



Parrot Behavior – Welfare Seminar/Workshop

Dr. Irene Pepperberg PhD & Drs Jan Hooimeijer DVM RPBC

- What do we know about the intelligence and cognitive abilities of parrots?
- How to deal with parrots as non domesticated, intelligent, social prey animals?
- How to deal with parrot behavior?
- How to prevent behavior problems?
- How to solve behavior problems?
- How to handle and manipulate parrots in daily practice?
- How to improve parrot welfare?
- What are the practical implications of intelligence and cognition, dealing with birds/animals and children?

To invite Dr. Irene Pepperberg PhD and Drs. Jan Hooimeijer DVM RPBC to present a seminar/workshops in the field of Parrot Intelligence, Cognition, Behavior and Welfare, contact impepper@media.mit.edu or j.hooimeijer@vogeladvies.nl. The events are sponsored to reduce the costs.

Dr. Irene Pepperberg PhD

- Overview of the research concerning the intelligence and cognitive abilities of Grey Parrots during the past 35 years. Cognitive and communicative abilities of Grey Parrots, it introduces the numbers, exclusion and a comparison with children.
- Recent advances in African Grey cognition.
- Grey Parrots, understanding number concepts.
- Acknowledging the intelligence of parrots to ensure the welfare of parrots.
- Workshop to demonstrate the Model-Rival technique, with the owner as the other trainer.



Curriculum Vitae

Irene M. Pepperberg, cognitive psychologist, (S.B, MIT, '69; Ph.D., Harvard, '76) is a Research Associate and lecturer at Harvard University.

She has been a visiting Assistant Professor at Northwestern University, a tenured Associate Professor at the University of Arizona, a visiting Associate Professor at the MIT Media Lab and an adjunct Associate Professor at Brandeis University. She has received John Simon Guggenheim, Selby, and Radcliffe Fellowships, is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, the Animal Behavior Society, the American Ornithologists' Union, the Midwest Psychological Society and the Eastern Psychological Society.

She is on the editorial board of three journals, and assumed associate editorship of the Journal of Comparative Psychology in January, 2011. Her research centers on the study of the cognitive and communicative abilities of Grey parrots, including developmental issues.

She has published over 100 scholarly articles in peer reviewed journals and as book chapters, and is the author of The Alex Studies and Alex & Me.

Drs. Jan Hooimeijer DVM RPBC

- Parrots as non domesticated, intelligent, social, prey animals.
- The background of behavior based on Ethology and using the definitions of normal behavior, desired behavior, enforced behavior, undesired behavior and displacement behaviour.
- How to approach and handle parrots, using the Dutch 5 step behavior protocol.
- How to prevent, deal with and solve behavior problems in parrots/birds/animals/children.
- Parrots don't bite children.
- Why is hand rearing of parrots prohibited in the Netherlands.
- Workshop about handling parrots using the 5-step behavior protocol to prevent stress and to create a relationship based on mutual respect.
- Just a few parrots are needed to demonstrate and discuss.



Curriculum Vitae

Drs. Jan Hooimeijer, avian veterinarian, graduated from the Veterinary Faculty University, Utrecht, in 1982.

He was the owner of the Clinic for Birds from 1983 until he retired as practicing avian veterinarian and founded the Consultancy Practice for Birds in 2013. His focus is on dealing with the prevention of health and welfare problems.

Drs. Hooimeijer is a Recognised Parrot Behavior Consultant, member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians, the AAV Welfare Committee, the AAV Conservation Committee, member of the European Society of Veterinary Clinical Ethology. His work includes the development of the Dutch 5-step behavior protocol to create a relationship based on mutual respect and mutual trust. This protocol serves as a tool to prevent behavior problems, to deal with and to solve behavior problems.

This protocol is a tool for veterinarians and owners to handle and manipulate the birds without creating stress. In combination with developing this Dutch behavior protocol he has established and formulated definitions to recognize and understand the differences between normal behavior, desired behavior, undesired behavior, and enforced behavior.

Drs. Hooimeijer emphasizes that understanding, recognizing, dealing with and using displacement behavior as described by Dr. Nico Tinbergen is crucial to prevent and to deal with behavior problems. He is the founder of the Dutch Parrot Walks, which aims to promote the importance of the development of strong social relationships between parrots and people, and to promote the role of parrots as part of the family. Founder/ Chairman Dutch Parrot Foundation. Founder Avian Healthcare Company (AHC). He has participated in over 100 (international) conferences and presented papers/workshops at 71 conferences/symposiums concerning avian medicine and welfare.

In april 2022 drs. Jan Hooimeijer published the book; The Secret of the Nursery School Teacher, an Inconvenient Truth. Prof Karl Jaffe, a leading expert in the field of the evolution of behavior, described the book as a milestone in the evolution of educating animals and children.



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Dr. Irene Pepperberg and drs. Hooimeijer are cooperating since 2013 and developed a one-day seminar concerning the intelligence, cognition, behavior and welfare of parrots.

Universities in South America, in the USA, in Europe and Australia have invited Dr. Pepperberg and drs. Hooimeijer to present their seminar and workshops to educate veterinary students and colleagues.

An anonymous sponsor makes it possible for universities to organise these events.