

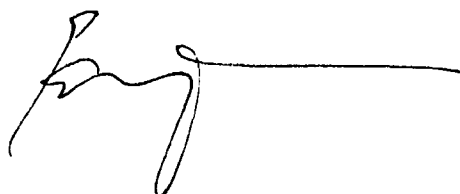
**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**  
**No. 129 of 1995**

Section 22 of the Animal Welfare Act 1992 provides that the Minister may approve codes of practice relating to animal welfare

The Code of Practice for the Welfare of Captive Birds was prepared by a joint working party of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee together with representatives of the Avicultural Society of Canberra, the Canberra Branch of the Budgerigar Society of NSW, the Canberra and Queanbeyan Poultry Association, Animal Liberation, and the Australian Veterinary Association, as well as industry groups such as pet shop owners.

The ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee endorsed the Code of Practice for adoption in the ACT in June 1995.

The provisions of the Code are detailed in the Attachment.

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The purpose of the Code is to specify the requirements for the welfare of captive birds within the Australian Capital Territory

The Code details the minimum standards of accommodation, management and care that are appropriate to the various species of captive birds.

**Section 2** outlines legislative requirements relating to licences issued under the *Nature Conservation Act 1980* and requirements under the *ACT Public Health (General Sanitation) Regulations*.

**Section 3** details the general requirements of captive birds, including food, water, and accommodation.

**Section 4** discusses health issues such as quarantine, inspection, disease, parasite control, and euthanasia.

**Section 5** provides requirements in relation to trading of birds.

**Section 6** describes appropriate handling procedures.

**Section 7** details requirements in relation to transport of captive birds, including long period and short period carry cages.

**Section 8** provides requirements in relation to permanent housing of captive birds, including at indoor, outdoor and at commercial and retail establishments.

**Section 9** acknowledges the assistance received in developing the Code.

**Appendix 1** details the short period carry cage dimensions.

**Appendix 2** details the bulk consignment cage dimensions.

**Appendix 3** details indoor cage dimensions.

**Appendix 4** details aviary (outside cage) dimensions

**Appendix 5** details display cage dimensions (other than poultry and game birds)

**Appendix 6** details poultry and game birds display cage dimensions.