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17 **Abstract**

18 Grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*) are popular companion birds, particularly noted for their  
19 ability to mimic human speech, their intelligence and longevity. They are also prone to  
20 developing abnormal behaviors such as feather damaging behavior (FDB). This review  
21 explores the current available knowledge on grey parrots kept as companion birds with  
22 respect to behavioral problems and their management. The potential causes for the  
23 development of abnormal behaviors in this species are explored. Recommendations are  
24 made for future research and advice is provided on the synthesis and application of available

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