

# Welcome Center

## Proper Use of the Private Message (PM) System

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**PM's are for:-**

1. Friendly contacts between members
2. Used for contact for any FOR SALE birds or WANTED TO BUY inquiries instead of posting direct contacts like email addresses or phone numbers which is not allowed.
3. Notices being sent to members from staff. These can be a simply request to change the size of your Signature to a warning from staff about your behaviour on the forums. These PM's should never be ignored! You **MUST** respond to them and work with staff to resolve issues. Staff PM's and messages should be listened to and you must make every effort to follow their rules. If not, you run the risk of receiving a warning and even being banned altogether.
4. Messages being sent to staff from members with a question or difficulty related to forum issues.
5. Used to assist a member with posting issues

PM's are **NOT TO BE USED FOR:-**

1. PROMPTING other various members to answer their topics or posts. People will answer what they choose to answer in regard to topics that interest them and in their own time as it is available to them.
2. Abusing or harassing other members and Staff
3. Solicitation or promoting other forums or sites.
4. Repetitive questioning of other members when those questions, no matter how small, would best be answered on the public forum where everyone can get a chance to answer them.  
If you have a lot of questions, make a list and post them. You will get a far wider response than PMing a few select members who may or may not have time for a lot of PMs.

**COMPLAINTS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF STAFF MEMBERS OR ADMIN MAY RESULT IN WARNINGS BEING ISSUED. PLEASE BE AWARE OF ALL RULES AND BE POLITE AT ALL TIMES**

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