

LCA takes speedy action on show-cage problem

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IN A BID to ease problems with the supply of show cages for Lizard canaries and in response to a query about the acceptability of new cages on the market, the Lizard Canary Association (LCA) has updated its standard and approved the use of black vinyl-wrapped show cages, as well as those that are sprayed or painted with black gloss.

Several articles in *Cage & Aviary Birds* last year reported issues with clubs and birdkeepers across the fancy sourcing new and second-hand show cages (see *C&AB* May 5, May 26 and November 10, 2021). Problems were compounded when a popular show-cage manufacturer stopped trading.

Previously, black vinyl-wrapped show cages would have been regarded as "marked cages", which would result in disqualification of the benched bird. However, a query on the Classic Lizard Canary – International Facebook page sparked the LCA to investigate the new cages further.



Left: previously, the only LCA-approved show cages were those that had been sprayed or painted with black gloss. Below: the standard Lizard canary show cage is made of wood and is box-type, with a wire front and a sloping roof



Ian Adcock, LCA secretary, said: "Fortunately for those on the lookout for new Lizard show cages,

point that the LCA show cage standard requires. An enquiry about the acceptability of these cages was

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raised via the Classic Lizard Canary International Facebook page. And, with the oncoming show season, time to resolve the question was of the essence."

there is a new supplier in the marketplace. However, the cages he produces are wrapped in black vinyl rather than painted with black gloss

referred to the LCA's Council of Management and enquiries revealed that the finish of these cages was like a sprayed gloss paint.

Mr Adcock explained: "Following discussion, it was agreed that our priority was to encourage fanciers to show their Lizard canaries and that the wrapped cages would be accepted by the LCA. The Lizard show-cage standard has been updated accordingly on the LCA website. The decision was also posted on the Classic Lizard Canary International Facebook page where the original query had been raised. All of this was achieved within a week of the initial query."

● For more information about the LCA show-cage standards, visit: <https://lizardcanaryassociation.com/home/show-cage/>



Now it's a yes: black vinyl-wrapped show cages have just been approved by the Lizard Canary Association



In the November 10, 2021 issue, Gerry Parker discussed the problems of sourcing approved show cages