



The Avian Welfare Coalition

“Dedicated to the Welfare and Protection of Captive Birds”

About the Avian Welfare Coalition

The Avian Welfare Coalition (AWC) is a grassroots network of representatives from avian welfare, animal protection, and humane organizations dedicated to the ethical treatment and protection of birds living in captivity and in their natural habitats. The mission of the AWC is to prevent the abuse, exploitation, and suffering of captive birds, and to address the crucial issues of rescue, placement, and sanctuary for displaced birds. The AWC also supports efforts to insure the survival of wild birds and the conservation of their natural habitats.

AWC Services

- **Placement** – The AWC provides a network of avian rescue resources to rehome parrots who have been abandoned or abused and require rescue and sanctuary, as well as for individuals who are looking to place their birds or who wish to adopt a parrot already in need of a home.
- **Avian Welfare Round Tables & Workshops** – These events bring together avian rescue and animal advocacy organizations to explore strategies to meet the crucial challenges of rescue, sanctuary, and re-homing of unwanted birds.
- **Education & Presentations** – The information dispensed by the pet bird industry is often inaccurate and downplays the time and commitment required to meet the physical, social, and psychological needs of birds. The AWC's educational efforts emphasize these complex needs to the public, animal welfare community, and people who live with birds so that working together we can improve the quality of life for captive birds. If you or your organization would like to connect with one of our participants in your area to schedule an educational presentation or workshop, we can help! Please e-mail us at education@avianwelfare.org.

Avian Welfare Resource Center Web Site

- Our web site, the Avian Welfare Resource Center (www.avianwelfare.org), features a wide variety of information on issues affecting captive birds.
- Learn more about the issues impacting birds in captivity by reading our overview and recommended articles on each of the issues.
- Find out what others are doing to improve the lives of birds, and learn how YOU can help!
- Research existing and pending laws that impact animal welfare and learn more about animal law.
- Explore links to websites that provide more information on topics related to the problems (and solutions!) facing captive birds. Categories include:

Avian Welfare Issues: An Overview
Keeping Parrots as “Pets”
Avicultural Ethics
Unwanted Birds & Bird Homelessness
Bird Sheltering, Rescue & Rehoming
Production Breeding & Mass-Marketing of Parrots for the Pet Trade
Sale of Unweaned Baby Birds
Wild-Caught Birds, Captive Breeding & Conservation
Inhumane Veterinary & Avicultural Practices

For more information, visit www.avianwelfare.org or e-mail us at info@avianwelfare.org.