

# Packing up your Parrot!

The safe way to send Polly as a Parcel

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





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







- 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.



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









## Basic Parrot Parcel





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

# Basic Parrot Parcel



crate with plexi-glass over mesh

# Parrot Kennel Sizes



#### Small – Medium Kennel

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

#### Large Kennel

- Cockatoos
- Macaws
- Large Amazons
- Kea/Pesquets



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





- Outer covering is important for people as well as parrots
- Use good judgement when shipping multiple birds in same crate – smaller parrots only
- 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 prefab kennels





# Metal Crates?



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

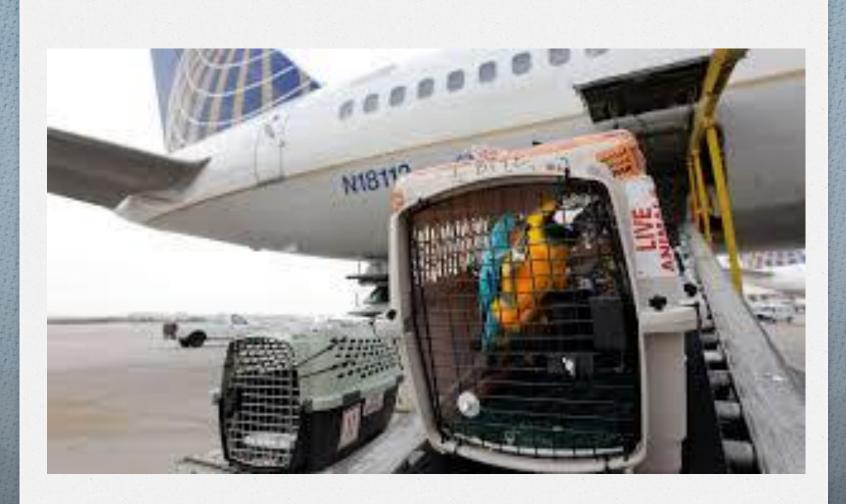




# New options?



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





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