



Inspection Report

Tiger Family Entertainment
2976 E. State St Suite 120 #211
Eagle, ID 83616

Customer ID: **601858**
Certificate: **82-C-0087**
Site: 004
Blue Zoo--Baton Rouge

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 05-SEP-2024

3.150(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

On July 30, 2024 guests opened both doors of the walk-in aviary's double-door system simultaneously which allowed one free flying parakeet to escape the atrium. The escapee flew over the open topped aquarium which shares a wall with the aviary. The attendant witnessed a large black Pacu fish measuring approximately 2 feet in length breach the water's surface, catch the bird in flight, and eat it. Housing facilities must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species of bird housed in them, employ measures that contain all birds securely, and protect the birds from injury. Birds that are not protected from escape, hazards, or predation may suffer from stress, injury, or death.

Correct by September 15, 2024 by ensuring that bird enclosures are designed, constructed, and maintained in good repair for the species of bird housed in them; protect the birds from injury; and security measures are employed to contain all birds securely to prevent escape of the birds.

2.131(c)(1) Critical

Handling of animals.

Three parakeets in the walk-in aviary were killed when stepped on by guests. Guests are allowed to enter the atrium to feed a seed mixture from their hands to the free flying parakeets. During feeding, some seed falls on the ground and the birds land on the ground to get the seed putting them at risk of injury. Birds have been stepped on and died on three separate occasions as follows:

***On March 9, 2024 a special needs child feeding the birds became overly stimulated, began jumping up and down, and spilled their handful of seed. Before the attendant could intervene to escort them away from the birds, the child jumped on a bird, killing it.

***On July 31, 2024 a guest with a toddler was participating in the feeding of the parakeets. Guests are informed that toddlers must be held in the parents' arms. Despite being informed of the rule, a guest visiting this day set their toddler on the floor to walk around and the toddler stepped on a bird.

***On August 24, 2024 during a feeding encounter an attendant saw a bird abruptly start circling on the ground with its wings spread out. The bird died shortly after it started circling. The guest nearest to this bird quickly stated that they did not step on the bird. The facility representative presumes the bird was stepped on by the guest considering the sudden onset of symptoms and the reaction of the guest.

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Correct by September 15, 2024 by ensuring that there is minimal risk of harm to the birds during public exhibition. The facility must take measures to ensure safe handling with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the birds and the general viewing public to assure the health and safety of all animals.

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
000110	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000110	Total	