

*****Petition*****

To the Dutch Parliament

We, the signatories of this petition, asking the representatives of The Netherlands to use their personal leadership against the hand rearing of baby parrots and against the trade in baby parrots that are not yet able to eat independently.

The hand rearing should stop because the hand rearing is not in the interest of the baby parrot. Hand rearing is the cause of serious behavioural problems which eventually lead to the parrots being sold and resold or abandoned at animal shelters. Trade in baby parrots that are not yet able to eat independently must stop because this trade is not in the interest of the baby parrot or the future owner. The charismatic, intelligent and social species can be seriously traumatized if the young birds are not raised by the parents.

In the framework of health-and Welfare Act for animals the ruling "separating animals" entered into effect on 25 January 1996. In that ruling has been made an indication for a number of species such as dogs, cats, rabbits and monkeys that these animals are not to be separated from the parent animal, before the animal has reached the age laid down for that species. Unless it is necessary to guarantee the health and well-being of the animal or the parent animal. For dogs is this age is 8 weeks, 7 weeks, applies for cats, rabbits require a minimum of 4 weeks and for chimpanzees this period is 4 years.

It is time that the regulation is adjusted and that baby parrots have the right to be raised by the parents until the young birds can eat independently.

Your support is needed, on behalf of the parrots Thanks!.
The Dutch Parrot Foundatio ask for your support
STOP THE HAND REARING AND BABY TRADE

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