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# Parrot Behaviour and Welfare

Dr. Irene Pepperberg PhD

Drs. Jan Hooimeijer DVM RPBC

## Seminar

Date: 18 March 2023 (Saturday)  
Time: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm  
Venue: Lecture Theatre 10 (LT-10), Blue Zone,  
4/F, Yeung Kin Man Academic  
Building, CityU, Kowloon Tong  
Fee: Veterinarians: HKD800  
Veterinary Nurses/Technicians/  
Assistants/Animal Welfare Scientists:  
HKD400  
Students / CityU Staff: Free of charge



## Workshop

Date: 19 March 2023 (Sunday)  
Time: 9:00 am to 12:15 pm  
Venue: Rm8-220, 8/F, Lau Ming Wai Building,  
CityU, Kowloon Tong  
Fee: Veterinarians: HKD500  
Veterinary Nurses/Technicians/  
Assistants/Animal Welfare Scientists:  
HKD250  
Students / CityU Staff: Free of charge

Registration:

<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/jcc/parrotwelfare>



## Speakers

### Dr. Irene Pepperberg

*Cognitive Psychologist, (S.B, MIT, '69; Ph.D., Harvard, '76) is a Research Associate and lecturer at Harvard University.*

She has been a visiting Assistant Professor at Northwestern University, a tenured Associate Professor at the University of Arizona, a visiting Associate Professor at the MIT Media Lab and an adjunct Associate Professor at Brandeis University. She has received John Simon Guggenheim, Selby, and Radcliffe Fellowships, is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Society, the Animal Behavior Society, the American Ornithologists' Union, the Midwest Psychological Society and the Eastern Psychological Society.

She is on the editorial board of three journals, and assumed associate editorship of the Journal of Comparative Psychology in January, 2011. Her research centers on the study of the cognitive and communicative abilities of Grey parrots, including developmental issues. She has published over 100 scholarly articles in peer reviewed journals and as book chapters, and is the author of *The Alex Studies* and *Alex & Me*.

### Drs. Jan Hooimeijer

*Avian veterinarian, graduated from the Veterinary Faculty University, Utrecht, in 1982.*

He was the owner of the Clinic for Birds from 1983 until he retired as practicing avian veterinarian and founded the Consultancy Practice for Birds in 2013. His focus is on dealing with the prevention of health and welfare problems.

Drs. Hooimeijer is a Recognised Parrot Behavior Consultant, member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians, the AAV Welfare Committee, the AAV Conservation Committee, member of the European Society of Veterinary Clinical Ethology. His work includes the development of the Dutch 5-step behavior protocol to create a relationship based on mutual respect and mutual trust.

This protocol serves as a tool to prevent behavior problems, to deal with and to solve behavior problems. This protocol is a tool for veterinarians and owners to handle and manipulate the birds without creating stress. In combination with developing this Dutch behavior protocol he has established and formulated definitions to recognize and understand the difference between normal behavior, desired behavior, undesired behavior, and enforced behavior.

Drs. Hooimeijer emphasizes that understanding, recognizing, dealing with and using displacement behavior as described by Dr. Nico Tinbergen is crucial to prevent and to deal with behavior problems. He is the founder of the Dutch Parrot Walks, which aims to promote the importance of the development of strong social relationships between parrots and people, and to promote the role of parrots as part of the family. Founder/Chairman Dutch Parrot Foundation. Founder Avian Healthcare Company (AHC). He has participated in over 100 (International) conferences and presented papers/workshops at 71 conferences/symposiums concerning avian medicine and welfare.

In April 2022, Drs. Jan Hooimeijer published the book, *The Secret of the Nursery School Teacher, an Inconvenient Truth*. Prof Karl Jane, a leading expert in the field of the evolution of behavior, described the book as a milestone in the evolution of educating animals and children.



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9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 11:00	What do we know about the intelligence/cognition of Parrots? <a href="#">Dr. Irene Pepperberg</a>
11:00 - 11:15	Questions & Answers
11:15 - 11:30	Break
11:30 - 13:00	Dealing with welfare of parrots in captivity. <a href="#">Drs. Jan Hooimeijer</a>
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch (included)
14:30 - 15:15	Preventing, dealing with and solving undesired behaviour. <a href="#">Drs. Jan Hooimeijer</a>
15:45 - 16:15	Parrots don't bite children. <a href="#">Drs. Jan Hooimeijer</a>
16:15 - 16:30	Break
16:30 - 17:00	Why is hand rearing of parrots prohibited in the Netherlands. <a href="#">Drs. Jan Hooimeijer</a>
17:00 - 17:30	How to approach and handle parrots. <a href="#">Drs. Jan Hooimeijer</a>

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	<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>
9:00 - 10:30	The Rival / Model concept <a href="#">Dr. Irene Pepperberg</a>	The 5-step behaviour protocol <a href="#">Drs. Jan Hooimeijer</a>
10:30 - 10:45	Break	Break
10:45 - 12:15	The 5-step behaviour protocol <a href="#">Drs. Jan Hooimeijer</a>	The Rival / Model concept <a href="#">Dr. Irene Pepperberg</a>