

Hot Weather Policy

PURPOSE:

This Budgerigar Council of South Australia Inc. (BCSA) initiative is to ensure that all members of the BCSA understand that there is a duty of care in looking after their budgerigars during hot weather conditions and that they follow best practice by adhering to the following guidelines.

GUIDELINES:

1. This Policy embraces Shows, Sales, Auctions and all other related activities (Events).
2. Events shall be cancelled if the local forecast, as broadcast no later than 6.30 p.m. the day prior, is predicted to be in excess of 32 degrees Celsius. (For the day of the event).
3. This Policy should be read in conjunction with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 2000 under the [Animal Welfare Act 1985](#) refer [Animal Welfare Regulations 2000](#) Schedule 2 - Codes of Practice - 9.

Person who must ensure compliance with Code of Practice

Relevant Code of Practice

9. A person who has the care, control or management of captive birds (excluding waterfowl, pigeons used for racing, pheasants or poultry used for the commercial production of meat or eggs)

South Australian Code of Practice for the Husbandry of Captive Birds, Office of Animal Welfare, Department of Environment, Heritage and Aboriginal Affairs (1999).

http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/animalwelfare/pdfs/bird_05.pdf

*Appendix 1: South Australian Code of Practice for The Husbandry of **Captive Birds** states 'The transportation of birds in temperatures exceeding 32 degrees Celsius is not recommended'*

4. A further relevant guideline is the *Voluntary Code of Practice for Bird Sales for affiliates of the United Bird Societies of South Australia Inc.* states 'The sale or auction shall be cancelled if the forecast, or actual temperature is in excess of 32 degrees Celsius on the day of the event'.

<http://www.unitedbirds.asn.au/sacodepracticeforbirdsales.htm>

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