PARAKEET PARADISE CHARMS VISITORS

Here's a chance to get personal with parakeets.

The Parakeet Paradise will welcome visitors at the upcoming ExpoSure sportsmen's and outdoors shows. An enclosure about 30 feet long and 8 feet high will feature 150 to 175 budgerigar parakeets of the finch family in a variety of colors – green, yellow, blue and white. A small fee will allow a visitor with a handful of bird seed to enter the enclosure and spend a few minutes with the birds.

"It's a walk-thru bird feeding experience," said Joe Krathwohl, aka The Birdman from Las Vegas. "It will allow people to meet the birds in a friendly place, a chance to hold the birds and to enjoy the experience."

A limited number of people will be allowed in the enclosure at a time. Photos may be taken. The Parakeet Paradise will be open to visitors after each of the Dangerous Bird presentations by Krathwohl.

"People will be able to enjoy a unique combination of bird shows," Krathwohl said. "For bird lovers, it'll be a fantastic combination of experiences and for the non-bird lovers, it'll help them become bird lovers."

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