PETTING ZOOS

A traveling Petting Zoo which exhibits regulated animals must meet the applicable regulations and standards.

Conducting the Inspection

When inspecting a traveling petting zoo, make sure that the petting zoo meets all the applicable regulations, standards and policies. (See Section 8.9 - Specific Types of Inspections - Petting Zoo Inspection)

For a traveling petting zoo, some additional areas to pay special attention to include, but are not limited to:

- health and well-being of the animals
- public barriers when appropriate
- enclosure fencing to protect the animals
- presence of a perimeter fence if required
- safe exhibition of young animals, such as lions, tigers, bears, rabbits or goats
- rest areas to allow animals to get away from the public
- food used for public feeding, if applicable
- protective measures for climatic conditions
- shelter and shade for the environmental conditions
- availability of drinking water
- contingency plan for providing veterinary care if an animal becomes sick or is injured on the road
- enclosures and vehicles used to transport the animals
- security measures in place if animals left overnight
- measures to prevent disease transmission to the public.
 Note: See CDC recommendations on page 17.12.3.

REMEMBER the following housing restrictions:

- hamsters may not be housed in outdoor facilities
- guinea pigs may not be housed in outdoor facilities, UNLESS prior approval has been obtained from the Regional Director
- rabbits may not be housed in the same primary enclosure with any other species.

NOTE: If you have questions or are unsure about a situation, use your professional judgment, call your SACS and/or see the

| Inspection | On-the-Road Inspection |
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| Report | When completing the inspection report in LARIS, be sure to enter |
| | the inspection in the "TRA" site if the exhibitor is on-the-road, |
| | NOT at the home site. |
| | If there is not a "TRA" site in LARIS, complete the inspection using the word-processing inspection report. Then follow the procedure on page 7.1.2. |
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On the inspection report in the narrative section, put:

appropriate Section of this Guide.

- the location, i.e., city and State, of the inspection
- the name of the circus, unit or group if the exhibitor is part of a circus or traveling group

Follow-Up

If noncompliances are identified and a follow-up inspection is required, be sure to:

- obtain an itinerary from the exhibitor
- discuss with your SACS who will contact the next inspector

17.12.2 ANIMAL CARE