

Provisions on Animal Welfare

Regulations for the Show-Competition and Show-Exchange areas

Exhibition-Race Area

- **Cage dimensions:** In derogation from the measures established for breeding, the standard dimensions of the World Ornithological Confederation (COM) are authorized, limited to the period of the judging (DGRER 394/2006).
- **Housing:** Cages will house a **single subject** for the duration of the event (November 14 - 22, 2026).

Exhibition-Exchange Area

1. General requirements and hygiene

- **Food and water:** All containers must be regularly stocked with appropriate containers for fresh water and food, positioned so that they are not contaminated by feces and that they are checked during the days of stay.
- **Cage floor:** Each cage must have a floor designated for collecting feces to avoid contamination of tables or floors.
- **Prohibited materials:** The use of wooden carriers, non-specific containers or containers with sharp edges is prohibited.
- **Placement:** It is strictly prohibited to keep birds under the tables.
- **All containers/cages of any size:** must be clean, disinfected and in a dignified condition
- **Subjects exhibited in exhibitions and exchange shows:** the subjects exhibited must necessarily be born in captivity and suitable to tolerate the stress resulting from being on display

2. Rules for Collective Carriers

- **Characteristics:** Allowed only if equipped with feeders, waterers, and perches that prevent them from resting on the bottom. Preferably, expandable collective carriers should be used, used at their maximum capacity. Dividing them into internal compartments during the exhibition is prohibited.
- **Capacity limits:** Collective carriers measuring 60x40x40 or 60x30x20 can accommodate a **maximum of 10–15 animals, no larger than 25 cm in height.**

3. Specifications for Cages and Specific Species

- **Medium and large psittacines:** Display permitted **only in cages** (no carriers). Cages must ensure physiological posture, have at least two perches spaced apart, and a cage height greater than 20% of the bird's total length (beak to tail), with screening on at least one side and preferably solutions that allow for natural climbing behavior.
- **SOR cages (40x22x32 cm):** Can house a **maximum of 5 birds** (passerines and psittacines) no larger than 20 cm in size. Larger private cages must have the same proportions and, if possible, be screened on at least one side.
- **Cage placement:** To avoid stress on the animals due to the passage of visitors, it is necessary to avoid placing cages near transit corridors and in areas exposed to continuous public passage.

- **Show cages with prizes (33x17x28):** If used in the show-exchange, they can contain a **maximum of 2 subjects** (small-sized passerines and Psittacidae).
- **Turacos, Toucans, and Corvids:** To ensure their tranquility, they should be displayed in cages/aviaries, positioned high up, open on one side only.

4. Special Prohibitions and Restrictions

- **Compatibility:** Incompatible species must not be kept in the same cage.
- **Health Status:** It is prohibited to exhibit non-self-sufficient, breeding, or otherwise unhealthy animals. Plumage must be clean and tidy. Animals showing obvious signs of stress incompatible with their stay on display will also be removed.
- **Other species:** It is prohibited to bring animals other than birds unless authorized in writing by the Organization in consultation with the Veterinary Service. Avian species not included in the FOI/COM categories must be agreed upon in advance.

5. Identification and Controls

- **Ringling and Documentation:** All birds must be identifiable through FOI/COM procedures, CITES certification or documentation for native fauna (with rings of diameter compliant with FOI tables).
- **Inspections:** Random checks will be carried out by the Organizing Committee and the competent Authorities.

Veterinary Surveillance and Assistance

- **Constant presence:** A Veterinarian and the **Animal Welfare Committee will always be present during the opening hours to the public** .
- **Check-in and Screening:** An initial check will be performed at the entrance. Staff will deny access to the exhibition and exchange in the event of serious deficiencies.
- **Penalties:** Any violations detected must be addressed immediately. In more serious cases, the exhibitor will be **permanently removed** .
- **Emergency Room:** A closed, fully equipped room is set up for the monitoring and treatment of individuals who show symptoms of illness.

EXAMPLES OF CAGES/CARRIERS NOT ALLOWED

