

Born to Be Free. Bred to Be Captive.



"Mitred Conure Babies" by Bonnie Jay

All parrots are wild by nature. Whether captured from their native habitats or born in captivity, parrots are still, at most, only a few generations from their cousins in the wild. For more than 130 million years, birds have evolved to fly and live in flocks of their own kind.

But the average captive bird living in a home is often confined to a cage for long periods of time; many never know the companionship of other birds or the joy of free flight.

Captive and domestic-bred birds are the relatives of birds that were taken from the wild and bred in captivity. Yet the pet industry describes exotic birds as "cage birds," leaving people with the impression that some birds were destined for a life in captivity. By nature no bird was meant to be a "cage bird," only those that we choose to cage.

Make the compassionate choice! Do not support an industry that robs parrots and other wild animals of their natural heritage.

Say NO to pet stores that promote and sell wild animals as "pets"!



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www.api4animals.org
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www.avianwelfare.org