

# Don't breed. Don't buy. ADOPT!



"Alex and Angie" (Budgerigars) by Krista Menzel

Like dogs and cats, birds are now facing an epidemic of overpopulation and homelessness. There are not enough homes — especially good homes — for every bird bred! Small birds, like the Budgerigars (parakeets) above, are the most common victims.

Thousands of birds are displaced each year simply because their caretakers can no longer provide the time and attention they require — either because they were not educated about bird care or because their lives and interests change. The least fortunate unwanted birds are passed from home to home before dying from neglect or abuse, or they are euthanized. The lucky ones end up in shelters to await adoption or in sanctuaries to live out their lives on their own terms. These shelters and sanctuaries are filling up fast!

You can help solve this problem by not breeding birds and by adopting a displaced bird rather than buying one from a pet store if you are ready to make a lifetime care commitment. Bird rescue, adoption, and sanctuary organizations can also use volunteers and donations to help care for their birds. Spread the word about bird overpopulation and adoption to your fellow bird lovers. Thousands of homeless parrots and other birds will thank you!



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