

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

**WJANECKE** INS-0001031285

### **Inspection Report**

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

Customer ID: 601858

Certificate: 82-C-0087

Site: 005

Blue Zoo Des Moines

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 31-MAY-2024

#### **Direct** 2.131(c)(1)

### Handling of animals.

On May 22, a parakeet was killed when a small child stepped on it. The child had been sitting on its mother's lap on a bench in the parakeet enclosure and suddenly jump off, landing on the bird which was on floor in front of the bench. The enclosure is designed to allow the public to come in and have an interactive experience with the parakeets, feeding them from their hands with seed provided by the facility. There are about 300 parakeets in the enclosure. People are seated on benches as they feed the birds. Some of the birdseed falls on the floor around the benches or onto people's shoes. The inspector watched 4 or 5 groups move through the enclosure and there were large numbers of parakeets around people's feet and perched on shoes in every group. The attendants generally did not attempt to keep the parakeets away from the benches or people's feet while they were seated, but they did instruct them to keep their feet and heals on the floor and shuffle as they walked in out of the enclosure. They did try to shew birds away from one set of small children. Some people's feet, especially children, could not completely reach the floor and many people inadvertently lifted the heels of their shoes and the inspector observed birds putting their heads under the heals looking for seeds. During public exhibition, care must be taken so that there is minimal risk of harm to the birds with sufficient distance and/or barriers between the birds and the general viewing public to assure the safety of animals. To be corrected by: June 6.

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

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Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL

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Received by Title: Facility Representative Date:

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# **Species Inspected**

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CountScientific NameCommon Name000298Melopsittacus undulatusBUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL<br/>PARAKEET

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