

Michael Todd

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Michael Todd, owner of All Things Wild County Line Farms & Ponies (aka “All Things Wild,” “Todd’s Pony & Hay Rides,” “White Tiger Discovery,” and “Royal White Tiger Discovery”), has failed to meet minimum standards for the care of animals used in exhibitions as established by the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cited Todd repeatedly for failing to have sufficient barriers between the public and tigers and failing to demonstrate that the employees handling the tigers had adequate experience and knowledge of large felids, endangering the lives of the animals and the public. He has also been cited for failing to provide animals with proper veterinary care and failing to provide tigers with a diet of sufficient nutritive value. In February 2014, he purchased white tigers from Marcus Cook—whose USDA license was permanently revoked after he was charged with nearly 100 violations of the AWA. Violations included endangering the lives of animals and the public, keeping animals in filthy enclosures, and denying animals adequate nutrition and veterinary care. Because his license has been revoked, Cook can’t legally exhibit animals, but he has been exhibiting tigers as Todd’s employee. By working with Cook, Todd has been complicit in attempting to circumvent the USDA’s enforcement action. Todd also continued to hold the tigers at Cook’s location in Kaufman, Texas, when not transporting them around the country, without obtaining the requisite approval from the USDA.

August 21, 2017: The USDA cited Michael Todd for purchasing a camel from an unlicensed source and failing to repair a damaged portion of the loading ramp on a trailer, which exposed a gap that could potentially cause the animals to become injured.

June 8, 2017: The USDA cited Michael Todd for a repeat violation for failing to submit a travel itinerary.

April 20, 2017: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany officials during an inspection and for a repeat violation for failing to submit a travel itinerary.

October 18, 2016: The USDA issued a repeat citation to Michael Todd for failing to submit a travel itinerary.

October 12, 2016: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to allow all the inspectors onto the Kaufman, Texas, property. When three officials arrived there, they were met by Marcus Cook, who offered to allow two of them onto the property with his lawyer’s approval. This was considered a refusal since neither licensees nor their employees can choose which officials they allow to conduct an inspection.

April 28, 2016: The USDA cited Michael Todd again for failing to submit an itinerary prior to traveling with animals and for housing tigers at a facility in Kaufman, Texas, that didn’t comply with the AWA. He was also cited for failing to have complete programs of veterinary care for the animals, failing to provide information confirming the employment of two attendants, and failing to provide proof of sufficient vitamin supplementation for the tigers.

May 16, 2015: The USDA cited Michael Todd again for failing to submit an itinerary

prior to traveling with animals and for housing tigers at a facility in Kaufman, Texas, that didn't comply with the AWA.

April 3, 2015: According to records obtained from the New York State Department of Financial Services, the company that Michael Todd claimed to be insured by—"The Seacoast Agency," supposedly based in New York—doesn't exist, prompting the department to refer the matter for criminal investigation.

November 3, 2014: The USDA cited Michael Todd while traveling in Hondo, Texas, for a repeat violation for failing to demonstrate that the employees handling the tigers had adequate experience or knowledge of large felids, which can endanger the lives of the animals as well as the public. In addition, Todd was cited for failing to submit an itinerary prior to traveling with animals and for housing tigers at a facility in Kaufman, Texas, that didn't comply with the AWA.

October 7, 2014: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany USDA officials during an inspection.

August 20, 2014: The USDA cited Michael Todd for two repeat violations while at the Central States Fair in Rapid City, South Dakota, for failing to have sufficient distance and barriers between the public and the tigers while the public was allowed to feed the tigers and failing to submit an itinerary prior to traveling with animals.

July 11, 2014: The USDA cited Michael Todd while at the Stephenson County Fair in Freeport, Illinois, for keeping a trailer used to transport a camel in disrepair. The roof had multiple holes and areas of sharp, jagged metal protruding that were directly accessible to the camel and could cause injuries.

July 7, 2014: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany USDA officials during an inspection.

June 6, 2014: The USDA cited Michael Todd for two repeat violations while at a festival in Lee's Summit, Missouri, for failing to have sufficient distance and barriers between the public and the tigers while the public was allowed to feed the tigers and failing to demonstrate that the employees handling the tigers had adequate experience or knowledge of large felids. An administrative law judge ruled that one of the attendants present didn't have the knowledge and experience to handle large felids and that the attendant had violated the AWA in the past when handling large felids. In addition, Todd was cited for failing to provide the tigers with a diet of sufficient nutritive value, using a nutritional supplement for the tigers that didn't have a label with the supplement name or dosing instructions, and failing to submit an itinerary prior to traveling with animals.

June 6, 2013: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have proper drainage in the pasture holding the camels. A large area of mud and standing water was present in the same end of the pasture as the drinking water, requiring the camels to walk through the mud and standing water to access the drinking water.

July 26, 2012: The USDA cited Michael Todd for keeping expired medications, failing to label medications properly, and having medications on site that weren't approved by the veterinarian for use in large felids. He was also cited for failing to have caretakers who were properly experienced and knowledgeable in handling large felids. The large carnivore supervisor, who is involved in training employees, was ruled by an administrative law judge to have violated the AWA in the past when handling large

felids. In addition, Todd was cited for failing to maintain enclosures in good repair, including one with loose floor coverings and another with rusted, jagged metal edges. He was also cited for having three enclosures that weren't adequately constructed to contain the tigers and prevent escapes.

June 8, 2012: The USDA cited Michael Todd while at the Wichita Riverfest in Wichita, Kansas, for housing tigers at a facility in Kaufman, Texas, that had not been inspected to comply with the AWA. He was also cited for failing to provide the USDA with information regarding this Texas facility, including employee information and a copy of the lease of the property. Two tigers under Todd's USDA license were knowingly being exhibited by Marcus Cook, whose USDA license had been revoked.

April 22, 2012: The USDA cited Michael Todd while traveling for housing tigers at a facility in Kaufman, Texas, that had not been inspected to comply with the AWA. He was also cited for failing to have sufficient distance and barriers between the public and the tigers while the public was allowed to feed the tigers. The barrier was constructed in a manner that could allow a small child to reach into the enclosure.

April 11, 2012: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany USDA officials during an inspection.

November 3, 2011: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have a perimeter fence around the pasture holding two camels.

October 18, 2011: The USDA cited Michael Todd while at Didier Farms in Lincolnshire, Illinois, for failing to have acquisition, disposition, and veterinary-care records on site.

August 10, 2011: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany USDA officials during an inspection.

June 1, 2011: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany USDA officials during an inspection.

November 22, 2010: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to maintain proper inventory records.

November 4, 2010: The USDA issued an official warning to Michael Todd for violations of the AWA, including failing to provide a male goat—who had extremely overgrown hooves that were folding beneath his feet and beginning to crack—with proper veterinary care and failing to clean water receptacles that contained excessive amounts of algae.

September 9, 2010: The USDA cited Michael Todd for two repeat violations for failing to provide a goat who had excessively long hooves with proper veterinary care and failing to clean water receptacles properly. They contained excessive amounts of algae.

August 18, 2010: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to provide a goat with proper veterinary care. The animal had extremely overgrown hooves that had folded beneath the feet and begun to crack, causing the goat to have difficulty walking. Todd was also cited for failing to clean water receptacles that contained excessive amounts of algae, failing to keep the food-storage area clean, and failing to control flies in a barn housing animals.

July 12, 2010: The USDA cited Michael Todd for failing to have a responsible adult available to accompany USDA officials during an inspection.