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**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ISSUES QUARANTINE FOR SIX ANIMALS
FROM THE THOMPSON FARM CURRENTLY AT THE COLUMBUS ZOO**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Oct. 27, 2011) – Today the Ohio Department of Agriculture issued a quarantine order for six animals currently held by the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium that the zoo received last week from the Terry Thompson farm in Muskingum County.

The order was issued because of the possibility that the animals could be infected with disease as a result of the conditions in which they were reportedly held.

The order is in effect indefinitely and prohibits the Columbus Zoo from moving or releasing the animals to their owner until they are determined to no longer be a potential disease threat. The animals' owner can appeal the quarantine order and is entitled to a hearing within 30 days.

The six animals currently held at the Columbus Zoo include: three leopards, two macaques monkeys, and a grizzly bear.

A copy of the quarantine order can be viewed here:

www.agri.ohio.gov/public_docs/news/2011/thompsonanimalquarantineorder.pdf

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