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Mr. Jack Lantz
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Dear Mr. Lantz:

This letter is to recap the agreed course of action that you will follow, as discussed at your premise on July 7, 2004 and in recent phone conversations. Consider this correspondence as an Addendum to our Notice of Quarantine letter of July 2, 2004.

1. You have the option to move approximately 520 birds to 909 Sunset Road and/or another suitable location, after inspection of the facility and approval by the Burlington County Health Department. Should this occur, this will be accomplished in conjunction/coordination with your selected veterinarian. This will allow you to keep the Bird Paradise facility open.

2. Our current understanding is that you would like to keep the birds in the Bird Paradise facility for the quarantine. In order to do this, you will have to close the facility to the public for the first two (2) weeks of treatment and keep the birds there until completion of the treatment period. If you choose this option, our Department will monitor your facility to ensure that it is not open to the public until completion of the first two (2) weeks of treatment.

Note: Treatment begins when the birds ACCEPT and eat the pelleted feed as the only food. This may take several days. Most veterinarians feel that the chlortetracycline (CTC) medicated pelleted feed is the least desirable treatment option. Many birds do not like to eat it. Dr. Esser and/or your selected veterinarian will need to monitor the cages to ensure this is the only food offered and document when the birds begin eating the medicated feed.

3. Management of Bird Paradise will supply a complete list of all quarantined birds to the Burlington County Health Department. For the small birds housed together, a "head count," supplemented where necessary by color, species, sex will suffice.

4. Dr. Esser and/or your selected veterinarian will be responsible to ensure that all quarantined birds are properly treated for 45 or 30 days as specified. Dr. Esser and/or your selected veterinarian will provide written confirmation of the completion of the course of treatment for all quarantined birds.

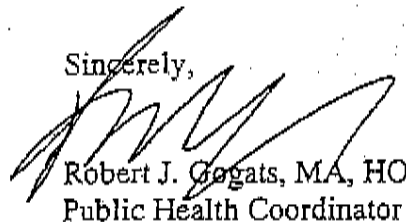
5. Until birds have completed two (2) weeks of antibiotic treatment, they will be kept isolated from other birds and the public. No bird will be sold until they have completed a full course of treatment of 45 or 30 days as specified.

6. Depending on your selection of quarantine alternatives, restocking of birds for sale to the public in the retail section may commence after re-cleaning, inspection of your facility, and transfer of the quarantined birds.

7. All turtles in the facility will be transferred back to your supplier and/or removed to a facility that will provide humane treatment. Distribution and/or sale of turtles will immediately cease. In the future, you may seek a waiver with the State Department of Health and Senior Services in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code 8:23-2.1.

You or your veterinarian may contact me at (609) 265-5548 if there are any questions regarding this course of action. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Public Health Coordinator

cc: Colin Campbell, DVM
Mark Esser, VMD