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ANIMAL NEGLECT/CRUELTY INVESTIGATION UPDATE

Since initial inspections of possible animal neglect/cruelty at Global Captive Breeders, Animal Friends of the Valleys, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), Marin Humane Society, and other animal control agencies from around the United States have been working continuously to identify, catalog, and assess the health and wellbeing of the company's animals.

As of noon today, approximately 600 reptiles and 18,400 rodents have been identified and assessed by a team of veterinary experts, rat and reptile specialists, and animal cruelty investigation professionals. Willa Bagwell (Executive Director of Animal Friends of the Valleys) stated "we are continuing to inventory and evaluate the rodent population. The reptile counts have been confirmed and we continue to assess their situation as well."

Upon entrance to the building, inspectors identified a dire situation. According to Willa Bagwell, "what we saw was horrific animal conditions involving thousands of dead animals in various states of decay as well as dying in their enclosures. In my 25 years of conducting animal control this is the most horrific case of animal cruelty, neglect, and suffering that I have encountered."

For further information, please contact Justin Carlson (Management Analyst) or Virginia Bloom (City Clerk) (951) 674-3124.

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Business Hours: Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm.

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The City of Lake Elsinore features Southern California's largest natural freshwater lake. The City's current population is estimated at 53,024. The City's brand and slogan, "Dream Extreme," exemplify the scenic beauty and active life style of this 124 year old boom town. Visitors and residents enjoy water sports such as skiing, power boating and fishing, world-class sky diving drop zone and thermals, a regional motocross track, professional baseball, an 18 hole golf course, outlet shops, plus dining and entertainment in Historic Downtown. The City's Web site is www.lake-elsinore.org.