



Packing up your Parrot!

The safe way to send Polly as a Parcel

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Parrots are Easy to Ship

- o Chose appropriate kennel/crate for each species
- o Prevention of Destruction
- o Remember the intelligence of the Passenger



Basic Parrot Parcel

- o Construct an appropriate sized wire mesh enclosure
- o Coated or non-coated
- o J-clips or Zip-ties
 - o No hog-rings!



Basic Parrot Parcel



- Select a kennel that properly fits the enclosure
- Secure enclosure at the base to prevent movement
- Install metal food and water bowls

Use zipties thru hole in bottom of the kennel to attach to the base of the enclosure.

Basic Parrot Parcel

- o Place top of kennel on the enclosure to ensure adequate clearance and attachment
- o Double check door for proper fit and operation



Basic Parrot Parcel



- o Secure kennel around enclosure with nuts and bolts
- o Finish off door and sides with choice of materials
- o Test water filling devices

Basic Parrot Parcel



crate with plexi-glass over mesh

Parrot Kennel Sizes



Small – Medium Kennel

- o Budgies and Cockatiels
- o Rosellas and Lories
- o Hanging parrots
- o Parakeets
- o Conures and Pionus
- o Small Amazons

Large Kennel

- o Cockatoos
- o Macaws
- o Large Amazons
- o Kea/Pesquets

Parrot Kennel Sizes

- Need adequate space for bird to move around
 - Don't forget Tail length
- Provide appropriate size perch: natural or artificial



Safety Considerations

- o Outer covering is important for people as well as parrots
- o Use good judgement when shipping multiple birds in same crate – smaller parrots only
- o Do not include hanging enrichment



Wood Crates?

- Can be very heavy!
- Most will still need internal wire enclosure to prevent chewing
- Time intensive to construct, can cost more \$\$ than pre-fab kennels



Metal Crates?



- o They are Parrots ... not Tigers!
- o Very expensive, timely to produce
- o Heavy and difficult to manipulate
- o New companies are making improvements, IATA compliant

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New options?



- Off the shelf product
- Has potential for smaller psittacines
- Accepted by USPS and FedEX





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