



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: 30-APR-2025

3.75(a)

Housing facilities, general.

At approximately 2:31 pm, on March 10, 2025, a golden lion tamarin was observed outside of its enclosure. A portion of the cable used to secure the wire mesh to the frame was broken and loosened, creating a small opening at an upper portion of the enclosure. It is believed that the animal escaped through this breach. The tamarin was recaptured approximately 15 minutes later; it received veterinary assessment and was kept in holding until the enclosure was inspected and repaired.

Nonhuman primates that escape their enclosures may be restricted in their access to food, water, and shelter, and are at increased risk of predation and injury.

Housing facilities for nonhuman primates must be kept in good repair, and they must contain the animals securely. Corrected by the time of inspection.

3.153(a)(1)(ii) **Critical** **Repeat**

Primary enclosures.

A scaly-sided merganser was being treated for severe pododermatitis. After receiving its morning treatment on February 5, 2025, the bird was placed in the veterinary hospital vestibule at approximately 8:20 am, so that it could have outdoor access. At 8:45 am, the merganser was observed with its head outside of the vestibule's chain-link fence with a wild hawk actively attacking its head and neck. The bird was rescued and received immediate medical treatment. However, the merganser was found deceased at approximately 7 am on February 7, 2025.

Failure to adequately protect the birds from injury can lead to unnecessary pain, suffering, and even death.

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) **Repeat**

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Primary enclosures.

At approximately 1:30 pm on April 7, 2025, a white-eared bulbul was observed outside the Wings of Asia Aviary. There were no breaches found in the enclosure, and it is assumed that the bird escaped via the triple door guest exit. The bulbul was recaptured at 4:14 pm on April 8, 2025. It was held for veterinary care and observation before being returned to the aviary.

Birds that escape their enclosures may be restricted in their access to food, water, and shelter, and are at increased risk of predation and injury.

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

3.162(a)(1)

Primary enclosures used to transport live birds.

Following a pre-shipment examination on March 3, 2025, a crested wood partridge was being transported from the veterinary hospital back to its enclosure. At approximately 1:50 pm, the bird was observed escaping from the soft-sided transport carrier via the Velcro door located at the top of the carrier. The partridge was seen entering the brush near the area known as the "Bone Yard". Records show that the bird was recaptured at 7:45 am on March 5, 2025. It was held for veterinary care and observation before being returned to its enclosure.

Birds that escape their enclosures may be restricted in their access to food, water, and shelter, and are at increased risk of predation and injury.

Primary enclosures used to transport birds must be constructed so that it is strong enough to contain the bird securely and comfortably and to withstand the normal rigors of transportation. Corrected by the time of inspection.

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	30-APR-2025

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	<i>Leontopithecus rosalia</i>	GOLDEN LION TAMARIN
000001	<i>Mergus squamatus</i>	SCALY-SIDED MERGANSER
000001	<i>Pycnonotus leucotis</i>	WHITE-EARED BULBUL
000001	<i>Rollulus rouloul</i>	CRESTED PARTRIDGE
000004	Total	