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# AVIAN CODE OF PRACTICE

## for the North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS) 2017

### Rationale

This Code of Practice is a self regulatory mechanism to mutually protect the interests of vendors, buyers, and the Parrot Society of Australia Inc. at a public sale event. It is the Parrot Society of Australia's policy for humanely displaying and/or selling birds in a professional manner becoming of a responsible aviculturist. Failure to comply with any aspect of this Code of Practice will result in the removal of a vendor and their birds from the North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS). This decision will remain solely with the North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS) Coordinator who has the full support of the 2017 Parrot Society of Australia's Management Committee.

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### Vendor Conduct

- All vendors are ambassadors for the hobby of aviculture and as such should act in a professional manner at all times that is appropriate for a public event.
- Vendors are expected to be truthful when disclosing a bird's age, gender, genetic background, breeding performance and relevant history to any prospective buyer.
- Vendors should not publicly make any negative comments about fellow vendors or their birds to prospective buyers.
- Vendors are required to clean up their own area at the end of the event.
- All birds in a vendor's possession for sale MUST belong to the vendor. Any vendor found selling birds on behalf of another person will be removed from the event without refund.

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### Bird Approval

- The Parrot Society of Australia Inc. reserves the right to have a recognised avian veterinarian inspect any or all birds at the venue to determine their suitability for sale.
- Veterinary advice will determine if any bird/s will be permitted for sale.
- Only birds in good health, full feather, and fully self-sufficient may be offered for sale.
- No hybrids or unweaned birds will be permitted for sale under any circumstances.

### Cages

- No 'all-wire' cages will be utilised by either vendors or buyers during the event.
- Wire cages can be modified and will only be acceptable when they have a top, bottom and three sides covered with a draft proof, solid material i.e. timber, metal, plastic or similar. Materials deemed not acceptable include cloth, cardboard/paper, and poly tarp.
- All cages are to be in a clean condition at all times, free of excess droppings and feathers etc.
- Any cages not required are to be removed from the premises and are to be disposed of by the vendor at the end of the event.
- Any cages deemed unsuitable for proper containment or the welfare of the birds will not be permitted.
- Vendors will be required to have fresh, clean water and adequate, appropriate food in the cage for the duration of the North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS).

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### Pets

All pets are banned from the North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS). Guide Dogs are exempt and permitted to enter all areas of the event.

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### Bird Presentation

- Single species are only permitted per cage i.e. no mixed specie lots.
- Birds must not be overcrowded when displayed or under stress from their cage mates.
- A maximum of 4 birds per cage applies unless approved during the vet checking process.
- Birds should have adequate room between their tail and the cage floor, their head and the top of the cage.
- All birds should be able to fully extend their wings and move freely within the cage confines.
- Birds should present a natural perch stance in their cage becoming of the species.
- At the discretion of the Coordinator or avian vet, a vendor may be directed to change cages to better meet the bird's physical and/or psychological requirements. If necessary, birds will be rejected for sale in order for this to happen.

## Point of Sale

- All birds **MUST** be exchanged in the changeover aviary provided. Your patience is required if the provided aviary is in use when you require it. Sale Stewards will be available to assist with bird changeovers if necessary.
- The vendor will be held responsible up until the bird has been SAFELY transferred to the purchaser via the changeover aviary.
- Should any bird escape, whoever is deemed by the Stewards to be in charge of the bird at the time of its escape will be responsible for any costs incurred by the Parrot Society of Australia Inc. or the venue's owner to retrieve or remove the bird from the building safely.
- Should a vendor allow a bird to escape in the course of transferring birds outside the provided changeover aviary, the Parrot Society of Australia Inc. reserves the right to ban the vendor from any or all future bird sale events in its control.
- Vendor entry into the North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS) is deemed to be an acceptance of this condition.
- No birds are to be exchanged or sold outside of the venue including in the car park.
- Upon transfer, birds are not to be confined to transport and or display cages for no period longer than a maximum of 24 hours. Vendors are required to instruct buyers if this understanding at the point of sale.

## Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection – Selling Protected Native Fauna

Many Native Australian birds are required to be kept under permit. It is the vendor's responsibility to familiarise themselves with the status of the species they intend to sell. If in any doubt, contact the **Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection** well in advance of the North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS). Relevant paperwork must be sited by the vendor prior to selling native birds and may only be bought by the person who holds the license. Any person in possession of Protected Native Birds is required to produce their Recreational Wildlife License to authorised Officers of EHP on demand. All licensed birds that are sold at the venue shall have the correct Movement Advice paperwork accompanying them. **It will be the vendor's responsibility to have all such paperwork in order.** Buyers and sellers are to exchange details i.e. names, addresses, license numbers and any other relevant information as required by legislation. Only original licenses are acceptable – no photocopies allowed. All licenses must be current at the date of the event. Native birds with an EHP status of "Restricted Birds" are not to be sold at the event. Displaying restricted birds must have appropriate documentation and approval visible to the public and authorities.

## Movement Advices

When transferring ownership of bird(s):

The **Seller** retains the **YELLOW** and **WHITE** copies of the Movement Advice.

- The **WHITE** copy is then sent to EHP by the Seller; and
- The **YELLOW** copy is kept by the Seller for their records.

The **Buyer/Receiver** of the bird(s) retains the **GREEN** and **PINK** copies of the Movement Advice.

- The **PINK** copy is signed by the Buyer/Receiver of the bird(s) and sent to EHP by the Buyer/Receiver.
- The **GREEN** copy is retained by the Buyer/Receiver of the bird(s) for their records.

NOTE: Please contact the Coordinator for the Society's license number if downloading Movement Advices from the EHP website. I hereby agree to adhere to the terms and conditions of the *Avian Code of Practice for the North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS) 2017* and declare that all birds in my possession as a Vendor belong to me.

### VENDOR

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### WITNESS

Name **Bev Bennion**  
*Coordinator*  
*North Brisbane Bird Sale (NBBS) 2017*  
*on behalf of the Parrot Society of Australia Inc.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_