



Inspection Report

Larry Wallach
551 Veterans Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Customer ID: **2134**
Certificate: **21-C-0069**
Site: 002
Larry Wallach

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 12-APR-2023

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Handling of animals.

At the time of inspection an employee was seen improperly handling a juvenile kangaroo during feeding. The inspector observed the nursing joey was being held horizontally on its back, which is contraindicated for feeding this species. Improper positioning of the animal while feeding milk replacement formula to marsupials can lead to aspiration and accompanying aspiration pneumonia.

Additionally, in a video posted to social media, a clip showed 10+ persons free roaming inside the sloth exhibit. There was excessive noise caused by loud speaking volumes of both children and adults. Loud noises are known to cause stress in sloths. An exhibited sloth was shown to be grabbing with its claws towards a person's repeated finger pointing and nearly touching the sloth. The sloth was attempting to bite with an open mouth, and its hair was "puffed up," as mentioned by the filmmaker. The filmmaker was also pointing and moving their hand towards the sloth. Sloth behaviors such as these can be indicative of behavioral stress and discomfort and could potentially harm members of the public.

Handling of all animals shall be done as carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. Correct by 5/12/2023.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	RED KANGAROO
000002	<i>Choloepus hoffmanni</i>	HOFFMANN'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000005	<i>Choloepus didactylus</i>	LINNAEUS'S TWO-TOED SLOTH
000001	<i>Macropus giganteus</i>	EASTERN GREY KANGAROO
000007	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	SUGAR GLIDER
000002	<i>Chinchilla lanigera</i>	CHINCHILLA
000002	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000020	Total	