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- Consider donating regularly to our work. A standing order would help us greatly to plan ahead. All funds that we receive are used strategically and targeted where it matters to make a lasting difference for animals and the environment.
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Victims of trade

Parrots are loud, messy and very demanding. It's a sad fact that most people who buy a parrot get more than they bargained for when they realise how much time and expense is involved.



For instance, a trip to a specialist avian vet or behaviourist can put a severe strain on the purse strings. As a result, most parrots soon outstay their welcome. Many are neglected or discarded, causing untold misery, and some abandoned parrots end up in overcrowded rescue shelters.

Meanwhile, there is an expanding industry in captive-bred parrots. Some profit-driven breeding methods can result in long-term suffering for the birds.

Do you *still* want to keep a parrot?


Keeping a parrot is a *major* responsibility and could be a very long-term commitment. We hope that we have dissuaded you from getting a parrot. But if you know someone who won't listen and is determined to keep a captive parrot then contact APA for advice on offering a home to one that has been rescued.

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*Before you
purchase
that parrot...*



Looking after a parrot is extremely demanding – even for an expert. If you, or anyone you know, may be thinking of buying a parrot, then here are our top 5 facts to be carefully considered:

1 Born to be wild

Parrots are wild animals, and retain wild instincts whether born in captivity or not. In the wild, parrots live in large flocks and have complex social relationships. Captive parrots need to exercise, fly and play, eat a wide variety of foods and live in a stimulating environment.



2 Rage against the cage!

Parrots should NOT be kept in cages. If they're not in large aviaries with other birds, parrots will depend on human company for most of the day. They cannot be left alone for more than a couple of hours. An under-stimulated or lonely parrot can resort to loud screaming, biting or even plucking out its own feathers.

3 Life in the old parrot yet

Parrots may live for approximately 80 years. The skilful and dedicated supervision that parrots need means that caring for a parrot is like caring for a toddler... but for the rest of your life! In many cases, taking on a parrot is not only a lifelong commitment but arrangements have to be made for the parrot following its keeper's demise.

Bird flu

Captive-bred parrots are at a low risk of catching or spreading bird flu. However, attending public bird shows or similar events (including live poultry shows and markets) is not advisable if you keep any captive birds. Bird keepers should avoid mixing with unfamiliar birds or other keepers that could transmit the virus to their home. You may also transmit microbes yourself – for instance, on your hands, clothes and hair.



4 A little knowledge is a dangerous thing

A lot of websites, care-sheets and guidebooks contain misleading, and sometimes even dangerous, advice on parrot husbandry. Good quality information can be found in scientific publications and a *lot* of reading up is needed in order to learn how to provide even basic care for *any* parrot species.

5 Not to be sneezed at

Some parrot diseases can pose a serious threat to human, as well as bird, health. Psittacosis, commonly known as parrot fever, is just one of the numerous diseases that people can catch from captive birds. Symptoms of psittacosis in humans are similar to flu and the disease is potentially lethal to children under five, pregnant women, the elderly and anyone who is immuno-compromised.



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