



How to approach and handle parrots

Using the Dutch 5-step behavior protocol

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We need to learn what parrots have known for the past 40-60 million years

Underestimating their cognitive abilities and their intelligence is not showing respect for parrots → behavior problems are predictable

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The first impression is vital

Caretaker/veterinarian is:

- Intimidating or not.
- Nervous/insecure or not.
- Suspicious/fearful or not.
- Showing respect or not

What to expect from the behavior of the parrot?!



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Intimidating or social behavior?



Looks familiar 😊



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Approaching – handling parrots at home, in the exam room...

How to prevent:

- Stress , fear, insecurity
- (more) trauma
- Aggression/biting

Like the pediatrician dealing with young children

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Do we understand the secret of...



- The guide dog for the blind compared with the lapdog?
- The nursery schoolteacher dealing with 25 children at the age of 4?

Are we intimidating? Do we show respect? Do we reward desired behavior? Do we reward intelligence?

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5-step behavior protocol

- To show respect
- To reduce the stress and the fear
- To create desired behavior
- To reward desired behavior
- To acknowledge the cognitive abilities and reward the intelligence
- To create mutual respect and mutual
- Trust within 2 minutes
- Parrots, children, dogs, cats, dolphins,



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Mutual respect or love?

What happens to most "Love-relationships"

Lack of mutual respect!

Animals/Parrots/Children need te experience respect!

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Thank you for your attention!

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