



## Inspection Report

Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches Inc  
1301 Summit Boulevard  
West Palm Beach, FL 33405

Customer ID: **3038**

Certificate: **58-C-0007**

Site: 001

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE  
PALM BEACHES INC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 07-MAY-2024

### 2.131(c)(1) Critical

#### Handling of animals.

On the morning of April 23, 2024, animal care staff noticed that an 8- year-old female Lorikeet was missing from the aviary. Members of the public can participate in an encounter during which they walk through the aviary while feeding the lorikeets a cup of nectar. Birds are allowed to perch onto participants to obtain the nectar and the encounter is supervised by at least two staff members.

Facility representatives state that at 2:00pm on Monday, April 22, 2024, animal care staff counted all twenty-six lorikeets. The lorikeet aviary was then closed by staff at 3:45pm due to a lightning alert. After the lightning alert was lifted, two lorikeet aviary attendants went back into the aviary to secure it as per the Zoo's weather event protocol. Nothing unusual was seen or heard by the attendants present during this period.

At 8:47am on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, animal care staff counted twenty-five lorikeets and reported one missing. The aviary was then closed to the public and thorough searches of the habitat were conducted. All possibilities of containment failure, fatality from other animals in the habitat, and all possible hiding spots were investigated but the bird was never recovered. The security team thoroughly reviewed the surveillance camera material during the window of time of the incident and flagged one guest exhibiting suspicious behavior. According to the facility representatives, it was determined that the Lorikeet was likely stolen from the aviary by a member of the public. A bird removed from its primary enclosure and social structure by a member of the public could have the potential to adversely affect the health and well-being of the animal.

During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public, with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the animal and the general viewing public so as to assure the safety of animals and the public. Correct from this date forward of May 9, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

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**Species Inspected**

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000025	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	COCONUT LORIKEET
000025	<b>Total</b>	