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Bird lover facing bullying backlash

THE clue to the passion of Paris Yves is contained on her business card: Parrot Productions - bird behaviourist, animal activist.

The logo at the bottom of the card states "Wonderful world of non human animals".

Ms Yves, of Mt Eliza, offers free bird behaviour advice so that their owners can rest assured their pets are not suffering through a lonely, unnatural and unethical life.

Although well intentioned, Ms Yves is upsetting people, mainly those who breed and sell birds.

Quick to let the authorities know about any transgression of the law or cruelty being shown to birds, Ms Yves latest target is raising more than a few feathers among bird collectors and breeders.

She says complaints she lodged last month about an annual "bird sale and expo" at Skye have led to her being bullied, but not bowed.

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Best of friends: Bird behaviourist and animal activist Paris Yves with her cockatiel Jazzi.

Picture: Yanni

Decision dogs council

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THE fate of two dogs who escaped from a Frankston backyard late last year remains unclear despite council initially declaring a final decision on whether to "humanely euthanise" the animals would be made last Friday.

The dogs, bull mastiff-cross Charlie and shar pei-cross Sharni, have

been held in a council pound since November after they killed a cat while on the loose. The animals' owners, Shannon Holt and Evan Jeremieczyk, who live in Frankston, had taken their attempts to save the dogs all the way to the Supreme Court.

The owners' plight has attracted national interest and RSPCA South Australia and other interstate animal welfare groups offered late last week to take the dogs into their care to

avoid the need to kill the pets. Council advised an update would be provided by "close of business" on Friday but then postponed any further statement.

In March, the Supreme Court granted an injunction temporarily preventing council from putting the dogs down.

Frankston Council said there was a "risk" the dogs could attack another animal or person if they were released back to their owners.

At a Magistrates' Court hearing

in February, Ms Holt and Mr Jeremieczyk pleaded guilty to charges of failing to register a dog, having a dog at large and a dog attack causing death.

The pair claimed council had "deceived them" by advising they would not seek an order to destroy the dogs if the owners pleaded guilty.

Frankston Council said it had been agreed that the case would be reviewed.

After a review was conducted,

council stated the original decision to put down the animals would stand.

Council CEO Dennis Hovenden said the safety of Frankston residents and their animals was imperative.

"The decision was based on the nature and impact of the attack on the cat last year, and on the risk of further attack on an animal or a person should the dogs be released," he said.

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