



Birdline UK  
Parrot Rescue

## Environmental Policy

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Governing Body:	The Board of Directors of Birdline U.K. Ltd.
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## **1.0 Mission Statement**

- 1.1 Birdline’s mission is to educate people in the best practices of bird care & husbandry, and to provide a refuge to every orphaned, unwanted, found or injured parrot which the charity has the means to care for.

## **2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 All parts of our society are being encouraged to think about environmental sustainability, and to operate in environmentally friendly ways, and the expectations on charities to address these issues are growing. The Charity Commission in particular, supports and encourages all charities to consider adopting practices which will help to sustain the quality of life we expect today and for future generations.
- 2.2 Furthermore, the Company’s Act 2006 – Section 172 (1) (d) requires all directors of charitable companies to consider the impact of the companies’ operations on the community and environment.
- 2.3 The Board of Directors of Birdline Parrot Rescue U.K. Ltd. recognise the importance of protecting the environment and is committed to reducing the negative impact on the environment of its operations where it is possible and cost effective to do so.
- 2.4 The Board is also committed to raising awareness of and advocating for the preservation of the wild bird which exotic birds originate from and to putting a stop to the trade in wild caught exotics. In particular, we endorse the objectives of the World Parrot Trust’s Fly Free campaign.

## **3.0 Aims of this Policy:**

- 3.1 This Environmental Policy has been informed by the Charity Commissions research on green issues and in particular it’s document “Going Green: Charities and Environmental Responsibility”. According to this report, the key barriers towards environmental change include:
- the absence of a clear environmental policy;
  - lack of awareness of environmental issues;
  - shortage of funds; and
  - practical issues such as geographical logistics.
- 3.2 The aim of this policy, is therefore to make trustees and volunteers aware of environmental issues and to ensure they consider them whilst conducting the work of Birdline.

## **4.0 Commitment to Environmental issues**

4.1 Birdline aims to:

- ensure full compliance with relevant environmental legislation;
- raise the awareness of the Environmental Policy to all volunteers and members and to encourage them to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner;
- adopt best operational practices to reduce environmental impacts of Birdline's activities and policies including but not limited to:
- ensuring environmental criteria are taken into account in the procurement of goods and services;
- considering environmental factors and energy performance in all activities, particularly, the use of printed material and the procurement of vehicles and planning transport logistics;
- working electronically where possible, in order to reduce the amount of paper and toner used;
- minimising the amount of waste produced by Birdline's volunteers and encourage greater reuse and recycling;
- car sharing and / or using public transport where feasible.

## **5.0 Responsibility**

5.1 Overall responsibility for the implementations, monitoring and review of the policy and procedures lies with the Board of Directors. Implementation and adherence to this policy is the responsibility of everyone within the organisation.

5.2 The policy will be reviewed at least annually and any identified corrective measures will be adopted as part of the policy.

## **6.0 Contact Details**

6.1 Any queries in relation to this Volunteer Policy may be directed to the Directors by email at [directors@birdline.org.uk](mailto:directors@birdline.org.uk) or by post to the registered address: Birdline U.K. Ltd., International House, 12 Constance Street, London, E16 2DQ