

Parrots Are in Crisis

Due to a natural inclination for loud and frequent vocalizations, as well as aggression, flying, mating, and destruction of property, **captive parrots are one of the most frequently abandoned of all companion animals.** Most often it is not so much a parrot's failure as a pet as it is a human's failure as a guardian--and their inability to meet the needs of a wild animal in captivity who can live 20-80 years. Despite this, millions of baby birds are legally bred each year.

Parrots now find themselves in crisis -- too many unwanted parrots have nowhere to go. **Sanctuaries across the globe are at capacity,** unable to address daily requests for surrender.

Still, demand for parrots as pets is so intense that **wild parrots are one of the most threatened animals in the world.** 29% of all parrots are endangered or threatened. 58% are in decline. In many areas, the poaching rate is 100% - **no chicks escape the wildlife trade.** 90% of trapped birds die after capture, with survivors being torn from families and usually doomed to a life of injuries, inadequate caging, poor nutrition, and social isolation -- often evident from self-mutilation and feather plucking.

International legislation exists to prevent the trafficking of parrots, but smugglers and traffickers find ways to circumvent these laws daily. It is estimated that for every bird smuggled across a border, another 10 birds lose their lives en route.

*The **International Alliance for the Protection of Parrots** is a partnership of rescues, conservationists, veterinarians, and activists working to end the global trade of parrots through education, advocacy, legislation and activism.*

We strive to end the breeding and sale of parrots in captivity, stop the extraction of parrots from the wild, and promote a vision of unconditional solidarity with life on this planet.

