

*Don't breed, don't buy,
adopt a needy bird!*



There is a huge overpopulation problem with small birds like cockatiels, parakeets (budgies), finches, canaries and lovebirds. Sadly, an increasing number of them are unwanted, neglected and abused.

In fact, Mickaboo Cockatiel Rescue rescued 300% more birds in 2001 than we did in 1997. City shelters are overcrowded and wonderful birds are being euthanized every day because of overpopulation—there are simply not enough homes for all of them.

The budgies in this photo should live 20 years, but statistics predict they will die by the time they are 5. Their unnaturally short life span is often due to preventable causes like improper diet and husbandry. For example, only 1 out of 10 households will take their bird to see a vet once in its lifetime. And of the sick birds who do see a vet, many will be euthanized without treatment because buying a new bird is cheaper than healing a sick one—overpopulation makes birds expendable.

You can help remedy this problem by not breeding, and by adopting rather than buying from pet shops. Spread the word by letting your fellow bird-lovers know why you're doing so. Thank you!

Mickaboo Cockatiel Rescue,
PO Box 1631, Pacifica, CA 94044 Phone: 650-355-2341 Fax: 650-355-2341
www.mickaboo.org mail@mickaboo.org