meet minimum standards for the care of animals used in exhibition as established in the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited Edward Laquidara for failing to provide adequate veterinary care, failing to conduct daily observations of animals, failing to maintain enclosures in good repair, failing to provide an artificial cooling method, failing to have effective pest control, failing to have a contingency plan, failing to have an attendant present during public observations, failing to have a perimeter fence, failing to have an effective barrier, and failing to properly store animal food and supplies.

June 24, 2025: The USDA cited Edward Laquidara for failing to provide rabbits housed outdoors with an artificial cooling method in 94-degree weather.

September 12, 2024: The USDA issued Edward Laquidara a direct citation for failing to provide a rabbit with adequate veterinary care. A lethargic rabbit had eye discharge and crusting around his nose, was breathing rapidly, and isolating from the other rabbits in the same enclosure. The crusty material was removed from around the nose, and the rabbit still appeared to be breathing rapidly. Based on the rabbit's condition, this had likely been going on for several days. The facility was unaware; therefore, the attending veterinarian had not been consulted. Laquidara was also cited for failing to have an effective program to control the numerous flies that were

observed in and around the enclosures housing hedgehogs, rats, ferrets, and armadillos. "Flies can transmit diseases and cause discomfort for the animals."

June 3, 2024: The USDA cited Edward Laquidara for failing to maintain the emu enclosure in good repair to protect the animals from injury and restrict other animals from entering. The enclosure had multiple sections of damaged chain-link fencing with exposed sharp wire ends, and the bottom of the fence had pulled up and into the enclosure, leaving an 8- to 12-inch-high gap at the bottom.

June 29, 2023: The USDA cited Edward Laquidara for failing to provide two goats with adequate veterinary care. Both goats had overgrown hooves with curled toes that had not been trimmed when necessary. "Regular hoof trimming prevents overgrowth of hoof wall that leads to abnormal gait, stress on feet and joints, and helps prevent the development of chronic arthritic changes in the limbs." A second citation was issued for failing to note the condition during daily observations. Additionally, Laquidara was cited for failing to update the emergency contingency plan and for not providing training to animal care personnel on the contingency plan.

March 26, 2021: The USDA cited Edward Laquidara for failing to have a responsible, knowledgeable, and readily identifiable employee or attendant present during periods of public contact. A mother and two small children were left unattended in the rabbit enclosure. In addition, Laquidara was cited for failing to have a perimeter fence around a new raccoon enclosure to keep unwanted animals and unauthorized people from gaining access; and failing to store food and bedding that ensured it was not contaminated, bags of extra food and bedding stored in a trailer had been chewed upon, presumably by rodents. In addition,

Laquidara was cited for failing to maintain the monkey enclosure in good repair. Chewed wallboard was present, preventing the proper cleaning and sanitation of the enclosure. Finally, Laquidara was cited for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair for the safety of the animals.

- The North American porcupine enclosure had a wooden den box that was detaching from the wall and created an approximate five-inch gap.
- The Bennett wallaby enclosure's wall had holes and damage.

April 30, 2019: The USDA cited Edward Laquidara for failing to store food in a manner to ensure that the supplies are protected from deterioration or contamination. The food storage trailer had opened bags of food and grain, which spilled onto the floor between the pallets. Additionally, the freezer had accumulated grime and frozen blood at the bottom.

March 2, 2016: The USDA cited Edward Laquidara for failing to provide adequate veterinary care for a rabbit with matted fur, failing to have a primate enrichment plan for all primates present, and failing to have complete acquisition records.

The USDA cited Laquidara for failing to maintain an effective barrier for the Canadian lynx enclosure; the gate to the barrier fence was left open. Additionally, the perimeter fence gate leading to this area was closed by a chain link clasp and required a secure lock to ensure the safety of the animals in this area. Finally, Edward Laquidara was cited for failing to maintain the vervet enclosure in good repair so that it could be readily cleaned and sanitized; and failing to maintain structurally sound enclosures for the safety of the animals.

- In a large room that housed a palm civet and other mammals, there was a small section of damaged wallboard, and a portion of the baseboard was missing,

creating a gap and exposing jagged wallboard. This area cannot be properly cleaned and could be an escape route for smaller animals.

- The kitchen had an approximately six-inch diameter hole in the drop ceiling panel for an approximately one-inch diameter hose to run from the alligator pool to the kitchen sink. The extra space could allow animals to escape or other animals to gain entry.

May 1, 2013: The USDA cited Edward Laquidara for failing to maintain records of acquisition and disposition for all animals. No documentation was available for ten ferrets who were no longer at the facility and six degus who had been acquired. Laquidara was also cited for failing to maintain the Formica kitchen counter, which was missing a piece, exposing bare substrate and making it difficult to properly clean; and failing to maintain enclosures in good repair to protect the animals and contain them.

- There was a hole in the edge of the roof line within the fox enclosure.
- Though the windows were open in the animal barn, there were no screens in the windows. The barn housed coatimundis, ring-tailed lemurs, a marmoset, ferrets, sugar gliders, and other animals. "Should the animals escape from their primary enclosures they could easily escape through the building. This also allows for unwanted animals to enter the barn with ease."

February 17, 2011: The USDA cited Edward Laquidara for failing to store food and bedding in a manner that adequately protected them against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin. The freezers in the food prep area had rust, and a section had no paint where rusty metal was exposed.