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Personality and Emotions of Parrots

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Parrots (Aves, Psittaciformes) are recognized by the bright colors of their plumage, their short and blunt beaks with downcurved upper mandible, zygodactylous feet, distinctive vocalization, and ability to mimic human speech. They also have a complex behavioral repertoire and emotional lives, showing social behaviors, bi-parental care, complex communication, high cognitive ability, and interindividual behavioral differences. Personality can be defined as interindividual differences in behavior that are consistent over time and across contexts. More studies about parrots' personality are needed to investigate how individuals differ from each other as well as the physiological, neural, and genetic basis of personality. It is also relevant to understand the consequences of personality for fitness and conservation in wild parrots, as well as the implications for the welfare of parrots kept in captivity or as pets. This Special Issue is focused on parrots' personality, emotions, and the link of both, since certain personality types lead individuals towards tendencies to experience certain emotions more frequently and intensely than others.



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