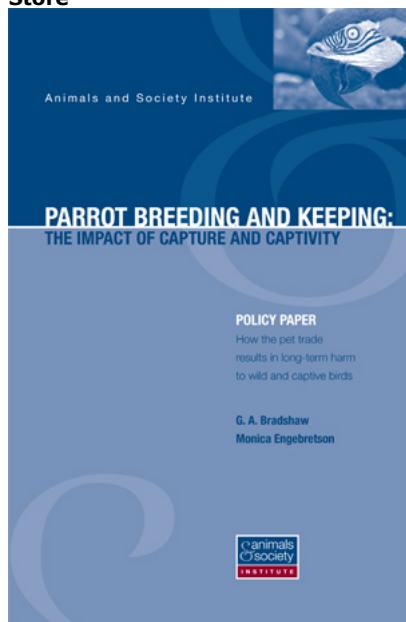




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Parrot Breeding and Keeping: The Impact of Capture and Captivity

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The practice of keeping parrots in captivity as household "pets" has a long but troubling history. Despite captive breeding, the capture and trade of many wild parrot species remains a lucrative international business. Unfortunately, this practice takes a heavy toll both on individual animals (who suffer physically and psychologically) and on the native populations around the world that are being decimated by commercial trafficking. This paper, by two noted wildlife experts, traces the history of captive parrots and explains in both humane and environmental terms the need to stop the exploitation of these birds.