



Inspection Report

Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens
12400 SW 152nd Street
Miami, FL 33177

Customer ID: **3099**

Certificate: **58-C-0006**

Site: 001

Miami-Dade Zoological Park and
Gardens

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 04-FEB-2025

3.153(a)(1)(ii) Critical

Primary enclosures.

Medical records state that on December 29, 2024, a scarlet-breasted lorikeet was found water-logged and unable to fly on the ground of the lorikeet enclosure with traumatic wounds attributed to a predator attack. The right leg of the bird was missing and there was extensive trauma to the soft tissues, skin, and muscles of the right side of the body. The animal was humanely euthanized. This same bird previously had its left leg traumatically amputated from a predator attack in early November of 2024.

Wild animals that gain access to the birds inside an enclosure can cause stress or injury and negatively impact their health and well-being.

Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they protect the birds from injury. Corrected by the time of inspection.

3.153(a)(1)(iii)

Primary enclosures.

On December 1, 2024, a young female marabou stork was found outside of its enclosure. This bird was scheduled to be transferred to another facility. In preparation for the transfer, the marabou stork was moved to an indoor/outdoor hospital stall with an open outdoor top. The walls of the outdoor portion are approximately 10 feet tall. The bird was pinioned on her left wing but was still able to get lift and escape the enclosure. A facility employee spotted the bird walking along a facility service road behind the hospital and notified personnel who were able to recapture the bird without incident.

Enclosures that fail to safely contain birds may result in escape, injury, or death of the animal. Birds that are outside of their enclosure are at increased risk of predation, possible restricted access to food, water, shelter, and potential non-recovery.

Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they contain the birds securely. Corrected by the time of inspection.

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This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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3099	58-C-0006	001	Miami-Dade Zoological Park and Gardens	04-FEB-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Trichoglossus forsteni</i>	SUNSET LORIKEET / SCARLET-BREASTED LORIKEET
000001	<i>Leptoptilos crumenifer</i>	MARABOU STORK
000002	Total	