

## Mitchell Park Domes Animal Bulletin – 6/8/17

**DESERT:** Frida (Border Canary) and Angus (Bourke's Parrot) are doing well living fully flighted in the Australian – African area. Frida (formerly Fernando) built a nest and laid four eggs recently making him a girl! The infertile eggs will not hatch and this is normal for female birds to lay when they become fully mature.

Our Doves are doing well. Shafi, Ishaq and Fazil are flighted and enjoying the desert dome. Khalil is hard at work growing out his feathers. In another month or so he should be ready to be released and join his dove flock. If you see the three boys fighting – it's a pecking order process that they go through like all other bird species that live in flocks. Each time a dove is released the flock goes through another reorganization of dominance.

Steve B. (Bearded) Dragon will be making his off-site debut at Wehr Nature Center's Reptile Day this Sunday. He will have the chance to meet two of the Domes' retired Ed Center reptiles, Terra T. (Three-toed) Turtle and Uri S. (Spiny) Lizard. Terra and Uri have been a part of Reptile Day for over 13 years!

**TROPICAL:** We are now to capacity with 6 in the desert and 36 in the tropical dome. The new additions to the tropical dome are the Green Singing Finches (pretty singers) and Zebra Finches (with orange/red beaks and zebra-striped tail feathers) AND we are transitioning two Gouldian Finches for release soon.

There have been many sightings of the poison dart frogs by school kids the last few weeks so don't give up – keep looking!