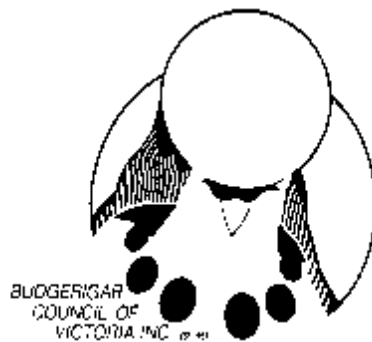


*The Budgerigar Council Of
Victoria Inc.*



*Code of Practice for Affiliated Club
Budgerigar Sales and Auctions*

Prepared by the BCV Working Committee on Animal Welfare

Code of Practice for Bird Sales

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1 – GENERAL

1. This code applies to all *Budgerigar Sales/Auctions* held under the auspices of the Budgerigar Council of Victoria Inc.
2. *Budgerigar Sales/Auctions* are open to members of the public.
3. A copy of this Code of Practice is to be displayed in a prominent position at the entrances of the venue. Copies are to be made available upon request.
4. Only *Budgerigars* and related items are to be made available at these Sales/Auctions! No other vertebrate species are permitted.
5. For the safety of the *Budgerigars*, other animals including dogs are not permitted to enter the venue, whether on leash, unleashed, contained or carried. *Assistance dogs are permissible.*
6. All sellers are to be made aware of this Code of Practice to ensure compliance, with prior notice that the code will be strictly enforced by the *Sale/Auction Manager*.
7. Entry to the venue is conditional upon compliance with this Code of Practice by all persons; including buyers, sellers and traders.
8. *Budgerigar* sales are to be deferred or cancelled if the ambient dry-bulb temperature is predicted to reach 35°C or above on the day of the sale. *The predicted temperature to be used will be the regional temperature of the closest locality to the venue as advertised on the ABC evening television news on the day before the sale. All bird sales advertising should warn members of the public of this condition.*
9. *The Affiliated society running the event must appoint a Sale/Auction Manager for the day, this person will be responsible for among other things ensuring that the event is run in accordance with this code of practice.*

2 – VENUE

1. The venue is to be fully roofed and able to be securely closed off to enable the containment of any *Budgerigar* that may escape so that the *Budgerigar* can be recaptured. *Budgerigar* sale organizers are to provide a minimum of two suitable catching nets appropriate for the height of the venue to enable the owners or any sanctioned helper(s) to recover any escaped *Budgerigar*. *Budgerigars* cannot be caught during the sale unless special permission is sought from the *Budgerigar Sale/Auction Manager*.
2. Organizers of the *Budgerigar Sale/Auction* are to provide clearly identified stewards that are familiar with this Code of Practice and are to be in continuous attendance at the venue.
3. Stewards have the right to refuse entry to the venue to any person or *Budgerigar* or cage deemed to be in breach of this Code.
4. Lighting levels within the venue are to be conducive to clearly view the *Budgerigars* within the *Standard Show Cage* as discussed in Point 4 of this Code of Practice.
5. *Budgerigar Sale/Auction* organizers must obtain Public Liability Insurance of at least \$20 million dollars and any incidents, accidents and injuries must be reported to and recorded by the sale organizers and/or ambulance officers if present.

3 – BUDGERIGARS

1. Only *Budgerigars* in good health, sound physical condition, fully feathered and self-sufficient [fully weaned] may be offered for sale. The organizers reserve the right to have a steward or recognized Avian Veterinarian inspect any or all of the *Budgerigars* offered for sale by a seller and, at their sole discretion, shall upon the advice of the *Sales/Auction Manager/Veterinarian* determine if the *Budgerigars* shall be allowed to be presented for sale.
2. Attendees of the Sale/Auction Event are NOT permitted to remove the Standard Show Cages from the Bench or use any item – judging stick, pen, fingers – to poke at the cage to move the bird around. The only people permitted to do this are the Sales/Auction Manager and the Stewards upon approval of the Sale/Auction Manager. Perpetrators may be subject to eviction from the Sale/Auction event.
3. Transportation of *Budgerigars* should be in accordance with section 5.1 of the Victorian Code of Practice for the Housing of Caged Birds. *It is recommended that Budgerigars being transported to and from the venue are to be carried in an enclosed but well ventilated vehicle and only to be confined to a transport cage for a maximum period of 24 hours.*

4 – CAGES

1. *The Budgerigar Council of Victoria only approves of the use of the A.N.B.C. Standard Show Cages as laid out in the “The Standard” pages 65-68 – Diagram at the end of the Document for use in Sales/Auctions http://www.anbc.iinet.net.au/Standards_2017/ANBC%20eStandard%202017.pdf*
2. *There are only to ever be 2 Budgerigars Exhibited for Sale or Auction purposes in the Standard Budgerigar Show Cage as approved by the Australian National Budgerigar Council.*

5 – DISCLAIMER

The Budgerigar Council of Victoria Inc.; its affiliates, its Officers and/or its Committee:-

1. Shall not be responsible for the health or welfare of any *Budgerigars* sold and/or purchased by any person, where the health of that *Budgerigar* proves to be defective or not up to the standard anticipated by the purchaser.
2. Shall not be held responsible for any disease or virus's that *may* transmitted by way of any goods sold, transferred and/or purchased at a *Budgerigar Sale/Auction*.
3. Any disease or virus transmitted from a *Budgerigar* to a human being by a *Budgerigar/s* which has been sold, transferred and/or purchased.