

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING  
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**CASE NUMBER:**  
TX11473-AC

**VIOLATOR:**  
Center for Animal Research &  
Education, Inc.

**ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):**  
245 County Road 3422  
Bridgeport, TX 76426

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

**Date of Violation: May 15, 2011**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.131(c)(1)** Handling of animals. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and /or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public.

You failed to provide sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animals and the general viewing public. On the above date, a member of the public was able to place her finger on or within the fence of an enclosure housing a lion.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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