

TRICK TRAINING

Training is NOT about controlling your bird, it is about communicating with him. Always remember to have patience; training will take more than one attempt.

Tricks fall into two categories. The first is called learned behaviour, where the bird has learnt the behaviour (trick) and can perform it on CUE.

The second type is referred to as an innovative behaviour, which is something your bird would do naturally. like picking up his foot.

Training to perform tricks uses the second behaviour, turning it into tricks, which then can be performed on cue. To do this you need to introduce BRIDGE & REWARD. DO NOT reward bad behaviour.

Trick training will turn into playtime when your bird learns the ropes, try and use the same bridge & reward for each trick you teach.

He will soon learn that he can earn a treat, gain your attention, have playtime & make you happy with what he has done, this will also improve you relationship and he will want to learn more which in turn will improve his attention span.

REMEMBER

Always have rewards, small treats, as you may get through several in one training session. Birds enjoy playtime and rewards.

NEVER tell your bird off or punish him.

Birds have a short attention span.

HOW TO TELL IF YOUR BIRD IS GETTING BORED

Not interested in the reward.

Dropping the reward.

Nervous or aggressive behaviour or biting.

If any of these happen BRIDGE & REWARD then end the training session, praise him for what he has done then try again another time.

BE CONSISTENT

BE PATIENT

REWARD