

Parrot Amnesty Q&A

- What is the purpose of the Cayman Parrot Amnesty?
 - The purpose is to make it possible to enforce the legal prohibition against robbing parrot nests for the “black market” in pet Cayman Parrots. Nest robbing is a very serious threat to the wild parrot population, and has been the leading cause of decline and extinction of parrots elsewhere in the Caribbean.
- What is the Parrot Amnesty?
 - Although many people have pet Cayman Parrots at the moment, it has been illegal to take parrots from the wild since long before the National Conservation Law was passed. Between September 2019 and February 2020, the Department of Environment (DOE) will be “grandfathering in” these pet parrots by registering them and issuing a permit under the National Conservation Law to their owners. After February 2020 any captive Cayman Parrot that is not registered will be treated as an illegal bird and will be subject to confiscation, and prosecution may follow.
- Do I have to register my Cayman Parrot?
 - Yes. This is your chance to legalise your bird. If you don’t, then after February 2020 it will be illegal to keep it.
- How can I register my Cayman Parrot?

- Call DoE at 949 8469 or email DoE@gov.ky and we will schedule a time and place for our registration team to do this for you at no charge.
- What does registration involve?
 - The registration team will take details of the parrot(s) and its owner(s), and give the parrot a health check. Then they will implant a passive induction transponder (PIT tag) in the parrot, and apply a metal leg band with a unique number. Owners will also be given advice on how to properly care for their bird. There is no cost for this service.
- Can I sell my Cayman Parrot, or buy one?
 - Only if the bird in question has already been registered. After February 2020 it will be illegal to buy or sell a Cayman Parrot that has not been registered.
- Can I register a parrot that is not a Cayman Parrot?
 - No, we are only registering Cayman Parrots at this time, though we are interested in information on other parrot species being kept as pets, and willing to advise on care.
- How do I report a caged Cayman Parrot that does not have a ring?
 - Up through February 2020 we want to contact everyone who has a Cayman Parrot so that we can register them all. Please encourage owners to contact us directly and register their bird. If you don't wish to approach them you can advise us by email (DoE@gov.ky) of the location and we will schedule a visit if they have not already contacted us.

- How do I report Cayman Parrots being kept in inhumane conditions?
 - Please email details and location to (DoE@gov.ky). Our registration team will follow up, and will liaise with law enforcement if necessary.
- Where can I find information on the best way to look after my Cayman Parrot?
 - See Husbandry Brochure
- How do I report a parrot with a leg band in the wild?
 - Please send details including photos if possible, to DoE@gov.ky. This could be an escaped registered Cayman Parrot. If you can read or photograph the writing on the band, this will be especially helpful.
- How can I help an injured or sick wild parrot?
 - Please call DoE at 949-8469 and ask to talk to any of the staff in the Terrestrial Resources Unit. We will be happy to respond and advise.