**STOP Screaming Before it starts**

Do not reward screams. Whenever you rush over to a scream. You are teaching your bird that screaming gets the results he/she wants

In the beginning choose a word whistle so your bird can keep in contact with you when you leave the room. This will remind him or her she is safe.

Use your flock call when you leave the room so your bird know where you are.

Yelling, punishing , responding with anger, banging on the cage bars or any other negative responses will damage the trust your bird has in you. It also teaches your bird that screaming gets desirable results.

Making Vocal contact with your bird first BEFORE he has a chance to scream for you.

Ignore the screaming and only give your bird attention when he is quiet. This can be hard to do when you have a bird annoyingly screaming BUT. You want to reinforce good behavior not bad.

Walk out of the room and don’t come back until your bird stops screaming. (PATIENCE)

Reward and praise your bird for good behavior like playing with toys or making pleasant sounds like chirping talking or whistling.

Lower your energy level. If you are prone to talking or moving quickly and you show excitement in your voice, use a more quiet , slower and calmer voice tone. In stead of your normal voice try talking in softer tones. Almost a whisper. While he/she is quiet. Continually remind him he/she is a good boy/girl.

Keep the cage away from doors and put it up against the wall. Near a corner for security. Makes the bird feel more comfortable and less stressed.

Keep the back of the cage covered so your bird has a place to retreat when frightened.

When your bird is hormonal, during spring and summer. Cover the cage for 14 hours each night for 2 weeks to break the hormonal cycle.

If your bird screams when you have company. Move him/her to a quiet room so he will be more comfortable. And less apt to be screaming.

If you know your bird screams when cooking, walking dog, watering the garden on telephone,distract him/her with millet or a favorite toy before you start. Remind the bird you will be back. Whistle while you work. It will remind baby you are around, and will be back shortly.

As a last resort cover the cage and take the cover off when he/she becomes quiet.

Keep a supply of colorful , lots of toys they can shred and moveable toys to keep him/her occupied. Taking coin wrappers and stringing them. Hiding millet pieces apple veggies. Will give the bird something to do as well. A busy beak is a happy beak.