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Buttonwood Park Zoo  
425 Hawthorn Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

**CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY**

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

**Date of Violation: January 2, 2014**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.131(b)(1)** Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

You failed to handle at least one (1) of the animals in your care as expeditiously and carefully as possible to prevent excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort. You failed to secure an access door in a heated elephant barn leading to an outdoor exhibit space, which allowed a female, Asian elephant (“Ruth”) to venture outside during a snow storm with below freezing temperatures. The elephant suffered injuries to its ear(s), vulva, tail, and extremities.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$777.