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I would like to see the complete list of animals that the Woodbridge department of health and human services would have on file, for Seagrest, not just the approximate list. In addition I would like to see any updated correspondence, inspections, incident reports, police reports, communications etc. since 1-24-20.

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BUJALSKI, PHILLIP

From: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:26 AM
To: 'ronsluv95@verizon.net'
Subject: RE: SeaQuest

Dear Ms. Morgan,

As per Mr. James Bereheiko of Mall Management (this morning), SeaQuest has employees attending to their livestock every day. If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Bereheiko accordingly.

Thank you. Phil

From: Denise Morgan [<mailto:ronsluv95@verizon.net>]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2020 8:43 AM
To: WBMAYOR
Subject: SeaQuest

Good Morning,

I am inquiring about the animals housed at SeaQuest. I have left a few messages for Detective Slossberg and she has not returned them. I was hoping to get an update on their condition. We do have sanctuaries waiting to rescue them.

Thank you for your time.

Denise Morgan
732-525-9536

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

02/26/2020

9:28 AM

WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP
RESIDENT SERVICES SYSTEM

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICE REQUEST NUMBER C0020048

Date/Time...:02/18/2020 9:59 am Taken by...:a.ristaino
Inspector...:PHILIP BUJALSKI On call...:no

Service.....:58 INDOOR AIR QUALITY/MOLD/SICK BLD SYN

Name.....:Seaquest
Address...:101 WOODBRIDGE CENTER DR., WOODBRIDGE, NJ -
Town.....:WOODBIDGE
Block.....: Lot(s).....:
Day phone.:
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Contact....:

Complainant:Carolyn Baris
Phone.....:
Address.....:
Town.....:

Comments:

See attached complaint.
Specifically: Complainant stating odors and unsanitary conditions
at SeaQuest via email (see attached).

2/18/20: Visited site. Met with general Manager Braden Albertoni.
Identified myself and the purpose of my visit. Walked the
designated pathway from store entrance counter clockwise. At apx
one third the way around, I detected an odor that was stronger than
any other location in the facility and shared that observation with
Mr. A. and that it was of a degree that I feel needs to be
mitigated.

As to the second of the two concerns expressed in the email that
pretain to our Division, outside the Sting Ray exhibit is a coin
operated (gum ball like) machine that dispenses plastic eggs that
contain little raw shrimps which patrons can feed to the Rays. The
egg shells (two parts that snap together/open) are
deposited/collected in a bucket next to this station. Mr. B. stated
that these egg pieces are cleaned and sanitized (bleach) before
being put back into use.

Mr. B. showed me the new handwash signs they ordered, some of which
have yet to be installed. We discussed my suggestion that another
handwash sign be displayed in a particularly conspicuous manner
for patrons nearing the exit.

From: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 9:41 AM
To: GREEN, DENNIS <dennis.green@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>

Cc: CIMILLUCA, VITO <vito.cimilluca@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>; HAGERTY, JOHN <john.hagerty@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>
Subject: FW: SeaQuest Follow Up

Dennis,

I visited SeaQuest last week (2/18/20) in response to an email complaint. I met with the General Manager (Mr. Albertoni ? see below) and shared with him the nature of the complaint and conducted a walk-through of the site with him. I checked for odors, reviewed procedure for customers feeding the sting rays, reviewed handwashing/hand sanitizer availability, related signage and status of duck exhibit re-modeling to keep the ducks cordoned off from interacting with patrons.

The results of my visit were:

- I detected an odor at a particular section of the facility which I identified to Mr. Albertoni and to which he agreed to mitigate (see below).
- I confirmed that there are eight hand wash stations and numerous hand sanitizer stations throughout the facility. We discussed the importance of hand washing/hand sanitizing means, having employee escorts of patrons into interactive exhibits directed patrons to wash their hands after exiting as a manner of s.o.p. and posting related hand wash signage at strategic areas through-out the site. I suggested the addition of a hand wash sign at the snack stand and at the exit area. Mr. Albertoni agreed.
- The Duck exhibit was in the process of having a cordoning off structure installed to keep the Ducks from leaving the exhibit and interacting with patrons.

Yesterday, while on business in another area of the mall, I stopped in to SeaQuest for an update on my visit last week.

The results of yesterday's visit were:

- The odor that I detected last week in a particular area was notably decreased.
- There were additional hand sanitizers in place.
- The Duck exhibit cordoning off system was completed (see attached pictures).
- A check of the hand wash stations revealed that they had hot/cold water, paper towels, and soap.
- A check of the hand sanitizers revealed that they dispensed sanitizer upon activation.
- Additional hand wash signage for the exit and snack stand not yet present.

I observed no other adverse conditions than the odor in a particular section (that was notably decreased) at the time of my visit yesterday.

I also asked management to send me an email as to their mitigation work on the noted odor as to identifying the source and the method of mitigation.

Phil Bujalski
Chief REHS/Deputy Health Director
Woodbridge Health Department
732-855-0600 x 5001

From: Brayden Albertoni <brayden.albertoni@visitsequest.com>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 2:55 PM
To: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP <phil.bujalski@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>
Cc: Dennis Ferreira <dennis.ferreira@visitsequest.com>
Subject: SeaQuest Follow Up

Hello Phil,

To follow up from your last visit. The duck exhibit has finished being revamped and has the new ropes up so guests can touch where the ducks would possibly defecate. See attached pictures below.

We will also be getting a "Did you wash your hands?" sign near the exit of the aquarium.

We are also continuously cleaning and performing regularly scheduled deep cleaning duties to cut back on any smells. Also I have attached Dennis, he will be taking over as General Manager of our location. We will make sure he has a chance to meet with you before I leave in April.

Please let me know if there is any other information you need.

Regards,
Brayden Albertoni
General Manager, SeaQuest Woodbridge, NJ
woodbridge.visitsequest.com

Disposition: N

Close date:

----- Original message -----

From: Carolyn Baris <carolynbaris@gmail.com>

Date: 2/17/20 3:27 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "SLOSSBERG, JOELLE" <joelle.slossberg@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>

Cc: "MCCORMAC, JOHN" <john.mccormac@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>, WB MAYOR

<WB MAYOR@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>, exoticpermits@dep.nj.gov,

njfishandwildlife@dep.nj.gov, "CAMPIONE, HEATHER"

<heather.campione@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>, "MITCH, JOHN"

<john.mitch@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>, "KUZMA, SCOTT"

<SCOTT.KUZMA@twp.woodbridge.nj.us>

Subject: Chickens and Hairless Guinea Pigs at SeaQuest Woodbridge

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To whom it may concern,

I went to see SeaQuest for myself on Friday 2/14. The smell is beyond anything I was prepared for. If hits you in the face like a wave.

While I was there I noticed that one of the chickens seem to be acting strangely compared to the other three. I also noticed that the fourth chicken (which I've seen pictures of on Facebook) was not around. After waiting for some time and observing with certainty that the grey chicken was behaving oddly, I realized I was not going to find any staff walking by. I went to the cat enclosure and asked the attendant there to find somebody to help assess this chicken (who seemed to be unable to see and/or smell). The animal husbandry employee who came over to examine the chicken determined that there was in fact something covering her face and she needed to go to the back room for treatment. She said that the goop on her face might be related to a guest giving her a ham sandwich earlier in the day, so she could also have an upset stomach from that and may just not be interested in eating. She told me that the fourth chicken was in their coop in the back. According to this website <https://www.westword.com/news/seaquest-aquarium-operating-without-a-license-in-littleton-colorado-investigation-ongoing-10607943> it was discovered that at other locations there were insufficient and unsafe conditions in the back room for the animals. Who is following up to make sure that the animals that go into these areas are being taken care of appropriately and have sufficient housing available for them? Two ducks have never returned to the main floor as well. Are they also in this back room? I find it hard to believe that they had time to build all these enclosures, in the front as well as safe quarantine and recovery habitats for these animals in the back, in the mere three months that they've been operational, considering that they had cats and otters being kept in bathrooms prior to opening.

I also found it odd that when I went to feed the rays and the machine didn't work, I had to go all the way to the front of the store two times to find an employee to help me. There was nobody once again supervising any of the tanks or what anybody was doing near them. They have defrosting shrimp in the plastic eggs inside of the kind of machine you normally see filled with toys at the diner. How is this sanitary? Also I thought that you were supposed to wash your hands prior to touching any of the exhibits, in between touching any of the exhibits, and after touching any of them, but the only time somebody mentioned that I might want to wash my hands was after the person helped me with the machine and we were touching the decomposing shrimp.

I am confused by the fact that I was allowed to touch these animals since according to the Department of Environmental Protection regulations (see link below) in NJ it is prohibited to touch some of these animals.

https://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/exotic_theatric_nonresapp.pdf

So just like Dave & Buster's was given special permission to allow drinking while playing games (which isn't normally legal outside of Atlantic City), did SeaQuest receive some sort of special permission from the state to allow this?

When I went to the back, I noticed one of the skinny pigs, the one with a single small pink mark on his back, was behaving oddly, hiding in the wooden box and limping (see attached video). The same animal husbandry employee who removed the chicken came over and carried that skinny pig to the back as well.

My friend went there yesterday, 2/16 and did not see that skinny pig who limped and also had to report that a second skinny pig seemed to be injured and was showing extreme respiratory distress.

If the vet was there Saturday for only four hours, how did he manage to properly and thoroughly examine all 1,200 animals? Who ensures that these animals receive proper treatment on a daily basis when the vet is not there? I would think that a vet would need to be called, in order to assess an animal that was limping so severely, and one that was having such difficulty breathing.

My friend also took a video of the chickens and did not see the fourth chicken. But now white chicken seems to be injured and is holding its wing in an odd position.

I wasn't sure who could answer all of these questions and concerns so I sent this to everyone with whom I have spoken with about SeaQuest prior to now.

thank you for your prompt response to my concerns,

Carolyn

<skinny pig 2-14.MOV>

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<skinny pigs 2-16.mov>

BUJALSKI, PHILLIP

From: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 5:50 PM
To: 'Denise Morgan'
Subject: RE: duck

Hello Ms. Morgan!

I don't know for certain, but I would suggest contacting one or more the following agencies who we arranged to accompany us to the site last month (1/7/20):

- State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health 609-406-6936
- United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Animal Care Division 603-213-2580.
- State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife ("Permit Biologists") 609-984-6213.
Email: EXOTICPERMITS@dep.nj.gov

Respectfully,

Phil Bujalski
Chief REHS
Woodbridge Township Health Department
2 George Frederick Plaza
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
732-855-0600 x 5001

From: Denise Morgan [<mailto:wellnessfrommorgan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2020 4:52 PM
To: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP
Subject: duck

Hi Phil,

Who do we OPRA to find out what happened with the injured duck. As far as veterinary care is concerned?

Thank you

Denise Morgan
FB Morgan Vegan OR
Wellness from Morgan

Co-Founder Jammin for Jaclyn
Next event April 25th, 2020
732-525-9536

BUJALSKI, PHILLIP

From: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 3:48 PM
To: 'Denise Morgan'
Cc: MORONE, VALERI
Subject: RE: Seaquest

Ms. Morgan,
SeaQuest Management has confirmed to me today that they are currently in the process of evaluating a method for installing a physical barrier to keep the Ducks cordoned off so they can't poop where patrons can easily come in contact with.
They have agreed to keep me posted as to the related developments on this and that this is considered a priority. Thanks. Phil

From: Denise Morgan [<mailto:wellnessfrommorgan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 3:38 PM
To: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP
Subject: Re: Seaquest

Sorry one more thing while I have you. There was an issue that they had to fix in the duck pond. The rocks where the ducks can stand and "poop" can be touched by patrons. That is extremely unsanitary and I believe it was supposed to be changed/fixed in August. It still has not been touched.

On Mon, Jan 27, 2020, 4:43 PM Denise Morgan <wellnessfrommorgan@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi,
Thanks for speaking with us on Friday. I know Valeri forwarded you pictures etc, but I also had a question. Who exactly keeps track of the health and safety of the animals what are NOT exotic? Like for instance the ducks and cats?
Also, where would we find a "master" list of the animals still at the location at any given time?
What exactly would your agency check on?
Sorry so many questions
Hope you are having a wonderful day.
Denise 732-525-9536

BUJALSKI, PHILLIP

From: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 3:07 PM
To: 'Denise Morgan'
Cc: MORONE, VALERI
Subject: RE: Seaquest
Attachments: 4777_001.pdf

Hello Ms. Morgan!

Please see the answers (to the best of my knowledge) to your questions below:

Thank you.

Phil Bujalski
Chief REHS/Deputy Director of Health
Woodbridge Township Health Department
732-855-0600 x 5001

From: Denise Morgan [<mailto:wellnessfrommorgan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 4:43 PM
To: BUJALSKI, PHILLIP
Subject: Seaquest

Hi,
Thanks for speaking with us on Friday.
Our pleasure.

I know Valeri forwarded you pictures etc, but I also had a question. Who exactly keeps track of the health and safety of the animals what are NOT exotic? Like for instance the ducks and cats?

SeaQuest's licensed Veterinarian and the SeaQuest Management and staff, State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health (I believe I gave you their main contact phone #).

SeaQuest keeps records of this which were reviewed by the appropriate NJ State agencies at our Multi-Agency visit there on 1/7/20.

Please see the attached for additional Agency oversight with respect to Animal Health.

I have contacted one of the SeaQuest managers about repairing the wall that is chipping from the Ducks pecking. They are in the process of repairing this. I will continue to follow this up with a visit to confirm the repair is completed.

Also, where would we find a "master" list of the animals still at the location at any given time?

I do not know for certain, but it would seem it would be some combination of SeaQuest itself and the NJ Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife who issues "permits" for certain species of animals (see attached sample permit). To that end, I do not know if either of these are obligated to provide such a list to anyone.

What exactly would your agency check on?

General sanitation (important distinction to note that they are not a "Pet Shop").

Sorry so many questions

No problem.

Hope you are having a wonderful day.

Likewise!

Denise 732-525-9536