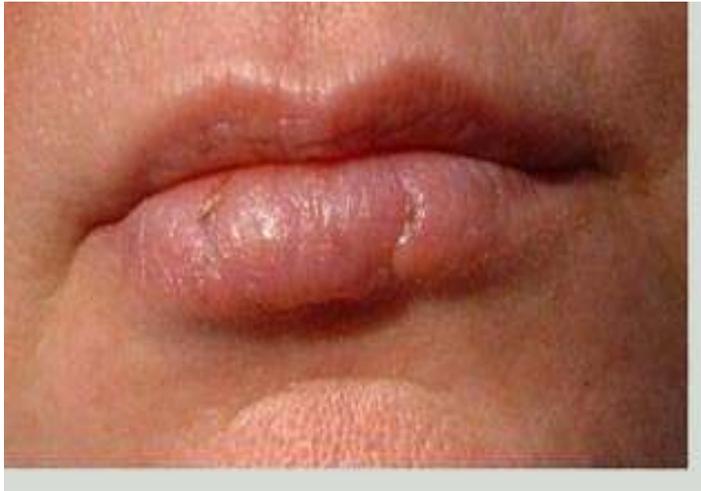


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## LAWSUITS AND WAIVERS?



When the public are misled and misinformed by a seller of a “product”, that seller should be responsible for their actions. One can surf the internet or visit many pet shops and breeders where they will tell you that: “Cockatoos are the cuddliest of all the parrots and are great birds for the entire family”. This is not only an outright lie, but is a statement that will come back to haunt both the seller and the owners of these birds.

**You are looking at damage to a lady’s lip after being bitten by a large cockatoo.**

This last photo is of a woman who had the entire chunk of her lip REMOVED by her cockatoo and then sewn back on. This picture was taken some 10 days later. The scar is about 1 inch wide and doctors were worried that the blood flow to the removed portion would not return. Lucky for her, it did.

Others who have noses or ear pieces removed are not unusual. This is why I stress not having these large birds around children especially. One man has already found out the hard way — a Moluccan had removed his 8 month old daughter's index finger. These "cuddly" creatures can change in a split second, no matter how tame they are or how long you've had them.

"I wish I had seen you site 5 1/2 years ago before getting our Moluccan. These are BEAUTIFULL birds and LOVE SPONGES as you all refer to. BUT they are like Jeckel/Hyde. I am extremely upset. I had to give up my cockatoo last week to a rescue place after being bit 3 times on the face. One which sent me to the E.R. I have been bitten countless times on the hands also on the toes and back. He also struck at the corner of my eye twice [ thank God I had my glasses on or I would be missing an eye] I have been chased and chased around the house. Now, it's not like the bird hates me. He actually thinks I am his mate. I'd hate to be someone he hated! These birds have a strong big beak and can/will slice through human skin[or lips] I love him but for my own safety gave him up. Did I mention the plucking and screaming? I could tolerate that but not the attacks. Also I have been hoarse ever since I got him and can hardly breath out my nose. I know when you see one you just adore them but people need to read this site before getting one." Nicole. Courtesy of [www.mytoos.com](http://www.mytoos.com)

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## **INFLICTED INJURIES FROM LARGE PARROTS**



**Two different injuries on two  
different people, by their own  
cockatoo.**

**Stitches were required to repair  
the damage.**

Two quotes from Liz Wilson, parrot psychologist, USA:

In her Bird Talk column Parrot Psychology, Liz Wilson, CVT writes: "Years ago I collected the names of 37 people I'd met who had required plastic surgery to repair the facial damage done by a parrot's beak. What concerned me the most was the outcome for each of those 37 birds. All of the birds either lost their home or had been locked in their cages ever since."

"After working with parrots for 30 years, I consider the Moluccan cockatoo to be the most difficult of all the parrot species to successfully keep as a companion."

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*Stitches - Moluccan Cockatoo Bite*