DESIGN OF AN INFORMATIVE DOCUMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WELFARE OF PSITTACIDS AS COMPANION ANIMALS

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INTRODUCTION

Emplumados club is an animal welfare association, located in Sabadell, that aims to promote and take action in favor of the well-being of captive parrots. This project is focused on creating an impact in society in order to improve the human-animal relationship.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Definition of the Five Freedoms

- 7 Freedom from hunger, thirst and malnutrition
- 2 Freedom from physical and termal discomfort
- 3 Freedom from pain, injury, or disease
- Freedom to express normal behavior
- 5 Freedom from fear and distress

Figure 1: concept of the Five Freedoms (adapted from Farm Animal Welfare Council [FAWC], 2009).

DOCUMENT ELABORATION

FEATHER PROBLEMS

Self-plucking

Stress bars

Lack of bathing

BEAK OR LIMB PROBLEMS

Overgrowth of beak and claws

Leg malposition

Pododermatitis

REPRODUCTIVE AND EGG-LAYING PROBLEMS

Masturbation

Continuous egg-laying

ZINC INTOXICATION

REFERENCES

Farm Animal Welfare Council [FAWC]. (2009). Farm Animal Welfare in Great Britain: Past, Present and Future. http://www.fawc.org.uk

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this project is the creation of two informative brochures on behalf of the organization, to be distributed to clinics and psittacine owners, in order to raise awareness about the main issues that arise due to poor animal welfare

EXAMPLE OF THE BROCHURE





CONCLUSIONS

There are numerous problems that arise from improper handling in the captivity of psittacids, which could be addressed through the acquisition of knowledge provided by the brochures. Veterinary clinics and owners can rely on the brochures to gain this knowledge and, in turn, prevent these problems and ensure the well being of psittacids.

