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Over the past year there has been negative press and false information released about Otters and Others Zoo and Conservation and its employees. In the spirit of transparency we would like to fully address these concerns. As our team was working to create Otters and Others multiple individuals have worked to acquire our site, our animals, upgrade care facilities, set up educational programming and opportunities for public engagement and procure new animals for education and conservation purposes. During this process there were hiccups in procedures. Volunteers were not legally trained and failed to comply with all paperwork requirements regarding some animals. This caused confusion and unfortunately a lot of stress and concern in the community. We deeply apologize for the pain that this has caused and appreciate the care and concern for our animals. Otters and Others Zoo and Conservation has worked tirelessly with our Board of Directors, our employees and affiliates to recognize these problems and address them fully. At no time were animals in Otters and Others care mistreated or in danger.

We are excited to announce that Otters and Others is now a registered by the state of Utah as a nonprofit corporation. Otters and Others is certified and in compliance with the USDA certified licenses as required. Otters and Others works closely with the Utah Department of Wildlife Services and Wildlife Fish and Game to get in and remain in compliance with all needed paperwork and ensure the health and protection of our animals.

Otters and Others makes the health and safety of our animals and our guests our top priority. Otters and Others Zoo and Conservation has Safety Guidelines, Animal Protocols and Employee Handbooks onsite for all staff, volunteers and guests.

