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Concern for the Future of Bird Sales in Victoria

Friday, May 29, 2015

Trouble in Victoria – Animal Liberationist, Paris Yves <http://parrotproductions.org/animal-education-courses/homeopathy-and-on-human-animals/> has played a legal card by pointing out to the Department that there is a clause in the 1994 Act on Domestic Animals, that foreign species of birds, canaries and lovebirds included, cannot be sold at a public venue such as a bird sale. They can only be sold from private dwellings and pet stores. Currently Australian species are exempt as we have exemption forms from the Department.

Sources indicate that the Department have indicated that they are going to enforce this immediately and the Mornington sale, Victoria's largest sale, is on this Sunday! No exotic species will be allowed to be sold! I have been informed the VAC are onto this and seeking legal advice, however it is too close to the sale to really do anything by Sunday. Early legal advice recommends that we need to begin lobbying the government to change this legislation.

Obviously this is something that is of grave concern to all bird breeders and threatens the hobby of aviculture. We need all clubs and avicultural organisations to band together to support any action that will be required to undertake.

The link to the Victorian act is below. It would be worth sending this

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news around to various clubs as this could, and have will have, serious ramifications to all involved with Aviculture throughout Australia. Stay tuned for further updates and courses of action.

David Pace

Legislation on domestic animals in Victoria does exist:

<http://www.depi.vic.gov.au/pets/registration-legislation-and-permits/domestic-animal-legislation-and-latest-news>

Domestic Animals Act 1994


Version incorporating amendments as at 1 July 2014: Domestic Animals Act 1994 V62


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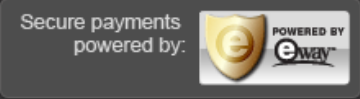
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