



Inspection Report

Houston Interactive Aquarium and Animal Preserve
5440 N Sam Houston Parkway East
Houston, TX 77032

Customer ID: **6002705**
Certificate: **74-C-1129**
Site: 002
Houston Interactive

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 12-FEB-2024

3.153(a)(1)(iii) Critical

Primary enclosures.

On January 14, 2024, forty adult parakeets escaped through a hole in the top of the black mesh enclosing the aviary. The birds were not recovered. The hole was formed because of a tear in the black mesh from adverse weather that was experienced that week, whereby the structures and materials used to enclose the aviary were meant to be in place temporarily. Inadequate construction and maintenance of a primary enclosure can negatively impact the health, safety and well-being of the animals enclosed therein. Primary enclosures must be designed and constructed of suitable materials so that they are structurally sound, kept in good repair, and must be constructed and maintained so that they contain the birds securely. The facility made temporary repairs to the mesh and other areas that were damaged and are in the process of making plans for permanent repairs soon. The remaining forty parakeets are being temporarily housed indoors/off-exhibit until the repairs are completed.

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

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Date:
13-FEB-2024

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL
OFFICER

Received by Title: Facility Representative

Date:
13-FEB-2024



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6002705	74-C-1129	002	Houston Interactive	12-FEB-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000040	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	BUDGERIGAR / BUDGIE / COMMON PARAKEET / SHELL PARAKEET
000040	Total	