

HOW TO TEACH YOUR PARROT TO WAVE

The wave is classed as an innovative behaviour. Your bird stands on one foot while waving up & down with the other, as if waving hello. This behaviour can be quickly learnt, you must be quick with your bridge & reward.

With your bird perched on a T- stand, reach out your hand as if you want your bird to step onto it.

As soon as your bird lifts its foot BRIDGE & REWARD, but do not allow the bird to step onto your hand.

Repeat step 2, only this time using a CUE while offering your hand. As soon as your bird lifts its foot BRIDGE & REWARD. While repeating the CUE, gradually begin to move your hand further away from your bird until you are far enough away for it not to be able to reach your hand. Your bird will start to realize that he gets a reward when he lifts his foot.

With your hand nearer, give your CUE while moving your hand up & down, your bird should try & follow this motion, when he begins to follow this BRIDGE & REWARD.

With your hand 5-8 inches away from your bird wave while giving the CUE. Delay the BRIDGE & REWARD until the bird is copying the up & down motion.

IT'S THAT EASY!!!!-

Bridging is a sound cue that lets your bird, know he has done what you wanted and is about to get a reward. The use of a bridge is essential in getting your bird to associate the reward with its behaviour.

Clickers & Bridges

A dog clicker will make a good bridge, or try using one hand free, the other has a treat in at all times, also you can use a verbal bridge, the word GOOD said in a pleasant tone is also good to one to use. You can use any word you like but keep it short and one that comes naturally to you. Otherwise use any distinctive sound.

Cues

Some birds will not only perform the desired behaviour, but will also repeat the verbal cue. Choose a short word or phrase; later this can be replaced by a non-verbal cue.

Reward

Choose a reward that is your birds favourite treat, but try and make it small as you may get through a few rewards in one training session, eg a small peanut, a sunflower kernel or a piece of fruit, BUT never chocolate.

Do not train without giving a reward.