

The American Sanctuary Association
Field Evaluation

Name of sanctuary: _____

Date: _____

Report submitted by: _____

Staff, Volunteers

1. Do staff and the director have training and/or experience necessary for the proper care of animals?
2. Do staff members have a clear understanding of their job?
3. Is the training provided for staff and volunteers seem adequate?
4. Does staff use training and discipline tools and equipment? If so, please describe.
5. Describe the staff's relationship with the animals.

Financial

6. Does the financial support appear to be adequate to meet the needs of the institution?

General Facilities

7. Does the location of the sanctuary pose any unique problems (natural or manmade disasters, problems with neighbors)?
8. Are animal facilities and buildings well maintained?
9. Is the heating and air conditioning adequate for the species housed and the local climate?
10. Is outdoor lighting adequate?
11. Is the plumbing adequate?
12. Are water supplies adequate, and is potable water available?
13. Are the grounds clean and neat?

14. Does the pest control program appear adequate, environmentally friendly, and humane?

Wastes

15. Is the method for disposal of sewage and toxic/hazardous materials adequate?

16. Are there adequate provisions for the proper storage and disposal of garbage and animal wastes?

Animal Use Policies

17. Does the sanctuary use animals for any commercial purpose?

18. Does the sanctuary allow public contact with the animals?

19. Does the sanctuary use animals in off-site education programs (shopping malls, sporting events, schools, parades, theatrical productions, etc.)?

20. Does the sanctuary allow the public to feed the animals?

21. Is the sanctuary open to the public? If so, is admission charged, what hours are they open, and are the animals afforded privacy? Does a protective fence adequately separate animals and visitors and are visitors supervised?

Veterinary Medical and First Aid

22. Are first-aid supplies available to the staff, and is the staff trained in first aid?

23. Is a qualified veterinarian available? Indicate the frequency of veterinary visits and the distance the veterinarian is located from the sanctuary.

24. Does veterinary care appear adequate?

25. Does the sanctuary have appropriate quarantine facilities for newly arrived or sick/injured animals?

26. Does the sanctuary utilize M99, M50-50, or other controlled drugs? If yes, are appropriate protocols established for the use of such drugs if a veterinarian is not present, and are the drugs stored in a safe?

29. Does the sanctuary normally perform necropsies and maintain appropriate records on the health of the animals?

Emergency Systems and Security

30. Is the sanctuary's emergency system adequate in the event an animal or human is injured?

31. Are emergency procedures written and is staff adequately trained?
32. Describe the perimeter fencing and safety / security measures to prevent both escapes and intruders?
33. Is the local fire department aware of the sanctuary and are emergency services readily available?
34. Are fire extinguishers and alarms available and maintained in good working order, and is the staff trained in their use?
35. Are animal records protected from fire, flood, and other natural hazards?
36. Does the security program provide adequate protection, and is protection provided 24 hours each day?
37. Is the staff adequately trained in the use of capture equipment and is it readily available to the staff?
38. Describe the type of capture equipment available.

Enclosures and Animal Care

39. Are there adequate procedures for servicing enclosures without causing danger to the staff?
40. Are enclosures of sufficient size and strength to prevent escapes?
41. Are enclosures spacious enough to provide a high quality life for the animals?
42. Do the enclosures provide for the well-being of the animals throughout the year? For example, proper shelter from inclement weather, heat, sun exposure, etc.
43. Do the animals appear to be in good health? For example, are they active, alert, appear to be well fed, have a shiny coat, an absence of injuries or bite wounds, and are their eyes bright and clear?
44. Are animal diets prepared and stored hygienically, and of adequate quantity and quality, and suitable for the species?
45. Is the food preparation area adequate and clean? Is refrigeration and freezer space sufficient?
46. Are the animal's socio-biological needs being met? Is there an enrichment protocol that is in writing and posted for all staff, and is it implemented on a weekly basis?

- 47. Are enclosures clean, well maintained, and in good repair?
- 48. Are enclosure substrates and “furniture” appropriate for the behavior needs of the animals?
- 49. Do the animals have plenty of stimulus and activity to fill their waking hours?

Animal Acquisition and Disposition

- 50. Is there a responsible attitude and policy in the acquisition and management of new animal rescue cases?
- 51. Did you observe infant or young animals, and was there an explanation given?
- 52. Have any of the sanctuary animals been bought? If so, please explain.

Rehabilitation

- 53. Does the sanctuary provide interim care for rescued animals?
- 54. If the sanctuary is involved in rehabilitation and release, do they have suitable release sites?

Miscellaneous

- 55. Is there an adequate system for gathering and preserving data on sanctuary animals?
- 56. If the sanctuary has a USDA license, please review the last two USDA inspection reports.