

## Animal Rescue ZooAve asks the Costa Rican population to protect wild species

(January 5, 2017. Alajuela, Costa Rica). In this summer season and vacations to get out of the stress of cities, people decide to vacation in national destinations near nature. In response, contact with wild species becomes very attractive. It is here that many decide to get the animals out of their natural habitat and take them home.

Animal Rescue ZooAve receives about 3000 animals a year, by authorities like MINAE, Police, Firefighters and civilians. In this season we receive lots of animals, when people realize their mistake when taking them home.



In addition to being banned in our country, keeping a wild animal in captivity and giving it quality of life is almost impossible, they need a lot of attention and resources. As the animal matures, it shows its naturalness or nonconformity of its state and can be aggressive. This is when people decide to give it to a rescue center, but it is a little late.

More than 60% of the adult national population, is in disagreement of keeping animals in captivity, even so, it is estimated that 140,000 parrots and parakeets live in Costa Rican homes. (Drews 2000. *Animales Silvestres como mascotas*, HSI)

In Costa Rica, it has been estimated that each year, between 25 000 and 40 000 parrots and parakeets are extracted from the wild to run as pets. One in four adults in the country is willing to get a wild animal to keep him in captivity, which also includes monkeys, turtles and other birds on the list. (Drews 2000. *Animales Silvestres como mascotas*, HSI).

Our foundation asks people, not taking wild animals out of their habitat, denounce the sellers of species to the nearest authorities of MINAE and Police.