

LINE BREEDING or INBREEDING



EXPLAINED IN SIMPLE TERMS

THE DIFFERENTIALS AND POTENTIAL RESULTS

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Personal View

I wrote an article for Budgerigar World in 1994 suggesting the following:

- I do not believe that there is any real difference between line breeding and inbreeding
- They both refer to breeding closely related individuals

Beyond that

- Some might say that “line breeding” is a polite way of saying “inbreeding but not too close.”

Definitions Merrium Webster Dictionary

Inbreeding

- The interbreeding of closely related individuals especially to preserve and fix desirable characters of and to eliminate unfavorable characters from a stock
- Confinement to a narrow range or a local or limited field of choice

Line Breeding

- The interbreeding of individuals within a particular line of descent usually to perpetuate desirable characters

The Best Options?

- Assuming success has been had, and the desired features are presenting, the following season the best Daughter from the Half Brother / Half Sister mating to be paired back to the initial Cock bird.
- A lot of ifs with all of this, there needs to be success with all pairings to give you a mix of Cocks and Hens and the Foundation bird/s must survive.



Foundation Cock

To establish a line

Selected Hens to compliment the Cock



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