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## Editorial

*It only takes one minute to support a zoo.  
Most institutions have a special  
"support us" link on their websites.  
Any help is welcome,  
even a minimal donation.*



**Dear parrot breeders and friends! I would like to dedicate today's editorial to zoos.  
It is no news that currently they need the help of all of us all like never before.  
Due to the global pandemic and the compulsory closure,  
many of them are in financial trouble.**

I have had a close personal relationship with zoos since my childhood, like almost every animal lover, actually. My great-uncle Čestmír Pekař was the director of the Hluboká Zoo (South Bohemia). His stories lasting for hours cannot be forgotten. I felt like being in a live animal movie when with him. And especially in recent months, I have recalled his words uttered in the 1980s very well. He ascribed great importance to zoos within the context of the global protection of animal species and managed his zoo daily with great dedication so that the animals thrived as best as possible.

Like then, today's purpose of zoos is also to preserve the genetic diversity and populations of species outside their natural habitats. Public education is necessary, even if visitors go to the zoo e.g. just for a walk with their children, they gradually – some even subconsciously – absorb the information communicated on the information boards for each species. The importance of fauna protection is presented, and we

should all take part, as we share a common planet together. And who else can demonstrate to the general public in such a wide range the importance of nature conservation than zoos? Expertise goes hand in hand with providing pleasant life moments for visitors here. People have the opportunity to observe animals from the immediate vicinity, which cannot be mediated by any media or social network.

More than a year ago, most institutions were closed for many months. Some zoos are, though under strict rules, open in these days. However, this does not change the fact that most of them need help. If you have any zoo in your area, please visit its website and, if you have the opportunity, contribute something, albeit a minimal amount. Even such a small donation can help in difficult moments.

Thank you!

  
Alena Winner  
publisher





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# Personal experience with the breeding of the **White-fronted Amazon** *Amazona albifrons albifrons*



The species is sexually dimorphic. Male on the left, female on the right. The male's alula and primary coverts are red while the female's are green. The males also have a greater amount of white on the forehead, a larger "spectacled" area and a larger beak.

The White-fronted Amazon was a relatively frequently imported Amazon species. It has never been as high in demand and value as other Amazon parrots. Nowadays, these birds are no longer common in our country – Germany. I would not consider them as really rare. Still, they are bred regularly, but not much attention has been given to the breeding of pure subspecies, which has led to most of the individuals in Europe probably being hybrids between the subspecies *A. a. albifrons* and *A. a. nana*.





## Part 1

By Thiely and Ed de Moor

# Eclectus parrots

## BREEDERS' NOTES

Let me begin by introducing myself. My name is Thiely de Moor and I breed parrots together with my husband, Ed. We grew up interested in the subject because of our parents and grandparents. Ed has been a lover of birds ever since he was seven years old, when he started with a pair of parakeets, followed by budgies. I myself, too, was raised with birds: from canaries to peacocks. Both my father and my grandfather were bird lovers, and I have always been especially fond of parrots.



# I want to get some **antibiotics** for my parrot **PLEASE**



**By** MVDr. Veronika Trhoňová, Ph.D.



I often meet parrot owners in our veterinary clinic who come to buy drugs to stock up on. Some owners claim that they need to use antibiotics or antiparasitics as a preventative measure for their parrots and what excellent experience they have with applying these preventively.

# Helena Vaidlova

## on the establishment of MADA – a veterinary clinic focusing on exotic birds

**By** Alena Winner



To this day, I can still recall the pleasant soft voice that came from the "other end" of the phone in 2006. It was the veterinarian Helena Zímová, VMD calling. She was interested in participating in an international congress dedicated to parrots in Tenerife. I was glad that a young veterinarian with an obviously sincere interest not only in parrots, but also in other representatives of the bird kingdom would join us. That September was also fated in the sense that on the occasion of the congress in Tenerife she met her current husband, the bird breeding curator at the Prague Zoo, Anton Vaidl. Since then, they have taken a joint path. Another turning point for her came about in 2008, when their wedding took place, and in the same year Dr. Vaidlová set up the MADA veterinary clinic in the Czech Republic.





Erica Pacifico and local guardians  
with Lear's Macaw chick.

Photo by Joao Marcos Rosa



By Dr. David Waugh  
Correspondent  
Loro Parque Fundación

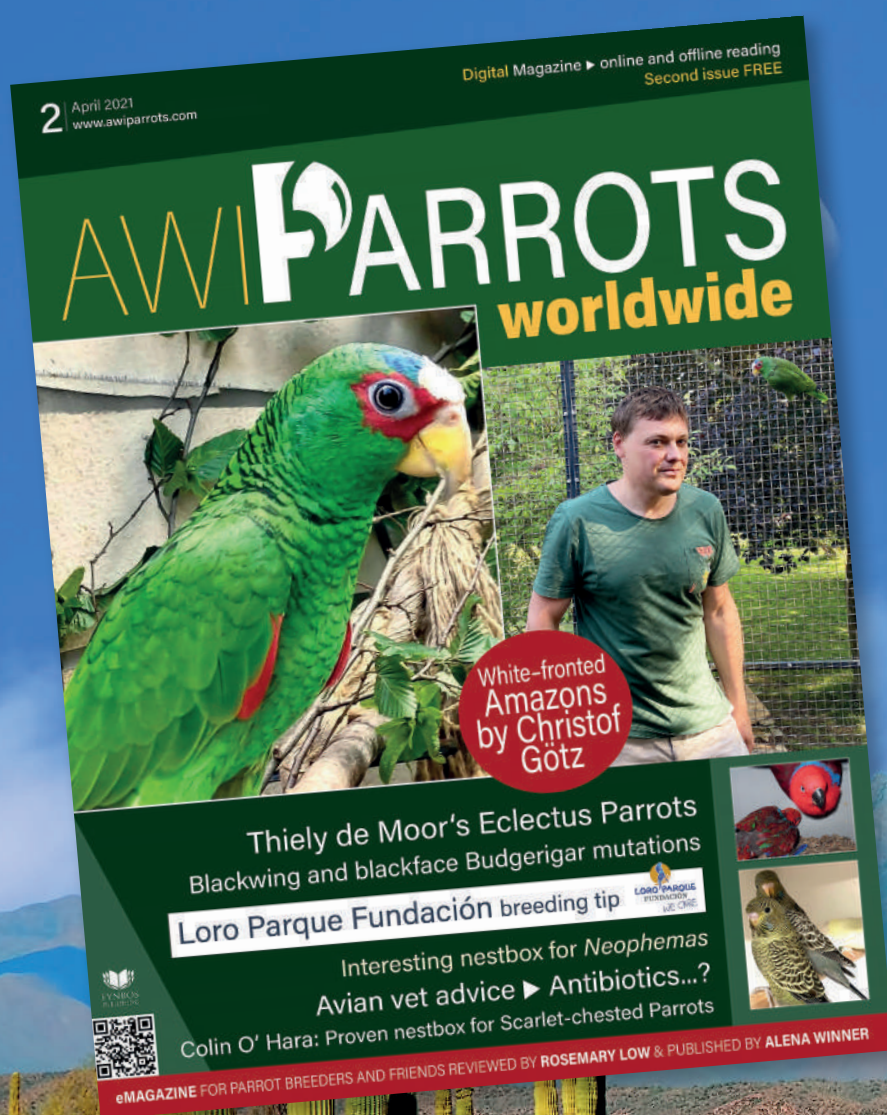
# Bee control results in Lear's Macaw breeding population increase

The world needs honeybees. Aside from their key ecological function, honeybees are responsible for pollinating nearly 85% of all food crops for humans, and provide us with several useful products, honey being top of the list. But what about Africanized honeybees? These are the infamous aggressive "killer bees", descendants of African honeybees introduced into South America in 1956 which have rapidly spread through most of South and Central America, arriving in the USA in the 1990s.



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