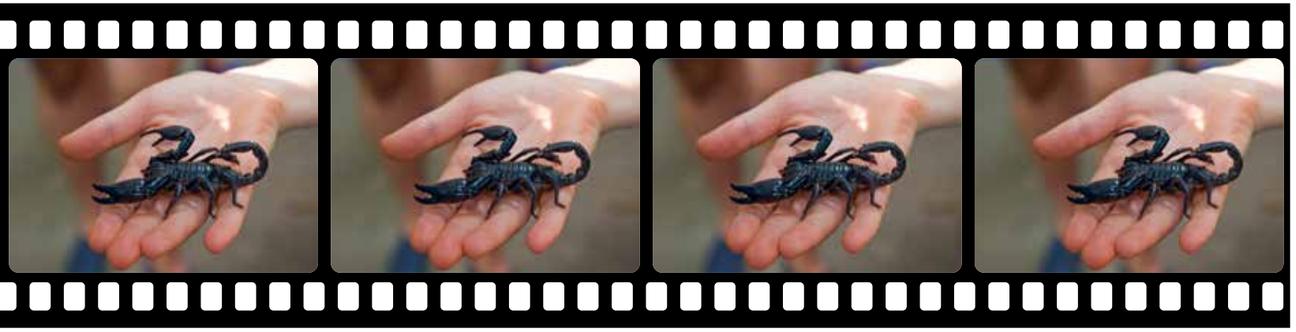

CHAPTER 8E

SPECIES-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

INSECT AND ARACHNID GUIDELINES

(Ants, Bees, Beetles, Scorpions, Spiders, Worms)

8-44 ..... Nothing may be done to an insect that will cause it harm.

8-45 ..... When using insects and arachnids, the standard of care for the particular species being used must include housing, feeding and protection from environmental dangers such as heat, humidity, and cold and inclement weather.

8-46 ..... When using insects, an animal handler knowledgeable of the particular insects should be used.

8-47 ..... Care should be taken to collect all insects used in filming. None should be allowed to remain on the set or location. Non-indigenous species shall not be allowed to escape, and proof of a plan to contain non-indigenous species must be reported to American Humane Society prior to filming. (Also see *Guideline* 1-36.)

8-48 ..... When insects are brought on set for filming, filters, nets or screens shall be placed over lighting to prevent the insects from flying into the lights.

8-49 ..... Bees and other species of insects and arachnids shall not be used in filming when the air temperature is below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The use of bees and other specific species in colder weather is self-limiting, as the bees will not fly or move.

8-50*..... Insects and arachnids that are, by law, deemed “invasive” species shall not be released.

a. Certain species of insects and arachnids are beneficial to the environment. Others, such as locusts, moths and certain species of beetles, shall not be released.

b. Non-indigenous species shall not be released. Certain species of butterflies shall never be released, as they will not likely survive.

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c. When releasing insects and arachnids, contact American Humane Society first. (Also see the Wildlife *Guidelines* at the end of this chapter.)

8-51 ..... Consideration must be given to the delicate respiratory systems of insects and arachnids. Insects and arachnids must not work in poor air-quality conditions, based upon their species, such as in the presence of any type of aerosol, smoke and/or chemicals, including any insect repellant. People working in close proximity to insects and arachnids shall not smoke, as nicotine is an insecticide and, thus, harmful to insects and arachnids.

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