

<p>QUALIFIED HANDLERS</p>	<p>Any person handling animals, especially dangerous animals, should have adequate experience, training and knowledge to handle the animals. [2.131, 3.108]</p>
<p>Criteria</p>	<p>Experience and Training Exhibitors must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of any wild or exotic animals that they maintain • ensure that any animal handler has adequate experience, training and knowledge to handle the animals <p>The animal handler should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have experience involving the species he/she will be exhibiting • be able to apply his/her knowledge to the safe exhibition of the animal(s) • have demonstrable knowledge and skill in currently accepted professional standards and techniques in animal training and handling • be able to distinguish between normal and abnormal behavior in the animals • be able to recognize signs of behavioral stress in the animals <p>NOTE: Interim or temporary employees or volunteers, such as local residents, working around the animals may only perform tasks for which they have been properly trained and must be under the supervision of a trained, qualified individual.</p>
<p>Species Specific</p>	<p>Marine Mammals Any employees or attendant working with marine mammals must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be adequately trained • successfully complete a training course which includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ species appropriate husbandry techniques ➤ animal handling techniques ➤ information on proper reporting procedures, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> recordkeeping <input type="checkbox"/> notification of veterinary staff for medical

	<p style="text-align: center;">concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be under the supervision of a marine mammal caretaker with demonstrable experience in marine mammal husbandry and care <p>Trainers and handlers must meet professionally recognized standards for experience and training.</p>
<p>Inspection Procedure</p>	<p>During the inspection, you should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• review the training and experience of anyone handling the animals• watch a training session, demonstration or show, if possible <p>NOTE: If you have concerns about the handling of the animals when you are not present, you may want to observe a demonstration or show prior to announcing your presence.</p>