

Parrot Crisis Summit Follow Up Meeting

10/24/2024

About 19-21 people attended in total.

Agenda:

Opening Words

Introductions - everyone said hello in the chat

Logistics and updates:

Videos are now online – Youtube link is <https://www.youtube.com/@ParrotAlliance> or can also access them on this page: <https://www.allianceforparrots.org/2024-parrot-crisis-summit> (scroll down to the Summit agenda and you'll see underlined links there)

Current conversation on Slack – expand Loros sin Fronteras to include South America.

Slack – let us know if you want to take the lead in one of the channels. Gail volunteered for Mental Health channel. Josh is willing to do a tutorial for everyone at another time. Link to join Slack: https://join.slack.com/t/iappcorp/shared_invite/zt-2pv7au9w5-NQYdcpoXOqK_BmDdbVeXGQ

Conversations for Networking and Resilience: What did the conference mean for you and what would you like to see happen next – We went into breakout rooms to discuss this for 20 minutes.

Post Break Out:

What did we learn from the breakout rooms?

- The parrots are suffering in silence
- Cockatoos – there are no resources for them anymore
- We need to mobilize as a movement, this will help us feel more empowered and connected
- We need to work together as small teams to make an impact with messaging via video and photos
- We have great resources now to spread the word. Also, groups have others to reach out to share needs/knowledge, etc.
- I agree about the small groups. This is what the IAPP is for - people finding other people.
- We also heard that we don't have to do much - just talk to people in our own realm.

- Put disclaimers under every cute parrot video
- We agree our message now has to be focused on wild parrots, not the cutesy pet bird videos
- Show the reality!
- Take pledge on the IAPP website. Maybe revise pledge to take into account the complexity of the issue.
- The hardest parrot videos are from groups like GeoBeats... folks trust them.
- Have a social media committee. Use social media as a vehicle for the IAPP. Julie K. and Linda Brunner volunteered to join Josh on a social media committee. Josh asked them to email him at info@parrotalliance.org
- Ask parrot influencers to help. Also reach and engage with influencers who don't agree with us.
- Show more truths, either with birds in the pet trade or wild parrots.
- Lots of ppl interested to help..etc they're just busy/working. We're willing to reach out to ppl / acts again let us know
- Anyone focusing on pet stores & AWC avian welfare petition & efforts? Pls? Tk u! also AWC petition needs to be edited to be re-addressed. It is attn to pet stores ceos, there's new ceo's. Also have emailed awc, AWC petition is almost at 75,000 Signatures, and prob should've reached goal already. However every couple of signatures, the #/count rolls back! No specific reason & it's not duplicated.
- I hear so frequently that the parrot crisis is not real. From breeders they say well none of my birds would ever go to a rescue or be relinquished and the numbers advocacy groups report are so inflated it doesn't mean anything.
- Flood a message on social media on a given day
- Articles on Mongabay
- Pressure campaigns
- Create an International #ParrotCrisis Awareness Day and get people to recognize that with social media, eblasts, etc. Betsy offered to work on this. She wrote: I'm thinking big: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/list-days-weeks>
- Get some new influencers out there who focus on the parrot crisis.
- Learn from others who have been successful
- Create short videos where groups speak their truth. Start with the ones we already have. Bonnie has some short videos of the trapping of cockatoos that could be used.
- Take short snippets of the Summit videos and get them out too.
- There's a hunger among young people to help. Partner with other organizations to work on this.
- Video – look at this cute little bird and then tell his/her story (can't fly, whatever).
- Focus on training students in our schools.
- Campaign against pet stores.
- Leo's Parrot Conservation Corps (One Earth Conservation's program) is doing a documentary on this topic as a mini project

- Legislation
- world animal protection picked up little buddy story & did action #justiceforlittlebuddy
- Betsy: Thinking of groups that could help bring a voice is: <https://aphe.org/> I'm going to submit a proposal to speak at the 2025 conference
- LoraKim will do online webinar on Compassionate Conservation for Transformation Workshop

Next Steps:

What will we do?

- Meet again in early December
- IAPP logistics meeting in early 2025

Closing words

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