

FLIGHT, TRAINING AND PARROTS' WELFARE

Workshop lectured by Chris Biro

American trainer and founder of FREE FLIGHT LIST

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CASCAIS**

APRIL 24th & 25th



Collaboration of Dorothy Schwarz,
english specialist in environmental enrichment

24th | FLIGHT INDOORS

and environmental enrichment

For breeders, vets, vet students, parrot owners,
pet shop staff, ...

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Come to learn how to teach your parrot!

Flight, Training and Parrots' Welfare

Chris Biro | Dorothy Schwarz

24th-25th April 2010 Cascais, Portugal

The thoughtful breeding of pet parrots should be based on their instinctive tendencies and on the phases of their development. Early flight training and the opportunity to practice it, at least for some months, is essential for the birds' development and will affect their entire life.

This seminar/workshop is the logical follow-up of our previous seminars, lectured by Igor Maskin (in 2007 and 2008) and by Barbara Heidenreich (in 2010), held by Clube dos Papagaios.

To fly is a basic need for both physical and mental health of all parrots, including pet parrots. We shouldn't forget that a parrot is a bird with two wings and is meant to fly. The aim of this seminar/workshop is to explain how to raise and keep pet parrots in optimum conditions, improving their natural behavior and their quality of life in captivity, with obvious advantages for the quality of their relationship with human beings. The lectures will be illustrated with photos, videos, testimonies and two sessions of free flight.

Simultaneous translation into Portuguese will be provided.



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THE LECTURES

Chris Biro

Chris Biro practices free flight with his multispecies flock of parrots, in solo flights or in flock flights. His "Pirate's Parrot Show" is exhibited all over America. It is an educational show that changes venue every week. Out of the show season Chris Biro works as an avian consultant, teaches bird owners, and trains his 22 birds in free flight. Over the past twenty years he has rescued many abandoned parrots who live in a 300 sq meters aviary.

Chris Biro founded the Freeflight list in 1999 where many people (including some members of Clube dos Papagaios) receive information and counselling on how to successfully free fly their parrots. He is the proprietor and responsible for www.wingsatliberty.com. This website provides an important and original source about free flight and training. He has devised a complete programme of free flight training for indoor or outdoor flying in the safest and most rewarding manner possible,

<http://www.wingsatliberty.com/programoptions.html#TrainingCourse>

Dorothy Schwarz

Dorothy Schwarz, writer and journalist covers avian subjects from breeding to pet parrots' welfare. She writes a monthly column in "Cage & Aviary Birds" (UK). Her articles have appeared in "Parrot Magazine UK", "The Parrot Society Magazine", "Australian Birdkeeper", "Good Bird", and have been translated into German in "Papageien".

Dorothy Schwarz lives in the countryside in Essex, England, and shares her home with 2 Sulphur Crested cockatoos and 2 Congo African Greys. Her homemade outdoors aviary is a fantastic example of a natural environment. Inside we can meet a group of parrots of several species, most not tame: 2 couples of Amazons, some Timnehs and several species of parakeets. She is particularly interested in environmental enrichment. She followed four courses by Steve Martin in Natural Encounters Ranch, Florida, USA, and she has worked with Chris Biro in his ranch in Moab.



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WORKSHOP CONTENT

Saturday, 24th April 2010

Chris Biro

I – Phylogeny (species evolution), ontogeny (parrot development since egg) and the influence of instinct:

- The influence of instinct / learned behaviour;

II – Precocious learning: why and how

III – Training and learning:

- Description of the experience of training in parrots' breeding
- Development and sensitive periods:
 - Body sensitive periods;
 - Psychic sensitive periods;
 - Social sensitive periods.

Dorothy Schwarz

Pet parrots' environmental enrichment, inside our homes and in aviary. Why we must do it.

- The species and their preferences;
- "bricolage" is a "must".



Sunday, 25th de April 2010

Chris Biro

IV – The process of parrots' free flight training:

- adaptable and flexible (but not so much);
- a natural way of training;
- a great variety of natural behaviours;
- free flight as a way of life: challenges and benefits;
- the risk of life in captivity.

V – Levels of free flight – the goals

- Level 0 – flight inside or in aviary;
 - Level 1 – flight in a flat and without obstacles location;
 - Level 2 – flight from a location slightly high;
 - Level 3 – flight in a moderately difficult location ;
 - Level 4 – flight from a high location or from the basis of this location;
 - Level 5 – flight in an extreme location (only for experienced birds).
- How to choose a free flight location.

VI – Examples of flights in every level (photos, videos and flight with the portuguese parrots).

VII – Discussion about free flight as a way of life, its drawbacks and its benefits.

Dorothy Schwarz

How to enrich the pet parrots' environment in outside aviaries:

- to build with what we have inside our homes;
- photos, descriptions, practical information.



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SCHEDULE

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10h00	13h00	Chris Biro
13h00	14h30	Lunch break
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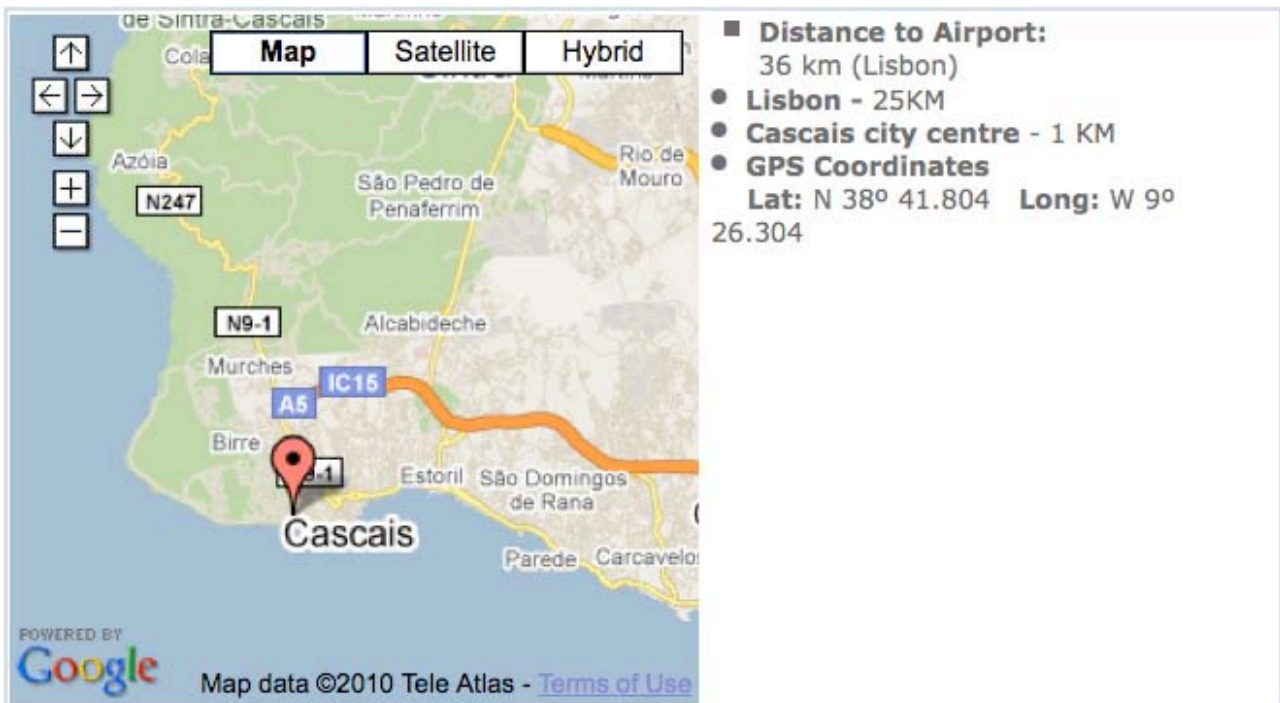
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