



*Many have forgotten this truth, but you must not forget it. You remain responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.*

— Antoine de Saint - Exupery

A 501(C)(3) AVICULTURAL AND VETERINARY AFFILIATED PARROT WELFARE ORGANIZATION LICENSED BY THE STATE OF COLORADO, PROMOTING EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH, CONSERVATION, RESCUE, REHABILITATION, ADOPTION, LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE, AND SANCTUARY PERTAINING TO THE NEEDS OF PARROTS EVERYWHERE. — Tax Identification #84.1396085

#### The Gabriel Foundation's Position Statement on Parrot Breeding

The Gabriel Foundation believes that it important to acknowledge the efforts of responsible and ethical breeders who implement the very best standards of care for the needs of psittacine and parrot-like birds housed and raised in their aviaries. These persons are dedicated to the environmental, physical and psychological nurturance and enrichment of their birds' lives, pursuing continuing education in the fields of aviculture, husbandry, behavior and veterinary care. These persons take into consideration the need to make a difference in the welfare of each and every bird that they place. They provide wide-ranging educational and supportive care with the bird's lifetime welfare as its goal. They remain a continued resource for the birds and to their human caretakers that facilitates the success of the human/parrot bond.

The Gabriel Foundation believes that it is critical to the welfare of future generations of parrots to liaison with quality individual breeders, aviculturists, conservationists, retailers, shelters and veterinarians who embrace the need to provide the public with comprehensive and accurate educational materials and information relating to the specialized needs of parrots in captivity, those kept as companion pets and for those needing our help to survive in the wild.

The Gabriel Foundation does not have any affiliated breeding facility, nor do we allow birds to reproduce at The Gabriel Foundation or anywhere else that birds may be under our care offsite. We do not set up an environment that is conducive to reproduction and provide the birds activity through enrichment, social interaction and environment. We have more than enough birds under our care for which to find homes without adding to the numbers of birds in need by facilitating breeding!

Our preference is that people who wish to add a companion parrot to their lives consider the adoption option **FIRST** because every bird at The Gabriel Foundation was someone's baby bird at one time and lost its home through no fault of their own. Our outreach program's goal is to provide educational opportunities to anyone who is responsible- past, present and future, for caring for these wonderful beings. Exchange of information can only take place in a collaborative atmosphere, and by cutting off communication with those of differing opinions, we miss the opportunity to share information with a network of current and future caregivers.