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**Subject:** [REXANO] News from Pennsylvania - Nanday Conures will not be banned

We have good news for the birds, but bad news for the primates. The nanday conure was removed from the ban in Pennsylvania, but primates remained.

I feel great for the bird folks, but terrible for the primate folks.

Please note, the PA bird folks tell me "only" about 50 people (max) showed up at the Game Commission hearing, and maybe 20 of them got their 5 minutes to speak. The rest sat in the audience wearing their stick on MY BIRD VOTES badges, and showed a united front. They brought family members, grannies, kids, etc. They were effective advocates for their animals. We got lots of emails and letters too.

If we could get this kind of response for all of our other exotics we could stop this garbage. It only takes a few minutes to write a letter, and a few more to send a copy to all legislators considering any given proposal. We spend hours on these lists - writing a letter to a legislator seems so insignificant in comparison, but they do work.

Genny Wall

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Cross posting requested.

I have just received a call from Kristy Garcia of The Coalition of Pennsylvania Aviculturists (TOCPA), and Kelly Williams of the American Federation of Aviculture (AFA), who, together with Rick Rowland of TOCPA, attended all sessions of the Pennsylvania Game Commission to advocate for the rights of bird owners to own and keep their Nanday Conures and other exotic birds in Pennsylvania.

Kristy and Kelly asked me to relay the good news that Nanday Conures have been removed from the proposal to amend 58 PA Code Section 137.1.

This means that Nanday Conures WILL NOT BE BANNED IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Kristy, Rick, and Kelly will have more information later today or tomorrow when they issue their full report to us. Right now they are on their way home, and will be taking a well-deserved rest from their three days of advocating for you and your birds.

Kelly wanted us to know that the Commissioners thanked them and all who appeared at the hearing, for their politeness, organization, professionalism, and thoroughness in addressing the Commission. They said that it is obvious that we all love our birds and they were impressed that so many people took the time to come before the Commission and advocate for them.

I want to personally say THANK YOU to Kristy, Kelly, and Rick, and everyone who called, faxed, wrote, emailed, and attended the hearing. Each person who got involved played an important part in this victory for bird owners and our birds. Without your help the Nanday Conure would

have been banned in Pennsylvania. With your help we were able to show the Commission that a ban of this bird was not necessary either to protect human health or wildlife habitat.

I hope that each of you who responded this time will view this victory as a learning experience, and that you will continue to respond when we ask for help fighting other restrictive animal proposals that come up in other areas.

Thank you again.

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The makers of our Constitution undertook to secure conditions favorable to the pursuit of happiness. They recognized the significance of man's spiritual nature, of his feelings and of his intellect. They knew that only a part of the pain, pleasure and satisfactions of life are to be found in material things. They sought to protect Americans in their beliefs, their thoughts, their emotions and their sensations. They conferred, as against the government, the right to be let alone - the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men. To protect that right, every unjustifiable intrusion by the government upon the privacy of the individual, whatever the means employed, must be deemed a violation of the Fourth Amendment. And the use, as evidence in a criminal proceeding, of facts ascertained by such intrusion must be deemed a violation of the Fifth.

--Justice Louis Brandeis OLMSTEAD v. U.S., 277 U.S. 438 (1928)

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