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There is one change in the originally planned Masterclass programme with Tony Pittman, who was going to speak on Blue Macaws, having to step down for personal reasons and we wish him well. My thanks go to Rosemary Low, who has stepped in at short notice with her new presentation on 'The Foraging Parrot – diets from the wild to captivity'. Without question you will be in for a real treat.

To make such an event successful there needs to be support from everyone and again, I would like to thank our Show sponsors, Northern Parrots, our expert speakers and the many exhibitors that all gel together to make this event such a success.

It is important we put on a show that is a pleasure for you to visit, so feedback is very helpful. Don't forget to complete the 'Comments' form included with this guide, for your chance to win a 6 month subscription to *Parrots* magazine and pop it in the collection box on the *Parrots* magazine stand 2.

I hope you all have a great day out and go back home with knowledge and goodies to make your parrots' lives that little bit better.

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BY STEVE MILPACHER - OPERATIONS DIRECTOR WPT

World Parrot Trust

Significant conservation and welfare issues

The parrots, or *psittaciformes*, are some of the most ecologically complex creatures in the world. They are the most endangered group of birds on earth, with well over 100 species threatened of nearly 400 species in the wild. They face habitat loss, capture for the wildlife trade and persecution from agriculture and hunting.

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For wild parrots...

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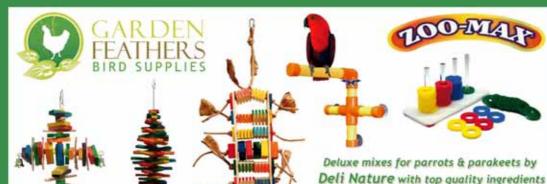
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12.15-12.35: Problems with Biting

Speaker: David Woolcock (Room to be announced – fully booked)



1.00-2.00: The foraging parrot – diets from the wild to captivity Speaker: Rosemary Low

Rosemary has kept parrots for more than 50 years, and is the former curator of birds of Loro Parque, Tenerife, and Palmitos Park, Gran Canaria. With more than 20 books published on parrots, she has written for specialist magazines worldwide, and has had hundreds of articles published. Rosemary has visited 27 countries to observe wild parrots, especially in South America. In recent years she has raised funds and written about bird conservation projects, and has spoken at many symposiums. **Stand 15**



2.15-2.35: Problems with Screaming

Speaker: **David Woolcock** (Room to be announced – fully booked)



3.00-4.00: Practical ways to enrich the life of your pet parrot

Speaker: **David Woolcock**

David is both Curator of Paradise Park in Cornwall and a founding trustee of the World Parrot Trust. His interest in parrots started when he bred African Ring-necked Parakeets from the age of 11. He believes in the enriching benefits of positive reinforcement training, improving the lives of pet parrots, and loves to help owners develop their relationships with their birds through positive interactions. David is an international speaker and has had articles published in various well-known parrot journals. **Stand 20**

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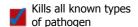


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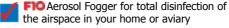
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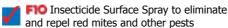


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Some parrots seem to be neo-phobic. This means it takes them a while to get used to change as well as new situations and/or objects in their environment. Some Greys can carry it to extremes but they usually accept new things if they are introduced in a non-threatening manner. Most parrots can be wary of new objects or situations when they suddenly appear in or around their cages. With a bird that is threatened by items suddenly placed in their cage, it is best to introduce them away from the cage territory in a safe and playful way. An example would be to put the perch flat on a bed or couch with a couple of almond pieces and favourite toys close by. Let the bird see you playing with the perch a bit with a happy look on your face, as this will communicate that the stick is safe. Slowly get him to step on the stick in a playful manner and then let him walk up and down it with you moving it and telling him what a good bird he is. Once he gets used to the new perch away from the cage with your approval, he will be much more likely to accept it in his cage. This is true for toys, other cage accessories, and anything that is new to him, in and around his cage. Sally Blanchard

Prefers own space?

My Orange-winged Amazon has always had the freedom of our lounge as her cage is fully open all day. She mainly seems to prefer being inside the cage rather than having the freedom of the room, does this mean she is unhappy with a large open space?

While some people think that cages are horrible for companion parrots, the truth is usually that they are a very safe and secure place and many parrots are comfortable there. It is much like a child's room where all their "stuff" is. Parrots can easily get into a routine and may need a nudge now and then to change that routine. He is most likely not unhappy with the large open space but is used to it. My advice would be to get a basic T-stand with a food bowl on it and place it close to the door when it is open. Gradually start feeding him treats in the bowl so he has to come out of the cage to get them, and you can even start feeding him his food there. When he gets comfortable on the T-stand, start moving it closer to where you spend time and give him lots of attention and praise for being away from the cage. Interact with him more away from the cage so he wants to be closer to you. I think you will find that it is just a matter of changing some of your habits so that he can change his habits and enjoy a more adventurous life. Sally Blanchard













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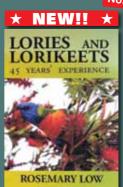
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Over the years that the Register has existed, many lost, found and stolen animals have been re-united with their owners, generally achieved on account of having some positive means of identification.

The two main systems are bird rings and microchips for all animals. Split and closed rings can be supplied with unique inscriptions to identify the breeder or owner. Birds with rings can be doubly protected with chips as well.

Many valuable birds have been stolen or have escaped and fallen into the wrong hands when lawful ownership needs to be proven. Without such methods as rings or chips this can be impossible.



We have never known of any case where a thief or receiver of stolen parrots has ever tried to remove a microchip. It is so important for the Police when executing search warrants to positively identify the alleged stolen bird.

John makes the point that the majority of dog owners will chip their pets, so why not a bird or other exotic species that can live for decades. In any event, Annex A CITES' animals must have such positive ID for Article 10 Licences when entered into trade.

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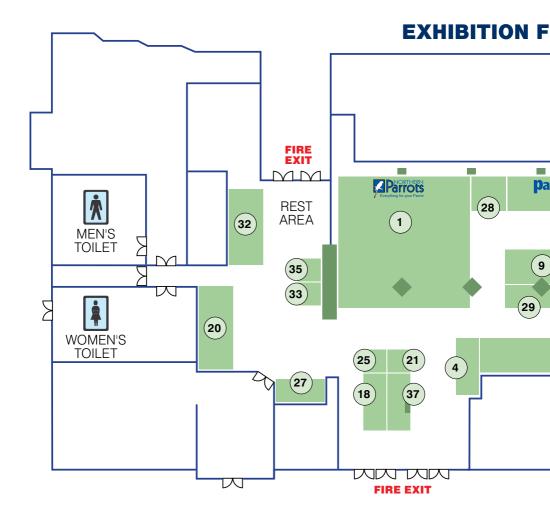
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