

# United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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## **Inspection Report**

Tiger World Inc Customer ID: 40032

4405 Cook Rd Certificate: 55-C-0225 Rockwell, NC 28138

Site: 001

TIGER WORLD INC

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 06-NOV-2023

#### 2.40(b)(3) Critical

#### Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

One hundred and twenty-five parakeets were brought to the facility in late August, 2023. Four parakeets were found dead three days later, and an additional five birds were found dead over the next two months. The Attending Veterinarian (AV) was consulted in late October, after 8 birds had been found dead. However, no veterinary examinations or veterinary care has been provided for the parakeets since their arrival 10 weeks prior to this inspection. Not relaying the results of daily observations to the AV can lead to inadequate veterinary care for the birds, which puts them at risk for disease and/or health issues, which can lead to death. The regulations state that daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being are required. Daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian. Correct by 14November2023.

#### 2.131(c)(1)

#### Handling of animals.

A young patron was observed putting their fingers into the enclosure housing two blue and gold macaws. There was no barrier between the public and the primary enclosure fencing and no attendant was present. Other birds housed in enclosures with inadequate barriers and no attendants present include 1 Moluccan cockatoo, 2 kookaburras, and 2 African crowned cranes. Not providing adequate barriers or having attendants present can result in disease and injury risks to either the animals involved or the public. The regulations state that 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 by 28Nov2023.

### 3.125(a) Critical

#### Facilities, general.

A 13-year-old cougar's front right paw was injured by leopards in an adjacent enclosure, according to the facility, after living next to each other for months. The facility's emergency veterinarian came out quickly, sedated the cat, and consulted with the Attending Veterinarian (AV). Based on the severity of the injuries, coupled with the known significant arthritis and mobility challenges from a declaw early in the cat's life while under different ownership, the veterinarians made the decision to euthanize the cougar. A gap of about 1.5 - 3 inches along the bottom of the chain link wall between

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the enclosures was the reported site of the encounter. Not ensuring that no contact between animals in adjacent enclosures can occur can lead to injury to animals in either enclosure. The regulations state that the facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals. The gap at the base of the common wall was corrected prior to inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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# **Species Inspected**

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40032	55-C-0225	001	TIGER WORLD INC	06-NOV-2023

Scientific Name Dacelo novaeguineae Balearica regulorum Cacatua moluccensis Ara ararauna Melopsittacus undulatus Cygnus atratus Cygnus olor Puma concolor	Common Name LAUGHING KOOKABURRA GRAY CROWNED-CRANE / AFRICAN CROWNED-CRANE / GOLDEN CROWNED-CRANE SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET BLACK SWAN MUTE SWAN PUMA / MOUNTAIN LION / COUGAR
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