



BIRD FAIR PRECAUTIONS

How to keep yourself and your own birds safe after and during a bird fair

Items to take with you:

1. Smock or something to cover your clothes with
2. Hand cleaner
3. Paper towels if you like to cuddle the birds

What not to do when holding birds at a fair:

1. Picking up a bird without cleaning your hands before you touch a bird. Not cleaning after holding a bird.
2. Putting the bird against you (cuddling). Mutable birds will allow for the spread of germs from bird to bird.

Birds at a fair are stressed, and when a bird is stressed they tend to shed some illnesses through dander. Don't get me wrong, not all birds if any are sick at the fair but why take the chance. Treat them all as if there is a possibility of one being sick.

When you are looking at a bird to buy at a fair look for the following:

1. Drainage from the nose, ears and mouth. What does the feces look like? If the bird is stressed, the bird could have loose stools. Are the stools of normal color?
2. Check the feathers. Are there stress bars on the tail or on the body. Adult birds should not have stress bars.
3. Nails, have the nails been trimmed, does the beak look normal or over grown, has the bird been clipped or clipped properly?

When buying items from a fair:

1. Wash everything that you get from the fair with soap and water (others might have touched the items)

When you get home:

1. If you have a garage, try to go into the garage and remove your clothes. Don't walk around the house with the dirty clothes, put in a bag and put in the washer
2. Shower or wash up well before you handle your birds
3. If you bought a new bird, quarantine them in a separate room for no less than 30 days. This is a safety issue. Have a avian certified veterinarian check out your new bird.

We do not tell you all this to scare you away from bird fairs, we are telling you this so that you and your current birds stay safe. We don't want to see anyone loose a bird.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT TIME AT THE FIAR

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