

Vendor information questionnaire for zoo records

Vendor Profile: _____

Questions	Score
(1=unacceptable, 2=poor, 3=adequate, 4= good, 5=exceeds standards)	
1. Facilities	
a. Cleaning: Is the facility tidy and organized? Is the facility clean? Is waste material removed regularly? Is there accumulation of other waste?	
b. Air Quality: Are there strong odors? Are ammonia concentrations within acceptable limits?	
c. Structures: Are the buildings structurally sound? Have provisions been made for temperature control and protection from the elements?	
d. Pest Control: Does the facility have other animals (feeder or non-feeder) that could potentially introduce disease to the zoo population? Are the facilities free of vermin and non-prey species? Is there evidence of pests (feces, etc.)?	
2. Enclosures	
a. Housing materials: Is there any rust or scaling on cages? If floors are mesh, is mesh an appropriate size to avoid injury to animals?	
b. Space and design: Do animals have sufficient space to move around? Are nest boxes provided for young animals?	
3. Animal Care	
a. Feeding: Are the animals provided with fresh water and species-appropriate food? Are dishes and water lines kept clean? Is any variety provided in the animal diets (e.g. loose hay)?	
b. Medical care: Are animals clean and free from apparent disease (diarrhea/ear mites/etc.)? Are injured or sick animals appropriately cared for or humanely euthanized?	
c. General care: Do animals appear well-groomed? Are nails or teeth on breeding animals overgrown?	
d. Behavior: Do animals show any visible signs of distress such as self-mutilation, overgrooming, pacing, or other stereotypic behaviors? Is there any noticeable hair/feather loss?	
4. Euthanasia: Do methods of euthanasia comply with AVMA (2013) requirements? Is euthanasia equipment well-maintained and sanitized?	
5. Business Practices	
a. Transparency: Overall, is the business open about sharing their practices and procedures? Are their credible references this business is willing to share (new vendors only)? Have there been any credible complaints against this business?	
b. Improvement: Do their management practices demonstrate a thoughtful intention to improve animal welfare? How willing are they to consider suggested improvements?	
Total Score	

*Approved vendors must not have any unacceptable scores, and must have a minimum total score of 48 (average of 3.7 per category)