

Our Feathered Friends

In the local newspaper there have recently been several letters on the subject of caged birds.

Dear Editor

I am a member of SBFO (Set Birds Free Organisation). We believe it is cruel and unnatural to cage birds. Cages, where birds have little room to fly, are poor substitutes for the forests and woodlands from which they come. In cages they cannot search or hunt for their own food. Birds cannot speak so we speak for them: Set them free!

Yours disgustedly
Tania Smith

Dear Editor

It is wicked to exploit birds for profit and expose them to needless suffering. Harmless birds are trapped and transported in terrible conditions. Over 50% of birds transported from abroad do not survive the journey. Birds cannot protect themselves from humans. They should have the freedom to choose where they live. How would the manager of BirdLand like to be caged up all his life?

Yours despairingly

Ali Rafizadeh

Dear Editor

What's all the fuss about? I'm 82 and have had a budgie for years. She never complains! She is such good company for me.

Yours caringly
Mrs Edna Cook

Dear Editor

I feel I must reply to some of the misguided letters about BirdLand. All the birds in the zoo are well treated. They are provided with fresh food and water each day and their cages are cleaned regularly. We have a zoo vet on site to ensure the birds are in good health. Indeed, it has been proved that 95% of the birds survive longer in BirdLand than in the wild. The cages are spacious, with ample room for the birds to stretch their wings. We try to keep the caged environment as natural as possible. At BirdLand we pride ourselves on saving many species from extinction. In their natural habitats they are fighting for survival against deforestation and use of chemicals in farming.

Yours faithfully
Brian Mayberry
(Manager of BirdLand)

Dear Editor

My family had a great day at BirdLand. The children loved it. As well as being an education, it also brings money and business into our town.

Yours
Mrs Newton

**FREE
THE
BIRDS!**

**CLOSE
BIRDLAND**