

Dear Editor,

It is wicked to exploit birds for profit and expose them to needless suffering. Harmless birds are trapped and transported in terrible conditions. Over 50% of birds transported from abroad do not survive the journey. Birds cannot protect themselves from humans. They should have freedom to choose where they live. How would the manager of Birdland like to be caged up all his life?

Your despairingly,
Ali Rafizadeh

*Dear Editor,
What's all the fuss
about? I'm 82 and
have had a budgie
for years! She never
complains! She is
such good company
for me.*

*Yours caringly,
Mrs Edna Cook*

Dear Editor,
My family had a great
day at Birdland. The
children loved it. As
well as being an
education, it also
brings money and
business into our
town.

Yours, Mrs Newton.

Dear Editor.

I am a member of the SBFO (Set Birds Free Organisation). We believe it is cruel and unnatural to cage birds.

Cages, where birds have little room to fly, are poor substitutes for the forest and woodlands from which they come.

In cages they cannot search or hunt for their own food. Birds cannot speak so we speak for them: Set them free!

Yours disgustedly,

Tania Smith

Dear Editor,

I feel I must reply to some of the misguided letters about Birdland. All the birds in the zoo are well treated. They are provided with fresh food and water each day and their cages are cleaned regularly. We have a zoo vet on site to ensure the birds are in good health. Indeed, it has been proved that 95% of birds survive longer in Birdland than in the wild! The cages are spacious, with ample room for the birds to stretch their wings. We try to keep the cage environments as natural as possible. At Birdland, we pride ourselves on saving many species from extinction. In their natural habitats, they are fighting for survival against deforestation and use of chemicals in farming.

Yours Faithfully,

Brian Mayberry (the manager at Birdland)