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PLEASE HELP THE PARROTS

THIS IS A LETTER TO MARY AND HER HUSBAND JOHN FOR ALL THEIR LOVING EFFORTS TO SAFE THE PARROTS.

MY NAME IS INGE AND MY HUSBAND JON , WE ARE NOT RELATED OR EVEN NEAR THE TROPICS REFUGE BUT THANKS TO MARY AND ALL HER LOVE WE SEEN A TV PROGRAM OF HER HOME AND THE DOME THAT HOUSES THE UNWANTED PARROTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY .

BECAUSE OF THIS PROGRAM WE WERE ABLE TO READ AND UNDERSTAND FIRST HAND THE DIRE NEED FOR SOMEONE LIKE MARY AND JOHN TO OPEN THERE HEARTS , THEIR HOME AND MOST OF ALL THERE WALLETS TO SO MANY BIRDS THAT HAD A ROAD THAT LED TO NOWHERE. FROM ONE PERSON WHO DID NOT UNDERSTAND THEIR PARROT TO THE NEXT PERSON WHO THOUGHT THEY COULD CHANGE OR ACCEPT A SCREAMING, BITING PARROT TO JUST WANTING THEM OUT OF THERE HOME AND INTO THE TROPICS .

WITH SO MANY PARROTS FORM LARGE MACAWS TO AMAZONS , GRAYS AND THE LIST GOES ON YOU CAN SEE HOW THIS HELPING HAND TURNED IN TO A LIFE CHANGING EVENT FOR THE CARING COUPLE WHO ONLY WANTED TO HELP BIRDS WITH OWNERS WHO HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO GIVE THEM UP.

WITH ALL THIS KINDNESS COMES A SAD AND ALL TO REAL MOMENT " WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE GOING TO GET THE MONEY TO HELP HOUSE CAGE FEED AND MEDICALLY CARE FOR UP TO 50, 60 OR MORE BIRDS AT A TIME." THEY ARE NOT RICH OR RECEIVING ANY KIND OF GRANTS FOR THEIR WORKS. NO THIS OVER WHELMING HELPING HAND HAS TURNED INTO A VERY LARGE AND UNEXPECTED PROBLEM. THERE IS SO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE TAKEN BIRDS HOME FORM THE PET SHOPS AND BREEDERS WITH VERY LITTLE OR NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS IN STORE.

THE MAJORITY JUST WANT TO STRANGLE THEIR BIRDS TO GET THEM TO STOP SCREAMING AT THE TIME. THE BITING IS SO SEVERE THAT THE EMERGENCY ROOM IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR A BITE THAT WONT STOP BLEEDING.

I GUESS I'M GETTING OFF TRACK BUT MY POINT IS THERE ARE WAY TO MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE BIRDS THAT DON'T WANT OR UNDERSTAND THEM AND WITH ANY PET WE HAVE TO TAKE THEM SOMEWHERE TO FIND NEW HOMES AND THAT IS WHAT MARY AND JOHN HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO AS WELL AS THEIR ENTIRE FINANCIAL ABILITY. THEY HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE TROPICS ONE OF THE ONLY PLACES YOU CAN ADOPT

UNWANTED PARROTS AND GIVE THEM A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE IS NOW IN A CRISIS OF THEIR OWN.

WE AS BIRD PEOPLE OR ANIMAL PEOPLE FOR THAT MATTER CAN'T ALL ADOPT THE UNWANTED OR BUILD REFUGES IN YOUR BACKYARD BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT PLACES LIKE THE TROPICS EXIST FOR THIS REASON TO SAVE LIFE.

WE ALL SHOULD BE GRATEFUL AND DO OUR PART TO KEEP SUCH A WONDERFUL PLACE ALIVE AND READY FOR THE NEXT UNWANTED BIRD BY GIVING FROM OUR HEART IN THE AMOUNT WE CAN SHARE.

I KNOW FIRST HAND AND THIS IS THE REASON FOR MY LETTER. I'M A DISABLED GULF WAR VETERAN AND I RECEIVE A DISABILITY CHECK EVERY MONTH THAT IS NOT MUCH BUT I FEEL A NEED TO SHARE SOME OF THAT WITH THE TROPICS BECAUSE EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS GET A BIRD FOOD AND A CHANCE AT A NEW HOME AND CONSTANT CARE UNTIL THAT TIME COMES.

IF I'M WILLING AND ABLE TO GIVE \$20 A MONTH AND IF YOU DID THE SAME OR EVEN MORE OR LESS THAT WOULD HELP KEEP MARY AND JOHN IN A POSITION TO KEEP TAKING IN NEW BIRDS.

IF YOU FELT ANYTHING WHILE READING THIS LETTER THEN YOU TOO ARE A GOOD HEARTED ANIMAL LOVER AND TO SHOW YOUR THANKS BY SENDING THE TROPICS ANY AMOUNT THAT YOU CAN SO WE ALL

GET INVOLVED FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. PLEASE HELP MARY AND JOHN TODAY AND NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL WE MUST NOT LOSE THIS GREAT PARROT SANCTUARY BECAUSE OF MONEY.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR READING THIS AND OUR THANKS TO MARY AND JOHN FOR ALL YOU DO EACH DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

JON AND INGE FROM THE MOUNTAINS OF NC