

# BIOSECURITY AT PARROT SOCIETY SHOWS

In the light of recent publicity about Avian Influenza, shows such as this have been allowed to continue provided certain criteria are met to allow the issue of a licence. Most of these already exist in the Parrot Society's high standards of show organisation, but it is now a DEFRA requirement that additional measures for Biosecurity (reduction on the spread of infectious diseases) are put in place, notified to all participants, and enforced.

You are therefore required to comply with the following requirements. Any member not satisfactorily co-operating, as judged by Parrot Society officials, will be refused entry to the show, or will be immediately removed from the show.

1. All show cages, crates, and carrying baskets must be **CLEANED AND DISINFECTED BEFORE COMING TO THE EVENT.**

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2. You are advised to repeat the cleaning and disinfection of all cages and boxes on return to your home premises, and before they are used to hold other birds.

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3. All litter, bedding, waste food and droppings within the cages or baskets should be contained and disposed of in sealed refuse bags.

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4. Any spillages of food, water, or cage litter occurring during the course of the show must immediately be cleared up and disposed of in plastic refuse bags, and the spillage area cleaned and disinfected.

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5. Food and water receptacles should be kept clean and replenished when necessary. This applies especially to water bowls. Any food brought to the show venue must be kept in sealable containers or bags.

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6. **DO NOT** handle other birds without washing your hands before and after so doing. It is a good idea to have a disinfectant hand wash on or near your table.

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7. Nets, gloves, or towels used to handle birds should be sprayed with disinfectant before further use.

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8. Any new birds purchased or acquired at the show must be isolated away from other birds in their new home for at least **ONE WEEK.**