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Bird Droppings



UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

JANUARY 22nd ---- FOURTH SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 26th – FOURTH SUNDAY
MARCH 26th ----- FOURTH SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
 - Support scholarships for avian vet students
 - Yearly Bird Fair
 - Club Library for members
 - Grooming available
 - Avian rescue/relocation programs
 - Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
 - Monthly newsletter
 - Periodic Service projects
 - Field Trips
 - Educational Programs upon request
 - Save molted feathers for craft projects
 - Make-it-take-it workshops
- And more.....

Come join us and have your feathers preened by other Pet Bird Enthusiasts

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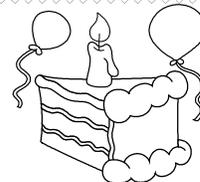
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN

BOARD

Steve Plafchan is doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com.

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter – this is YOUR newsletter.

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MONTHLY SNACK LIST

A few years ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that “Everyone”, please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all. YUM!!



OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Birds come into our lives to teach us about love. They depart to teach us about loss. A new bird never replaces an old bird; it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many birds, your heart is very big.

(Author unknown)

The above poem was submitted by club member Jim Lamb.

BIRD CLUB BETAQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



CLUB WELFARE

Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



FROM THE PREZ:



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Can you believe that it is 2017 time sure does fly but I have one question, where's my flying car? They said waaaaay back in the late sixties early seventies we would be living like the Jetson's with flying cars and what not; I guess I'll just have to keep waiting. One thing that stands out is what a great and busy year 2016 was, we did so many programs and have already booked a couple for 2017. We also received some surprise donations that totally caught us by surprise and literally took our breath away. We met tons of people and made lasting impressions where ever we went, (all good of course). We had the pleasure of working with Jessie James (AKA the Bird whisperer) a behaviorist from Canada who called us the best group he has ever worked with in the world. We had a party in the rain at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and made Santa's permanent nice list. The point I am making is that **WE** did this as a club not one person was ever singled out but all of us can take the credit for all the kudos we have received. As a club we impressed people, as a club we made the good impressions, as a club we weathered the bumps in the weather, roasting at the Garden City Flea Circus or getting drenched at the heritage festival we did it in style. This is what I am looking forward to in 2017 staying on track and having more adventures and fun times with the very best people any club could

ever ask for. 2017 is off to a great start and I am looking forward to all the adventures it has to give us because I know we will have them collectively as a group. I like to think of us as one big crazy, goofy, fun loving and very loveable family oh and I'm the one who supplies the crazy part of it just to let you know (acting like an adult is just not my thing sometimes). Also remember elections are this month as well. So stay warm enjoy your feathered kids and always remember **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Your Prez
Dave

P.S. It is also election time so if you want to nominate someone for an office you can do it at the next meeting.



Voice of the Veep

Happy New
Year! Happy New Year!
The Christmas meeting

last month was fabulous from the delicious food to the annual Christmas raffle it was tons of fun. I want to thank everybody in the club for their participation in our Christmas raffle and all the meeting raffles throughout the year. This is one of the most generous ways you can help support our rescue and assist our club in paying vet bills; all of you have succeeded in accomplishing this in a big way. Thank you to everyone for the support. Another way we generate monies for supporting the

rescue is to stage senior programs at nursing homes, assisted living and independent living facilities throughout the year. The year 2016 was the busiest year for shows and events we have ever had. If memory serves me correctly there were forty-seven senior shows and five other events totaling ten days. However, that being said, this year 2017 could very easily exceed last year. I encourage everyone to join us at a show, even if you don't bring your own bird, they are a lot of fun and we can always use the help. Check the Upcoming Events page on the website or in the newsletter to see the dates and times of the show schedule. If you have any questions about attending an event, please feel free to call me (Steve) at 734-513-0030 for more information.

This month is when we hold our annual elections; there is a description of all the offices and the duties of each office holder included in this edition of the newsletter. If you're interested in running or wish to nominate someone feel free to do so. Our annual dues are also payable this month; if you joined the club within the last six months your dues are good for another year. Please check with Tammy if you're not sure what your dues are or if you owe some.

I'll see you at the meeting
Your Veep

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well I saw pictures from the December meeting and all I have to say is **WHAT WAS MY PET HUMAN THINKING?!!!** I saw that thing he called a shirt and I would not ever want to be seen with him if he is wearing that. I think he has either lost his mind or he like's to dress like a demented elf. Then I saw others in their Christmas shirts and sweaters and realized they are all nuts! Even Steve Sparky's pet human sported light up reindeer antlers and it made me wonder did someone spike the egg nog. It is no wonder we have issues when our pet humans embarrass us like this how can any parrot stay sane. Now that the holiday season is over my pet human can put away the Santa hat but that means that other winter hat comes out the one that I truly hate and all my efforts to dispose of that thing have been thwarted but I will keep trying. New Years Eve well that was a party and all I can say is WOW!! Sparky and Pookie always know how to throw a party Ruby and Mr. Finnegan almost got us raided when they got on the dance floor the temperature went up and I thought the smoke alarms were going to go off. The two Zoe's had some quality girlfriend time and Oliver and his band rocked the place. Max was this year's designated flyer to ensure everyone got home safely and Fred the Canary Wing

Parakeet almost fell in the punch, (we had to cut him off). The big surprise was when Kiwi Iris got up to sing and brought the house down. It was another epic New Year's Eve party and those knock out drops kept all of the occupants at Pookies pet human's house down for the count. He'll never suspect a thing except when he gets the pizza bill 15 large pine nut, walnut, macadamia and pistachio nut pizzas he might suspect something. Anyway HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF MY FEATHERED AND NON-FEATHERED FRIENDS!!!!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Out and About with Pookie

Many of the newer club members and many of my loyal readers have been inquiring about my story. Although I've been the editor and spokes bird for the feathered members of our club for an excess of twelve year I felt it would be an excellent time to tell my story.

My early memories are somewhat sketchy because I hatched in early 1998 and sold to a hovel of a pet store that has long since gone out of business. It was in this place where I met Steve who saw my plight and accepted the shop owner's offer to take me home so he could provide me some health and vet care. The first few years were filled with many antibiotics and extensive vet care along with itchy skin, feather chewing and picking. It was during this

time that I decided to begin living an alternative lifestyle; yes, I am a feather picker! Believe me when I say life is good when you dare to be bare!

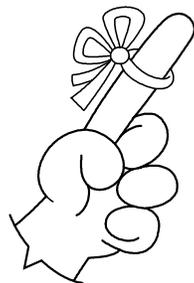
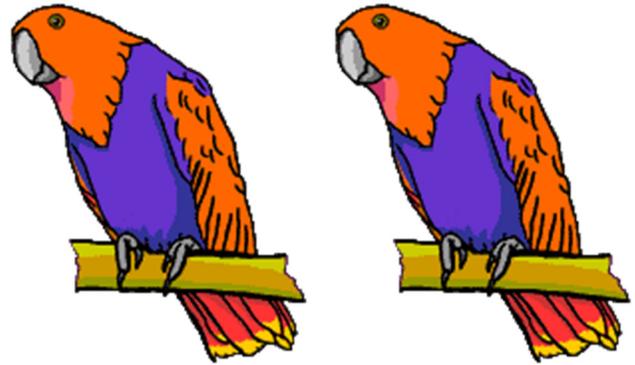
When I moved in with Steve he already lived with a Cockatiel named Squeakerdoodles and we were the only two birds in his household. When I was about three or four the size of our flock grew once again with the adoption of Sparky (CAG) and Misimo (Mexican Red Head Amazon.) they were both about a year or two younger than I was. Sparky was considered too aggressive and un-handleable and Mo was a typical Amazon, ornery. The next resident to move in with the four of us was Tyler (CAG) followed by JB, (Justa Bird), (TAG). About two years ago we've had three more residents move in Shatner and Casey (CAG's) ages are unknown along with Ricky (U-2) an Umbrella Cockatoo who is about twenty-two.

I will continue on as the main author of this column along with the duty of being the feathered editor of "Bird Droppings" but will be sharing the editorial duties with all of the other flock mates in the future.

Editor's Note; About the age of three or four Sparky another CAG moved into our home and she and I became best of friends and have been living together in the same cage ever since. This is significant because a few years ago I was diagnosed to be infected with Avian Bornavirus. This is virus that is passed from parents to offspring in the egg it is also transmitted during breeding. A simpler description of the Bornavirus is to call it birdie AIDS it is not

transmittable except through breeding. It is strongly suspected that this virus is most likely the cause of my OCD and feather chewing condition. Sparky and I have lived in the same cage for over ten years and she is not a carrier and does not have the virus. Just to let everyone know all the feathered residents in our home have been tested and found to be free and clear of the avian Bornavirus. Except for myself.

See you at the meeting
Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

WILLIAM WALLACE	FEB. 5
KIMBERLY MEGGISON	FEB. 7
CINDY BOLTON	FEB. 17
DAN ERNST	FEB. 19
TONY DURANDETTO	FEB. 20
DEBBIE JAMIESON	FEB. 20
JIM LAMB	FEB. 22
DIANE SILAS	FEB. 24
NANCY SULLIVAN	FEB. 25

A REMINDER

Our dues are due by January 31st. Checks should be made out to **RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB**. Please pay them at the January meeting or by mail to Tammy Carol at Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, PO Box 1587, Garden City MI 48135.



ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The annual elections will be held at our January meeting. We will be voting on a

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Any member in good standing is eligible to fill any one of these offices. To help you decide who you think would best fill these offices, the following is a brief guide to their duties:

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, see that the bylaws are enforced, call such meetings as are needed, and be responsible for the execution of all motions passed by the members. The President shall also be public relations administrator and liaison between the Club and all other groups.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall assume the President's responsibilities in the absence or disability of the President, keep constantly informed of Club activities, and shall be responsible for special programs and social events.

SECRETARY: The Secretary is responsible for minutes at all general membership and board meetings, reads minutes of previous meetings when requested, keeps a file of all minutes, shall provide copies of minutes for each board member upon request, is responsible for all member notices, and is responsible for all correspondence, both incoming and outgoing.

TREASURER: The Treasurer collects all dues and records all moneys belonging to the Club, disburses same under the direction of the President, deposits the funds of the Club in the name of the Club in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Executive Committee, and submits a statement of accounts at each meeting. The books and accounts shall at all

reasonable times be open to inspection by any member. The Treasurer shall be responsible for disbursement of moneys for bird bands.

TRUSTEE: One Trustee is elected each year to serve a three year term. A person serving as Trustee is ineligible for other elected office. Duties shall be to serve as coordinators of the Club, assuring a meeting place, acting as assistants to the President, and serve as a grievance committee. They shall conduct an annual audit of all Club records, Treasurer's and Secretary's books, etc. The Trustees whose terms of office have not expired shall serve as the election committee and shall conduct the annual elections. The Trustees shall review all absences of officers and shall fill any vacant office by either appointment or special election with the membership.

I NEED IT NOW!!!



Even Though the holidays are over their memories still linger and some of those are not the nicest of memories. It seems that people think that giving a live animal to an unsuspecting relative is a good idea and their calls proved that they all needed to be on Santa's naughty list.

A woman calls and needed an African Gray immediately because some of her family members would be visiting family out of state and she wanted to get her nephew a present he would remember. Since they were celebrating Christmas early she

wanted to make a grand entrance with the coolest present she could think of and she was SURE he would love it. First problem was this was the part of the family that would be spending Christmas out of state so I told her springing a pet on them was a bad idea because who would watch it while they were gone. Second this was something they had no idea they were getting so was she really sure they would want this? She said I'm sure he will love it and I said but you don't know that for sure and what about his parents do they want this in their home. The biggest problem was he is 15 soon to be 16 and at that age they soon lose interest and move on to the next thing. I told her we do not adopt during the holidays for that very reason. She had some very colorful words for me and hung up. Sadly, she was not the only one; we had numerous calls for Parakeets and or Cockatiels for young children as desperation gift when they could not think of anything else. I was called all sorts of wonderful names that surely got them off the nice list and all used the phrase "oh I'm sure they'll love it". I had to point out that by the end of January into February we will end up with a cage full of those birds they were so sure they would love.

One woman also said to me "well it's just a Parakeet if she kills it oh well" I really made her extremely angry with my response. I guess if I made them that mad that they had to use that kind of language with me I was doing something right and its better they were mad at me than having a poor forgotten and neglected bird stuffed in

a back room. I think next time they should get them gift cards!

SAFETY FIRST



It is so beautiful to see a bird in flight in the wild but at a club meeting not so much. There are way too many hazards that could injure and even kill our feathered members. Hazards such as all the Crockpot's that contain very hot food or the trays of hot food that get brought to the meetings could severely burn a birds feet should they land in it or even on the hot lids. Also there are many birds that do attend the meeting with their pet humans and do not tolerate the sudden invasion of their space when a bird flies onto their pet human. Macaws and Cockatoos can cause some major damage to a smaller bird that decides to fly and land within chomping distance. There is also the issue of the kitchen, birds must stay out of the kitchen due to health department regulations and if our club got caught by the church with a bird, no matter how it got there, in the kitchen they could ask us to meet somewhere else. So please keep all flighted birds in their carriers even those waiting for a wing clipping or harnessed, this is mainly for the bird's safety. Plus you never know what the reaction of a person or another bird might be when getting that sudden uninvited guest on their shoulder or play stand. So only clipped or harnessed

birds are allowed at the meetings, thank you for your understanding and remember this is for the bird's safety.



Attention Kroger and Amazon Shoppers

We have registered our rescue in the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM and the AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM. These programs will donate a portion of the proceeds from registered shoppers to our non-profit rescue every time they purchase something. We are encouraging everybody who shops at Kroger® and/or Amazon to do so. Here is what you have to do.

Kroger Shoppers:

You must have a “Kroger Plus” card. If you don’t have one, they are available free by asking for one at your neighborhood Kroger store service desk.

You then have to register for the program by going on-line to Kroger.com and create an account or sign onto your account if you have been to this site before.

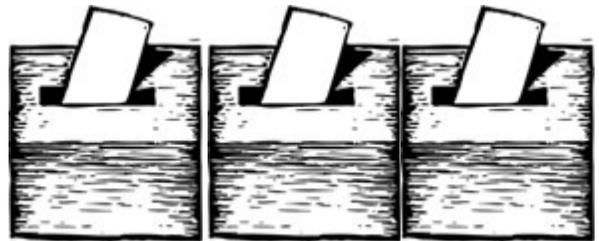
Once you have an account you click on the “EDIT KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS” tab and select Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue or our club’s NPO number “52206”. Once you have successfully registered you will see: Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue on the right side of the information page.

When you shop at Kroger your support will also show at the bottom of your cash register receipts.

If you have been using your phone number when shopping at Kroger and don’t know your “Kroger Plus” card number you can call 877-576-7587 to get your card number.

Amazon.com Shoppers:

Instead of going to amazon.com go to smile.amazon.com this is a mirror website and it will have your shopping history, wish list and all account information. Under your account tab you will be able to change or select your charity. Select RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB for our rescue to reap the benefits. **Remember to bookmark smile.amazon.com and always use this site for shopping on Amazon for our rescue to receive the donations.**

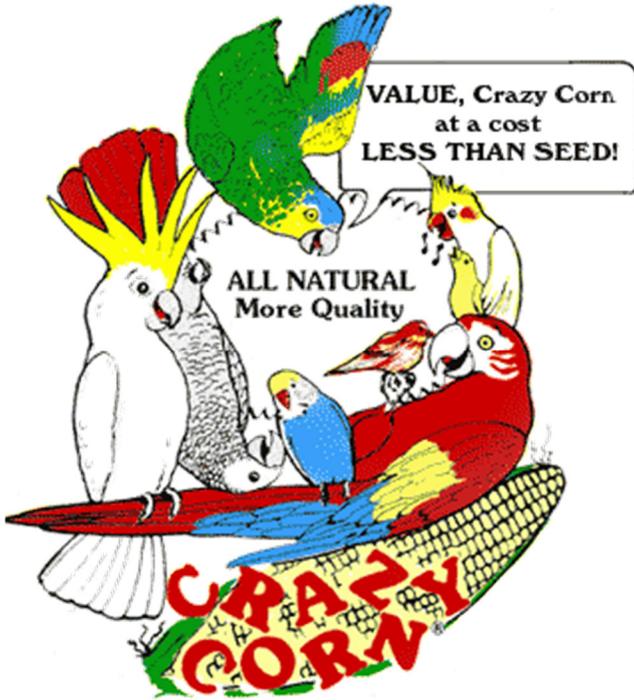


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THIS MONTH!

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SPECIAL BREEDER PRICING



UP COMING EVENTS

As of
Jan 7th 2017

Feb. 25th Canary and Finch Breeders
Sat. Bird Fair
Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**** Our Club Has A Booth At This Event****

March 22nd Senior Show
Wed American House
26600 Ann Arbor Trail
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Show

March 29th Senior Show
Wed American House Livonia
11525 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48150
Set-up 1:00pm
Start 2:00 pm

April 2nd Senior Show
Sun Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

May 2nd
Tuesday

Senior Show
AARP meeting at
Wayne Community College
21000 Northline Road
Taylor, MI 48180
Set-up 11:30 am
Start 12:30 pm

Oct 28th
Sat

Senior Show
Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

****NOTE****NOTE****NOTE****

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

Our Club Has a Booth at This Event following or "Educational Show" preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don't let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



RESCUE UPDATE

Our rangers have been working overtime on rescue runs. Foster homes have also been doing extra duty with fostering and adoptions. In short it has been a busy, busy month!

Here is a brief recap of our latest adoptions:

Quincy a B&G Macaw and three Cockatiels and a Sun Conure were adopted last month.

All of these adopted birds went to their new homes with cages, food and toys. We are able to do this because of all of you, our members. It is your generosity and participation in our monthly raffles that has allowed us to be so successful. Thank you, thank you! Every one of you should be proud of the great job you've done. We couldn't do it without your support.



Bits from Baby

HAPPY 2017
EVERYONE!!

HOWDY to all my feathered and non-feathered friends, this is your roving reporter Baby with the latest and greatest news.

Well another year has gone and we start a new one 2017. I hope it will be even better than last year which was one of the club's best ever!

There were sixty-nine people at the last meeting sixty club members and nine guests of which six joined our flock. We must be doing something right.

Now for the feathered members there were thirty-five in attendance, eight

Macaws, five African Grays, and five Cockatoos Plus seventeen other parrots.

December's meeting was also our Christmas party to end 2016. We had great food as always and fun with the raffle. Also, we enjoyed just getting together and having a great time.

See you at the next meeting.

OH yes (HOPE EVERY ONE HAS A GREAT 2017 and GOD BLESS).

Well that's all for now.

See you all at the January meeting,
God Bless.

Your friend Baby,



*THE ADVENTURES OF
STEVE AND DAVE
the*

RESCUE RANGERS

IN
ONE CITY THREE BIRDS

This month's adventure takes us not far from the Ranger Headquarters, not far at all practically in their backyard. What is the

name of the place you ask well it is Canton Michigan and this time it would take them to not one but two households to get three birds Cockatiels to be exact? The first house had a normal gray Cockatiel that was at one time wanted badly by the child of the house but as we all know a child's interest changes as they reach their teen years. So the bird that was once wanted has now become a burden and must be re-homed. It is something that happens all too often when purchasing a young child, a pet and must be thought out carefully. This poor little guy just wanted to be with someone anyone who would love and care for him forever. He was sweet and a very good whistler so without much fanfare the bird his cage and all his stuff was now loaded and they were ready to go to their next location. The next pick-up turned out to be harder than expected because they had to give them up because of treatment for an illness that left this person allergic to the birds. When they arrived and were escorted in, they found two beautiful pied Cockatiels in a far room away from the person who was allergic with the door shut. Both birds began making a huge ruckus as soon as the Rangers entered the room, they seemed glad to see their solitude was soon broken and didn't care who it was. Once again it was two males that tried to outdo each other straining to get their attention. Emotions ran high as they said good-bye to their much loved birds and the tears did flow but with assurances of a great life for these guys they found it a little easier to let them go. All the way back to Ranger Headquarters the three Cockatiels seemed to be having a competition to see WHO could make the most noise much to the amusement of the Rangers. This story has a very happy ending all three would find their forever homes and the two remained best buddies because they were adopted together. I really love a happy

ending but the Rangers know their job is not done until all unwanted pet birds found their loving forever homes. So resting was something they could not do (well a quick nap is allowed) because there were more birds to rescue and they were the ones for the job for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay tune for a very enchanting adventure The Magic of Merlin!



How do you know if your bird is getting the nutrition he needs for a long and healthy life?



By ZuPreem Staff

What's the best diet for your bird?

The best diet for your bird is one that provides a reliable consistent source of balanced nutrition. It's also a diet that your bird likes to eat and gives him an enjoyable eating experience, while preventing obesity and other nutritionally related diseases.

Feeding a variety of foods does not guarantee good nutrition

Bird owners feed their birds a wide variety of foods ranging from seeds to home-prepared foods to commercial diets. Unfortunately, feeding a variety of foods does not always prevent nutritional imbalances. Many of these diets lack important nutrients birds need to maintain their health. Often they are not balanced, providing too much of this vitamin or nutrient, or not enough of another.

Seed diets can lead to obesity

Seeds are high in fat and deficient in important nutrients. Even if you supplement a seed diet with a nutritionally complete extruded diet or with fruits and vegetables, your bird will often choose the seeds, leaving behind the more nutritious foods. The simple fact is your bird likes seeds, just as you might like high-calorie, high-fat snacks. Okay for an occasional treat, but a steady diet over time can lead to vitamin deficiencies, obesity-related diseases and possible early death.

Home prepared diets are not necessarily healthy

As a labor of love, some bird owners chop, cook and mix special foods for their birds. Not only is this time-consuming, it is impossible to make sure your bird is getting the correct balance of nutrients. Too much iron, too little calcium, improper levels of Vitamins A, D, E and K. How do you know?

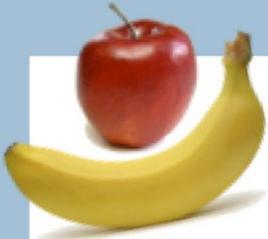
Supplement sparingly with fruits and vegetables

If your bird enjoys fruits and vegetables, go ahead and serve them, but they should not make up more than 15% of your bird's daily diet. Fruits and vegetables do not offer all the nutrients your bird needs, and some are high in sugar and fiber, curbing your bird's appetite for a more nutritious food.

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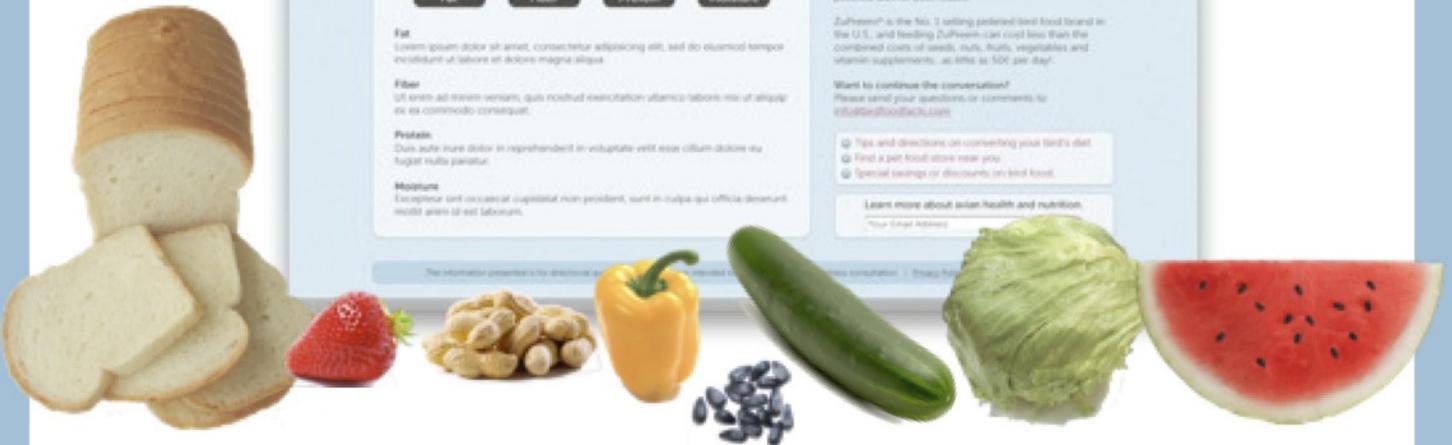
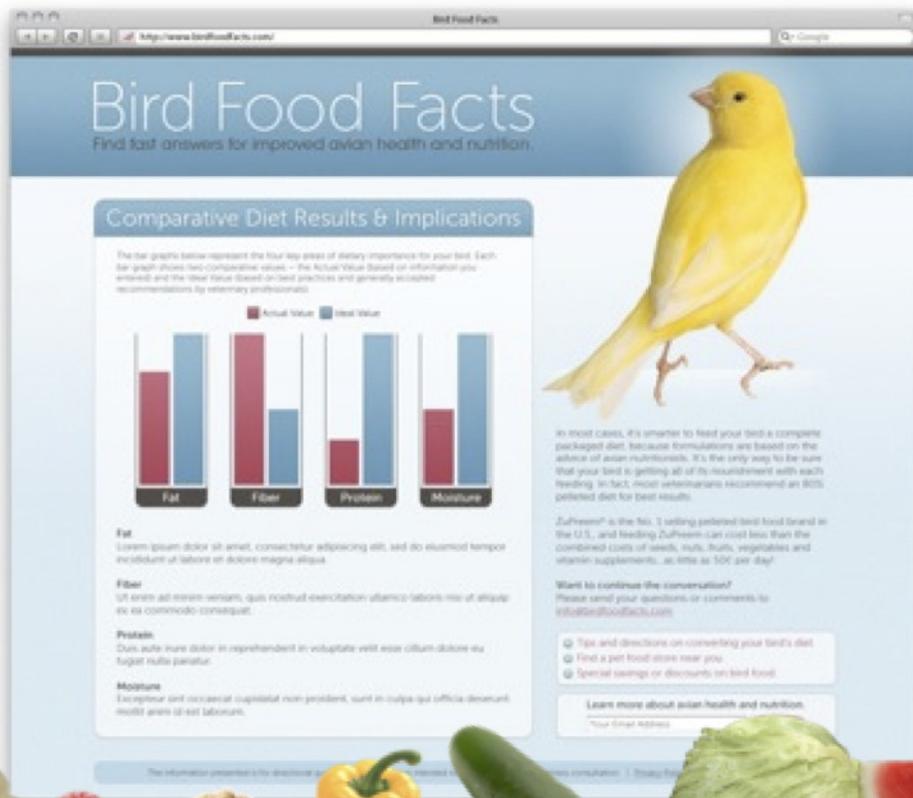
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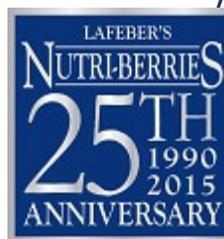
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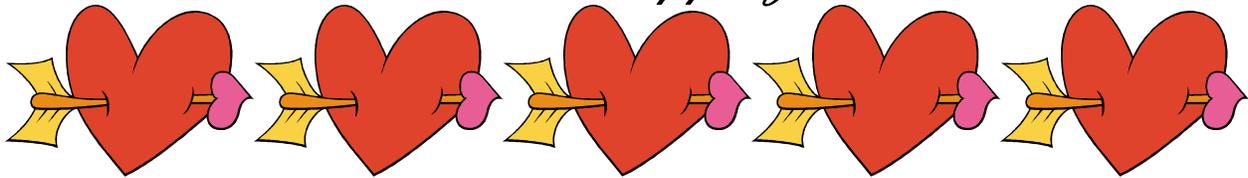
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

FEBRUARY 26th – FOURTH SUNDAY

MARCH 26th – FOURTH SUNDAY

APRIL 23rd – FOURTH SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
 - Support scholarships for avian vet students
 - Yearly Bird Fair
 - Club Library for members
 - Grooming available
 - Avian rescue/relocation programs
 - Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
 - Monthly newsletter
 - Periodic Service projects
 - Field Trips
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- And more.....

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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to Steve at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com.

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BIRD CLUB BETAQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



CLUB WELFARE

Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

A few years ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that “Everyone”, please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all. YUM!!



From the prez:



I wonder how many of us are still writing 2016 on stuff I know I am guilty of this and it seems just when I get used to writing the 2017 it changes again. One thing I know is that the year really goes fast and there have been so many changes it is so hard to keep up with them. We are saying goodbye to many local Kmart's, Macy's at Westland Mall is closing and many restaurants we have become accustomed to seeing have closed (Max and Erma's and many Ruby Tuesdays). Sometimes change is good and sometimes it is just very hard to adjust to but there is one constant that just keeps getting stronger and that is our club. Our flock keeps growing and our reputation has become stellar in many circles. The reason being is all the hard work we do to keep our name out there for one but also how we present ourselves to the public that has earned us the reputation we are enjoying. This is not a reason to slack off or take it easy by no means this is just the reason we need to keep working harder to maintain this great reputation we have forged for ourselves and the way we are perceived by the public. These cold and very unpredictable winter months give us a chance to take a break and breathe a little before it all starts again and this is where we need you. What we need and want are your ideas, input and anything else you may have that would interest the club because this is YOUR club and everything we do has been

one members idea and we love to give FULL CREDIT to whoever comes up with it. Do not feel your idea is not good enough for us or we know better because, and you can trust me on this, we need you and your ideas. You make up this club and you make it great. So as we plunge into 2017 be bold, be daring and don't hold back because you the members are the most important part of the equation here without you this club would be nothing. So always, remember **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Your prez
Dave

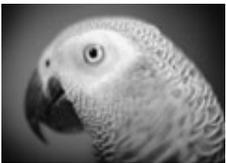


VOICE OF THE VEEP

It's amazing how fast times seems to move. We put a hold on doing senior shows for the months of Dec. Jan. and Feb. but to me it seems like we have barely taken a break. I'm pointing this little detail out for those of you that join Tammy and me at the shows. Tammy is booking shows at a rapid pace and everything begins anew in March. The most efficient way to stay abreast of all the show's is via our web site; to access this information go to our web page www.rfbirdclub.com then click on the Upcoming Events tab then select the newest date. We do our best to update this page soon after Tammy confirms a date. As of this writing, I believe she has confirmed

eight shows with at least three more pending. We are inviting anyone to join us at a show because we always need the help. There are usually between twenty-five to thirty birds brought to a show and generally takes about three hours from set-up and doing the show to packing up and leaving. This estimate does not include drive time to the show. You do not have to be concerned about not bringing your own-feathered companions there is still plenty to do between moving birds and carriers in and out to being on clean up and poop patrol. It truly is rewarding and a lot of fun and consider this an open invitation to all of our newer members to join us.

Your Veep
Steve



Out and About With Pookie

Hello everyone. Here it is, February once again and once again, it seems all humans are very infatuated with the weather predictions of an overweight buck-toothed ground rat. There is no doubt that all of my feathered fans know exactly what I am referring to but for my companion human followers I will be happy to expound on my statement to clarify. Yes, I am referring to Punxsutawney Phil Sowerby from Gobblers Knob Pennsylvania who is known as the prognosticator of prognosticator's. Every February 2nd humans observe one of the strangest rituals I have ever seen. They amass in large numbers in the middle of the night, singing dancing and drinking at the

base of a rotted tree stump awaiting the moment that the sun rises. When the sun rises above the horizon, they grasp poor Phil about the waist raise him over their heads and announce if there will be an early spring or six more weeks of winter. Well, I truly do not want to be the harbinger of bad news but poor Phil has absolutely no idea what the weather will be. Thirty minutes prior to this moment Phil was sound asleep and hibernating in his burrow under the stump. It is no wonder he predicts six more weeks of winter. Imagine; he has been rudely awakened and yanked from his comfortable burrow in the freezing cold with lights and cameras going off. Geeze! You don't have to be a Rhodes scholar to know what he'll say; if it were me, I'd tell you winter was going to last six more months. Ergo we here at Bird Droppings have checked the satellite images and calculated the jet stream data and have arrived at the consensus that Spring will begin at 3:45 AM on March 20.

There are going to be some minor staffing changes here at Bird Droppings; first, occasionally there will be guest writers for this column from other members of the feathered staff. Second, we are opening a new department that has the unique duty of sampling, testing and writing reviews on toys and other bird related items. The new department head of this division is going to be Ricky, an Umbrella Cockatoo. Ricky is especially qualified for this position because of his ability to destroy pretty much everything and escape from anything. He will be testing the unfounded theories of indestructible acrylic toys, escape proof cages, cage locks on food and access doors, play stands and other things companion

humans do to attempt controlling our activities. Here is a brief word from Rickey.

AAWAK! AAWAK! AAWAK!

AAWAK! HI, MY NAME IS RICKY I WANT EVERY ONE TO KNOW I AM PROUD TO BE JOINING AND WILL DO MY BEST TO BE HONEST AND FAIR AT ALL TIMES!

SCREAMS & CHAOS

RICKY

Chirps and Squawks

Pookie

*THE ADVENTURES OF
STEVE AND DAVE
the*

RESUE RANGERS

IN
THE MAGIC OF MERLIN

This story has its beginnings at a bird fair and no one could have predicted the spell he would cast on everyone. There was an older gentleman talking to Ranger Steve, more like sobbing to Ranger Steve over his problem on what to do with Merlin his wife's Military Macaw. You see his wife had developed Alzheimer's disease and was fading away quite quickly. She forgot that Merlin was hers and when he would bring him up to see her he would scare her badly and now she was in a nursing home because he could no longer care for her at home and

he needed to place him in a rescue. He had checked out many and was doing his final research before he made his final decision. After about two months, they received a call from him and he was ready to let Merlin go. So off the Rangers went to pick-up, what they were told was a very aggressive Macaw and entered the man's house. He led them downstairs but before they got to the basement the man went pale and turned to them with panic in his voice and said, "stay here Merlin's out" and bolted up the stairs. He was going to bring a broom to corral Merlin into a corner making him easier to catch. Well the Rangers being the Rangers continued downstairs and found Merlin running around on the floor just looking for trouble. When he spied the Rangers it was on, or so he thought and he charged headlong toward them. Ranger Steve not being anyone's fool bravely took refuge behind Ranger Dave but Merlin had met his match. In a very stern voice, he ordered Merlin to stop it and he froze in his tracks because Ranger Dave did not move and while he was assessing the situation found himself wrapped in a towel and put into the carrier so fast it made his little birdie head spin. You could almost hear him saying how did this happen? When the man finally came down, he was amazed that Merlin was in the carrier and there was not a drop blood around. So they loaded up the cage and the bird and were off. Well now, it was time to place him into the cage so Ranger Dave placed him in the cage and then foolishly went to scratch his head. Lo and behold, he let him do it and liked it! Oh, he is going to make someone a great pet he thought but he thought too soon. Now it was vet visit time so Ranger Dave did the ultimate stupid thing and put his hand in the cage and gave the step-up command. HE STEPPED UP much to Ranger Dave's amazement so he put him

in the carrier but before he could shut the door Merlin spun around and in a very loud voice said I love you. Not fair Ranger Dave thought but what sealed the deal was as he placed him in the car he began to excitedly yell shut the door start the car. Merlin had cast his spell and would continue with Rangerette Tammy enchanting her with his antics. So needless to say, Merlin had found his own home and continues to cast his magic spell at the many programs we do to this very day. Still the Rangers cannot rest for there are many more birds to rescue and they are up for the task because they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay tuned for our next exciting adventure Getting Lineolated in Ferndale!

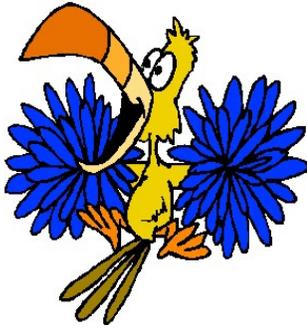


WAIT, WHOA, WHAT?

We are always getting phone calls that inquire about adopting a bird but some just you leave wondering which direction is up and which is down. This is one of those. A woman calls up looking to adopt a bird but she has some specific if not mind-boggling requirements. She starts out wanting a BIG bird not really specific but a big bird. Then it turns into a big colorful bird. Then it becomes a big colorful bird that

talks. Well as she proceeds it now is a big colorful bird that talks and is very friendly, nothing that will eat her (her words). Next, she wants to see what we have so she can pick out what she thinks she might like. All this time I can't get a word in edgewise, she is talking at the speed of light and not slowing down. Finally, I am able to tell her we don't let them peruse the rescue birds they have to tell us what they are specifically interested in. She replies, "how will I know what I'll want, until I see it". I tell her we are not Kmart, Wal-Mart or Macy's we don't allow shopping. So I ask her what about a Cockatoo; could you possibly be interested in one of those to which she replies, "No they're just too white I want colorful and it has to be big. So I ask about a Macaw and she says "A what?" So at this point, I have already made up my mind she will get nothing from us. I asked her if she had any experience with parrots and she says no parrots only budgies and Cockatiels but a big bird can't be that much different so I'm going for it. We hung up with this woman being disappointed with our rescue for not having what she was looking for and me looking for the Excedrin Migraine. This call took over 45 minutes because she kept repeating herself over and over again. Let's hope she never finds that big colorful bird and never calls us again!





PARTY LESSON

Some People have to learn the hard way especially when it comes to hosting a party, all the bad things that can happen to their pets when left unattended. When the hosts are drunk, well all bets are off and this is one hard lesson learned. On January 2nd I received a phone call from a woman and her husband asking if we had a bird turned into our rescue. I told them no and they proceeded to tell me this sad story (sad for the bird). They were hosting a New Year's Eve party in their home and the alcohol was flowing pretty freely. All the guests were very busy ringing in the New Year, as were the hosts of the party. They woke up the next day (New Year's Day) to find an empty cage but no bird they tore the house apart trying to find their bird but were coming up with nothing. The bird, a Mexican Redheaded Amazon was definitely not in the house so they figured it must have got out. I said OK, so you were too drunk to notice until the next day the bird was gone! I asked them did you check with all of your guests about the bird and where it might be. They said that they had and no one knew where the bird was because they were also very

drunk and the party was a blur to them. I said so you left the bird in the main party area instead of keeping it safe in another room until the party were over, yes they said. I then asked them was it flighted once again I got a yes again. They told me they would keep looking for the bird but I knew the bird was long gone. This is a lesson for all of us that if you plan to throw a party of any kind make sure that ALL of your pets are out of harm's way. Alcohol makes people do stupid things so make sure your precious pets are out of the way and off limits. No one needs to learn a lesson the way these people did, the hard way!



RESCUE UPDATE

There were two adoptions last month both Cockatiels, We are always in need of foster homes especially for smaller birds but be aware that finding homes and people willing to adopt smaller birds is very difficult so a foster offer could be for a long time

Our thanks go to all our members for your support in the rescue. It is because of your participation in our monthly raffle and your donations of food, cages, toys and money that we are able to accomplish this awesome feat. Thank you one and all and please keep up the great work.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to :

THOMAS HUDSON	MAR. 2
CINDY GRIFFIN	MAR. 4
SANDY PROSZKOWSKI	MAR. 7
JACQUELINE THOMAS	MAR. 10
JIM HEFFERNAN	MAR. 18
RON LANKFORD	MAR. 18
SUSAN ERNST	MAR. 25
JEFF KEENE	MAR. 26
LANAH BOGARD	MAR. 29
CAROLYN HEMMYE	MAR 30



CLUB T-SHIRTS

Good news! Tracy
Hilka who is Bella

Embroidery is now going to make our club shirts. The price for t-shirts, including our

logo embroidered on it, is \$10.00 for sm. to xl and \$12.50 for 2xl to 5xl. These are Gildan brand #8000 50/50 t-shirts, there are lots of colors.

What you do is go to her website.

www.sportswearcollection.com/bellaemb

Then type Gildan in the search box (this will put you on the Gildan page). Look down the page and find Gildan DryBlend 50/50 T-shirts #8000 Click on the icon and this will open the page with all the colors and sizes. Choose your size and color(s) and add it to your Cart.

On the cart page there is a place for comments when you place your order, in this box tell Tracy you would like your shirt embroidered with the Rainbow Feathers Bird Club Logo. When she receives your order, she will send you a PayPal[®] invoice In a short time, you will receive your new club shirt in the mail.

If you don't have internet access or a PayPal[®] account you can contact me, Steve Plafchan and we'll figure out a solution to get you a shirt.

She has many items available (hats, tote bags, etc.) that she can put our logo on if you wish. She has given us a catalog full of things you can order, all the prices are retail and she receives a wholesale price so you will have to talk to her about pricing. (IE prices will be less than what's listed in the catalog.)

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well I really did feel
sorry for my pet human it

seems that people were extremely rude to him over the fact he would not let them pick up Christmas presents, by this I mean birds. It was as if people thought stupid was his first name (it's really his middle name but only to me). Anyway, he received soooo many calls looking for a present out of desperation it was becoming very annoying and made him afraid to answer the phone. People were using language that had me asking the question in my mind you eat with that mouth. The profanity was horrible and insulting because I thought I was the only one who could talk to him that way. Words that decent people would not say were being hurled at my pet human right and left with a breath sometimes. I was so proud at him he dug in and held his ground and said no to them more times, than he has said to me (and believe me that's a lot). I mean what 13 year old boy wants an African Gray as a surprise present and what Gray wants a 13 year old boy as his pet human sounds like a recipe for disaster to me. What happens when the kids grow into adults and no longer want that surprise present, rescues that's what. Somehow he managed to keep his sanity (what very little I know he possesses) and made it through. I'm just glad that he doesn't raise chickens with Easter coming lookout. I'm just glad he cares enough about us to keep the yahoos from ever getting us in the first place. Well the holidays are over except I keep hearing about this thing they call the Super Bowl it must be another MAJOR holiday because

that is all I am hearing about right now. What puzzles me is they keep talking about these things called Buffalo wings. I didn't know Buffalo's had wings I'll have to check on this and get back to you.

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Bits from Baby

HOWDY to all my feathered
and non-feathered Friends,
this is your roving reporter
Baby with the latest and
greatest news.

There were sixty-four people at the last meeting fifty-six club members and eight guests.

Now for the feathered members there were forty-five in attendance, seven Macaws, nine African Grays, and eight Cockatoos plus twenty-one other parrots. January's meeting was also election time again. I would like to congratulate the member's that were re-elected for another year. Keep up the good work!

Well get ready for another busy year of fun at all the events both indoors and outdoors. The calls are coming in hot and heavy already. Can't wait to work with you all again this year.

See you at the next meeting.

Well that's all for now.

Till we meet again,
Your friend Baby

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UP COMING
EVENTS
As of
Feb 2nd 2017

Feb. 25th Canary and Finch Breeders
Sat. Bird Fair
Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**** Our Club Has A Booth At This Event****

March 22nd Senior Show
Wed. American House
26600 Ann Arbor Trail
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
Set-up 2:00 pm
Start 3:00pm

March 29th Senior Show
Wed American House Livonia
11525 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48150
Set-up 1:00pm
Start 2:00 pm

April 2nd Senior Show
Sun Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30p
Start 2:30 pm

April 5th Senior Show
Wed. American House
777 East Woodward Heights Blvd.
Hazel Park, MI 48030
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:30pm

April 14th Senior Show
Fri Glacier Hills Senior Living
Community
1200 Earhart Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Set-up 9:00 am
Start 10:00 am

April 24th Senior Show
Mon. Waltonwood Main
1401 N. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
Set-up 2:00 pm
Start 3:00 pm

May 2nd Senior Show
Tuesday AARP meeting at
Wayne Community College
21000 Northline Road
Taylor, MI 48180
Set-up 11:30 am
Start 12:30 pm

May 12th Senior Show
Fri American House
24400 Middlebelt Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30pm

June 11th Rainbow Feathers Bird Club
17th Annual Bird Fair
\$3.00 Adm. 10AM to 4PM
VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford, MI 48239
10:00AM to 4:00PM

Oct 28th Senior Show
Sat Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

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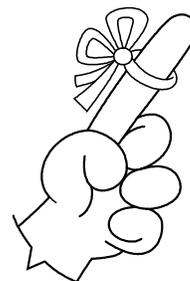
There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information, please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

Our Club Has a Booth at This Event following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events, all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.

NOTE**NOTE*****NOTE***

***CANCELTION CONFUSION ***

A few of our scheduled events have been canceled at the last minute by the group staging the event. If you do not regularly participate in the shows but plan on attending, please call Steve (734-513-0030) to make sure the event is still a go.



A REMINDER

Our dues were due by January 31st. Checks should be made out to **RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB**. Please pay them at the January meeting or by mail to Tammy Carol at Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, PO Box 1587, Garden City MI 48135.



Are you watching your bird's figure?

By ZuPreem Staff

Obesity is a common condition in companion birds and occurs when they consume more calories than they can expend over an extended period of time. Lack of flight activity and a diet rich in fatty seeds are common causes of obesity. Your bird could be obese if its body weight exceeds the normal body weight (within normal variation) for its species by 15 percent or more.

Here's how to tell if your bird is overweight

Take a minute to perform a quick home exam. Start by noticing your bird's stance. A wider than normal stance can be a sign of obesity. Next, check for a small roll of fat, a "double chin" visible under the beak. Also, look for small yellow or white fat deposits in the abdomen, along the flanks, inner thighs, upper breast and crop area. Finally, check for any bald patches where feather tracts may have separated due to fat under the skin.

You can also weigh your bird

To do this at home, use an electronic scale that measures in grams, not ounces, to detect small changes. Of course, the best way to be sure is to have your pet weighed and examined by your avian veterinarian.

Health risks associated with obesity

Obesity increases your bird's risk of developing many serious diseases including heart disease, liver disease, fatty tumor formation (lipomas) and respiratory distress during exercise and play. Obesity is also associated with abnormal feathering, egg binding and infertility.

What you can do

If you suspect your bird may be obese, see your veterinarian for a complete and thorough physical examination as well as advice on how to change your bird's diet to a healthier one. Along with more exercise, converting your bird from a seed-based diet to a more nutritionally balanced extruded diet could be the answer. Remember

that any weight-loss regimen for your bird should be done with your veterinarian's guidance.

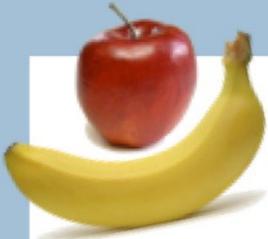


How does your bird weigh in?

The following table expresses approximate normal mature body weights for some bird species in terms of both the average weight and a range of acceptable variances (+/-) from the average.

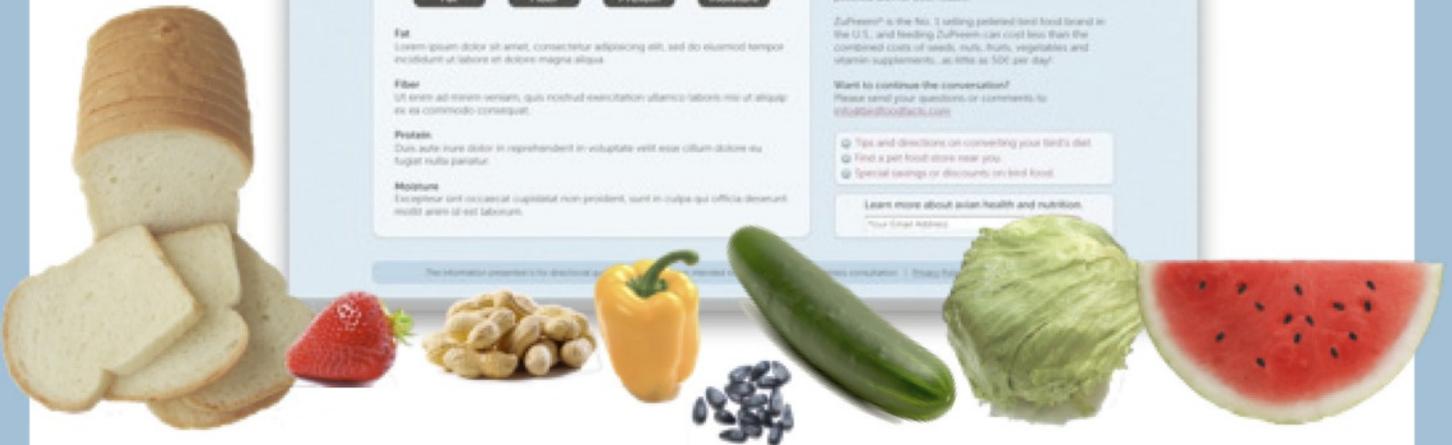
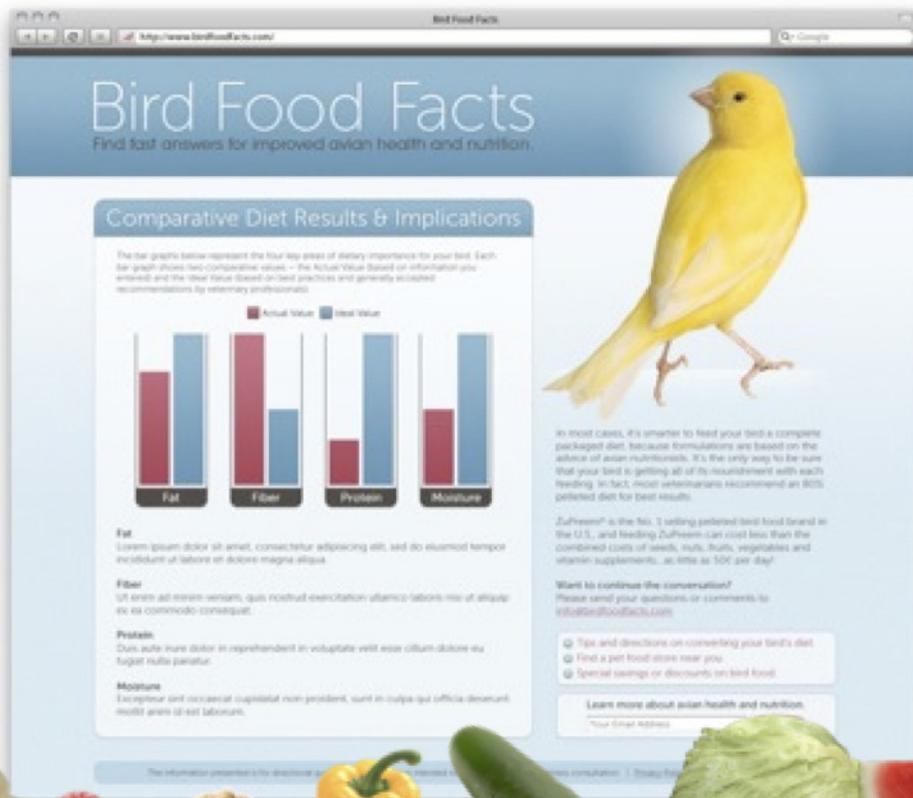
Species	Average Weight (grams)	Variance (+/- grams)
Scarlet Macaw	1,001	151
Blue & Gold Macaw	1039	102
Military Macaw	925	57
Hyacinth Macaw	1355	95
Umbrella Cockatoo	403	57
Moluccan Cockatoo	577	71
Great Sulfur Crested Cockatoo	843	147
Citron Cockatoo	357	34
Grand Eclectus	432	40
African Grey	554	66
Blue-Fronted Amazon	432	51
Mexican Red-Headed Amazon	360	24
Yellow-Naped Amazon	596	85
Double Yellow-Headed Amazon	568	61
Budgerigar	30	*
Lovebird	45	*
Cockatile	1 80	*

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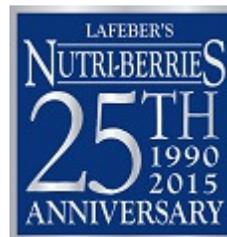
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

APRIL 23rd -----Fourth Sunday

MAY 21st -----Third Sunday

JUNE 11th -----BIRD FAIR

JUNE 25th -----Fourth Sunday

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
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Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN

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- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



CLUB WELFARE

. Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

We have decided to stop soliciting for snack volunteers for our meetings and make the format a potluck venue. The reasoning for this is two fold; there have been very few members signing up for snacks and many members just bring dishes and deserts without signing up. So from now on our meetings will be a potluck fair, YUM!!



OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

We have had yet another crossing of a feathered club member; Rambo a Hans Macaw who owned Mike Gyarmati crossed over the Rainbow Bridge last month.

Rambo was a constant companion of Mike and was dearly loved by everyone. Rambo succumbed to the complications of a stroke at the age of about twenty-four years. To him we say you are free to soar on the far side of the Rainbow Bridge; you will always be loved and forever remembered. In your memory we dedicate the following verse.



The Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called
Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially
close to someone here, that pet goes to
Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all our special
friends so they can run and play together. There is
plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our
friends are warm and comfortable.

All of the animals that have been ill and old are
restored to health and vigor, those who were hurt
or maimed are made whole and strong again, just
as we remember in our dreams of days and times
gone by. The animals are happy and content,
except for one small thing;

They miss someone very special to them who had
to be left behind. They all run and play together,
but the day comes when one suddenly stops and
looks into the distance,...

The bright eyes are intent; the eager body quivers.
suddenly she begins to break away from the
group, flying over the green grass,
her wings carrying her faster and faster YOU ~
have just been spotted, and when you and your
special friend meet, you cling together in joyous
reunion ~

never to be parted again. The sweet sounds of
happy tweets play your ears; your hands again

caress the beloved's head, and you look once
more into the trusting eyes of your pet,
so long gone from your life but never absent
from your heart ~

Then you cross ~ . . . the
Rainbow Bridge together !



FROM THE PREZ:



I cannot believe that we have just passed Easter it seems that time has kicked it into hyper drive and is going fast. Before you know it, the bird fair will be here and we are still taking any donations for the bird fair raffle. Now the things for the raffle can be just about anything it does not have to be bird related we have such a diverse raffle and that is what people like about it there is something for everyone there. People stay all day just for our raffle and who knows I might win something this year. We need help with the set-up in the morning at 6 AM, covering tables and getting the vendors in, all through the day setting up each raffle and at the end helping the vendors out they would like us to be out by 5 PM if possible. I really never worry because we always have so much help it is wonderful so keep June 11th free and let's make this another successful one. I really love how our flock keeps growing and

seeing the Major Mitchells Cockatoo was just fantastic a rare treat in my book. In fact, you never know what types of birds you will see at a meeting and they are all very special. Speaking of special that is what you guys are you make this club what it is. The meetings are fun and stress free and we do get a lot of good food as well. The truth is that every member is unique and valued because it is you who are the heart and soul of this club it is something that we can never forget. The most important element is you and we welcome all your ideas because your ideas are all through the club and the events we do. So, I hope you all had a very Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting for birds, food and fun. As always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!**

Until Next Time
Your Prez
Dave



Voice of the Veep

Two months away! Our annual bird fair is on Sunday June 11th. I am hoping all of you are as excited as I am. The fair is at the same venue in Redford and we are going to need as much assistance from all of you to make it a success. In case anyone isn't sure, the address is: VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road (I-96 service drive) Redford, MI 48239. On Saturday, the night before the fair, at my house we will be loading a U-Haul ® truck with used cages, raffle prizes and anything else that needs to go to the hall. We will probably be

at my house about 6:00-7:00 pm to start the loading.

The real work starts at 6:00AM on Sunday when we have to unload the truck, set up for the raffle, cover tables, run extension cords, set-up used cages and play stands and put lawn signs up around the neighborhood. At 7:00AM, the real work starts because we have to start helping vendors bring in their wares and be on hand to help anyone who needs help. One area of help that we fell short at last year was after the fair. We lost all our help! I know it is a long day but please, we still need help after the fair helping vendors load and clearing out of the hall.

Saturday June 10th is also going to be a busy day for us. We are attending the Garden City Flea Circus that is being held in the Kroger parking lot at Ford Rd. and Middle Belt. This is an event with rescues, vendors, food & snacks and rescued pets of all types up for adoption. The set-up is between 8:00am and 9:00am; the event runs from 10:00am until 3:00pm. We will be setting up our pop-up in the morning and taking it down after the flea circus ends then head to my house to load the U-Haul truck. If you are a newer member of the club this event would be an awesome opportunity for you to join us at an open event. Do not worry about bringing one of your own birds because there will be plenty of our birds there that you can assist with.

On a totally different subject and a very disconcerting issue I think I hear voices. They are talking in deep dark tones and saying things like white and pink

feathers are better than gray. Don't be afraid, Cockatoos are nice! Join us it may be dark but we have cookies. Am I being lured to the dark side? Does anyone know, do I need professional help? Yum, cookies!

**Your Veep
Steve**



**MAY I HAVE
YOUR
ATTENTION**

As you know, we are approaching a very busy season of both outdoor and indoor events. The Garden City Flea Circus, Our bird fair, the Guardians for Animals pet expo, the All American Family Pet Expo and possibly the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival to name two of many events that we will be attending. Along with doing these events comes something that we have become accustomed to and that is drawing huge crowds.

With that being said there are certain rules that must be followed to insure that birds do not go missing and the owner does not have heart failure wondering where that bird is. So I would like to pass on to you the rules of etiquette for doing high traffic events. If you have someone else's bird other than your own always follow these

rules. First let the owner of the bird know that you have that bird so they know where and who the bird is with. Second stay within eyesight of the bird's owner. We love the fact that many of us can handle each other's bird and it gives the owner peace of mind when they can see where their bird is. Third and most important never ever hand a bird to someone and then walk away. With the huge crowds we attract it would be very easy for someone to steal a bird if you take your eyes off of it for even a few seconds. Fourth, always take the bird back from the person you have handed it to and never let them hand it to someone else. Finally, return the bird either back to the owner or its time out stand, if you put it on the stand let the owner know that you have done so. This will help avoid the owner having panic attacks and keep everyone happy, relaxed and the event fun for all!



**Honest
Steve's
needs your
help**



We need help for "Honest Steve's" used cages at the bird fair. Help is needed cleaning, tagging and repairing the used cages that have accumulated in my garage. In the near future and most likely on a weekend day we are going to attempt to power wash, clean and repair the used cages that have been donated over the winter months. Tagging cages as to which parts belong together and that they all have bowls

and perches along with needed hardware for assembly. This sounds simple but it is quite a daunting task.

Please! Anyone who might be able to help me contact me to let me know so I may let you know when this is going to happen.

My phone numbers are Home- (734)-513-0030 Cell (313)-608-7106. Call and leave me a message on either phone and I will get back in touch with you when a date is determined.



Rescue update

The rescue continued to have success on placing foster birds in new homes. This past month

we placed a Blue Crown Conure named Rambo in a new forever home,

We also rescued a number of gently used cages, which will be available at our bird fair in June. If you are interested be sure to stop by “Honest Steve’s Used Cages” table at the fair

As is standard for our adopted birds they went to their new homes with cages, toys and food. We are only able to do this because of you, our members.

We want to thank all of our club members for your generous participation in our monthly raffles and your donations of toys and food. It is you, the members that enable us to send our rescued birds to their new adopted homes fully outfitted

with cages, food, and toys. Your generosity also allows us to pay for vet care if needed and have made our rescue the success that it is. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Attention Kroger Shoppers

Kroger sent us a message Informing our club that we do not have to re-enroll annually in their Community Rewards program. If you are presently enrolled, you do not have to do anything to continue your participation.

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SUE GOUIN	MAY 13
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RANDY BRATCHER	MAY 20
KRISTEN LAMBERT	MAY 24



Out and About with Pookie

In last month's column, I revealed that companion humans (especially Steve & Celeste) want to be misled and fooled. Ergo we, the Greys in our home initiated OPERATION GHOST this is the code name we are using to invigorate the interest of our humans. There is no doubt all of you are wondering exactly what this operation entails. We all put our beaks together and ascertained what our best asset was; it was determined it is our ability to imitate different human voices and household

sounds. With this knowledge in hand we started.

- 1) Shatner took point and started asking for Steve in Celeste's voice.
- 2) Tyler began to use Steve's voice and say "Good Morning" but only when there was no one watching.
- 3) Casey started barking with two different barks.
- 4) JB barks in the same voice Casey uses but he also quacks like a duck.
- 5) The house alarm and the creak of the doors. I almost forgot, all of us have mastered all the different noises.

In all honesty, I could use pages to list the totality of what we all can say; the value is in how to use it. We made the decision to use Celeste's voice when we know Steve is awake and in the house and to use Steve's voice when Celeste was awake. Two of us have mastered the art of throwing our voices; I cannot divulge at this time who the budding ventriloquists are because neither Steve nor Celeste know and we want to keep it that way. However, the ability to imitate the sound of the front door opening when one or the other is home alone is quite disconcerting to both. Household noises are another way we have to trick both Steve and Celeste; we imitate the sounds of the electronic door lock buttons being pushed then throw our voices into the kitchen and beep like the alarm system to indicate a door is being opened. Sadly, I am unable to divulge who the budding ventriloquists are at this moment because it is more important to keep Steve and Celeste off balance and hopping up and down out of their chairs to answer doors that are not being opened. This process provides exercise and

stimulation and you can believe me that Steve needs both.

There is another troubling situation developing in our peaceful and balanced home; Ricky seems to have welcomed another **COCKATOO** to stay here. All of us here know that there are only two ways something like this could happen. One is its only temporary and Steve knew it was occurring but neglected to tell us. The other choice is far worse and much more foreboding; the evil forces of the dark side are courting Steve. The dark side has not only been luring Steve but also tempting him with cookies!

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well it seems that we have a defector in our midst and the scoundrel said he could never be swayed. We have the proof, we have pictures lots of pictures and there even may be a video out there somewhere. I know the force is strong but this person seemed so strong and so stable (well not mentally, that is another story but look what I have to deal with so I understand). It didn't happen overnight it came in small increments, a hi here, a scratch there and acting just so adorable and sweet you could almost get a sugar high. In the end, this person was helpless to the force, the dark force of the Cockatoo. Now we have all heard Sparky's,

Pookie's and J.B.'s pet human complaining about the number of Cockatoos at a meeting especially if they outnumbered the Grays. Strangely something began to take shape and it took the shape of Ricky's pet human Celeste she introduced Steve to the dark side and slowly but surely it took Steve over. Now the Grays were very alarmed and tried all sorts of thing even crystals and a Cockatooism to no avail he was crossing over and there was nothing they could do about it. Oh, he was still a Gray guy but he became a Cockatoo guy too and just when they thought it could not get worse the pink menace showed up. Now I have to say I have developed a soft spot for Aroura (Rory for short) the Rose breasted Cockatoo that shares my pet humans but the Gray Gang as we like to call them was totally unprepared for Mr. Pink (I'll call him Mr. P for short). Mr. P. is a Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, he has infused the gray territory with another color besides red and green, and that is pink. I have to admit that he is quite the handsome fellow and he does fit right in with the rest of us but white was one thing but pink seriously pink what he was thinking laments Sparky. Well it is just a natural progression and one to surely ruffle a few Gray feathers but they are just going to have to deal with it because he is here to stay. I think he will add some new color to our New Year's Eve celebration because he looks like a real party animal.

Cheers
Captain Morgan



BIRD FAIR

Our annual bird fair is now going to be on Sunday June 11th and will be at the same location as last year. The location is VFW Post 345 at 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive) Redford, MI 48239.

We will be getting access to the hall about 6:00 AM. The tentative plan is load a U-Haul[®] truck the evening before with Cages and stuff at Steve's house. In the morning before the fair starts we will bring in all the cages, raffle items and supplies.

We will need as much help as we can get at 6:00 AM to cover tables, price cages, run electricity and set up the raffle. Hopefully this will mostly be finished by 7:00 AM when the vendors will start arriving. We need help holding doors open and assisting vendors move in at this time. They really appreciate this; it's something that rarely occurs for them at other fairs and keeps them coming back. During the fair we will need help at the admissions desk, assisting at the raffle, rescue, and bake sale tables. Another time when help is needed is after the fair doing the clean-up.

This is our rescue's largest fundraiser of the year, so please; one and all come and make this fair the success of past years. We have rented out a record number of tables this year with many first time vendors. Let's show them what a dynamic group we are by assisting them in every way possible.

Come on out and lend a hand even if you haven't signed up. You

don't have to stay all day; any time you can help would be wonderful.

CLUB T-SHIRTS



Good news! Tracy Hilka who is Bella

Embroidery is now going to make our club shirts. The price for t-shirts, including our logo embroidered on it, is \$10.00 for sm. to XI and \$12.50 for 2xl to 5xl. These are Gildan brand #8000 50/50 t-shirts, there are lots of colors.

What you do is go our website www.rfbirdclub.com and click on the tab "RF GEAR" or to her website.

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Then type Gildan in the search box (this will put you on the Gildan page).
Look down the page and find Gildan DryBlend 50/50 T-shirts #8000
Click on the icon and this will open the page with all the colors and sizes.

Choose your size and color(s) and add it to your Cart.

On the cart page there is a place for comments when you place your order, in this box tell Tracy you would like your shirt embroidered with the Rainbow Feathers Bird Club Logo
When she receives your order she will send you a PayPal[®] invoice

In a short time you will receive your new club shirt in the mail.

If you don't have internet access or a PayPal® account you can contact me, Steve Plafchan and we'll figure out a solution to get you a shirt.

She has many items available (hats, tote bags, etc.) that she can put our logo on if you wish. She has given us a catalog full of things you can order, all the prices are retail and she receives a wholesale price so you will have to talk to her about pricing. (IE prices will be less than what's listed in the catalog.)

BITS from BABY



HOWDY all my feathered and non-feathered friends, this is your roving reporter Baby with the latest and greatest news. There were forty-six people at the March meeting, thirty-eight club members and eight guests of which five guests joined our flock. Now for the feathered members there were twenty-four in attendance, seven Cockatoos, three African Grays, and three Macaws plus eleven other parrots.

We are on a roll already this year and it just started. It makes me and all the members feel great doing the programs for the people just to see the smiles on their faces after the program. They tell us how much seeing all the beautiful colored birds brightens up their day.

Come join use and see what I'm talking about.

Well that's all for now.

God bless till we meet again,

Your friend Baby

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THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE THE

RESCUE RANGERS

IN TO BARRYTON WE WILL GO (AND A LITTLE SIDE TRIP)

Well it was a beautiful summer day the perfect day for a road trip and a long road trip it was it took the Rangers to the tiny berg of Barryton Michigan. For those who do not know where the heck Barryton is (believe me the Rangers had nary a clue either) it is about two and one half hours away from Ranger Steve's place. Therefore, an Iron butt run it was and they drove through some very scenic countryside past farms and fields of corn, cows, sheep and horses. Through blink and you'll miss them towns even a town with the quaint name of Rosebush. It seemed like it was taking forever but they were finally at their destination. Now mind you the center of Barryton seemed like it was just a wooden shed and a cow (there had to be more I guess they were in the wrong place) any way they had finally arrived and were greeted by a young man who was surrendering his Greenwing Macaw. This was particularly hard because the gentleman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and needed to find his beloved parrot a proper home before it was too late. There he was this magnificent creature giving the Rangers the stink eye because he did not know them. So, after good-byes were said the Rangers put him in the Rescue Mobile with his cage and other goodies and they were off for home but not

before they made a little side trip (no it wasn't for shopping or anything like that) but for another pick-up. This would happen in the city of Chesterfield Michigan and it would be much smaller than the Macaw. This was a Cockatiel. This was the case of an Australian bird with a Spanish name, Chico. Chico was a relatively young bird that the owner simply tired of and wanted to rehome him. It was a good thing that Chico was indeed a boy so no name change would be necessary. They put Chico in the carrier loaded up his cage and the Rangers were finally heading home, for real this time. When they finally made it back they knew both of their new charges would find homes quickly. The Greenwing Macaw got adopted by a club member whom he chose as his new birdie mom and the Cockatiel would soon find his forever home as well. It was a good day for an iron butt run and for two birds from afar. Still duty would soon call again and they would be ready for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

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UP COMING
EVENTS

As of
April 2nd 2017

April 5th Senior Show
Wed. American House
777 East Woodward Heights Blvd.
Hazel Park, MI 48030
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:30pm

April 14th Senior Show
Fri Glacier Hills Senior Living
Community
1200 Earhart Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Set-up 9:00 am
Start 10:00 am

April 22nd Senior Show
Sat More Info Coming
Susan Dixon's Church
Handicapped Adults
Woodside Bible Church
9000 Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48326
Set-up Noon
Start 1:00pm

April 24th Senior Show
Mon. Waltonwood Main
1401 N. Rochester Rd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
Set-up 2:00 pm
Start 3:00 pm

May 2nd Senior Show
Tuesday AARP meeting at
Wayne Community College
21000 Northline Road
Taylor, MI 48180
Set-up 11:30 am
Start 12:30 pm

May 7th Senior Show
Sun Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00pm

May 8 th Mon	Senior Show Oakhaven Manor 1320 Ashebury Lane Howell, MI 48843 Set-up 11:00 am Start Noon	June 11 th Sun	Rainbow Feathers Bird Fair VFW Post 345 27345 Schoolcraft Rd. Redford MI, 48239 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
May 12 th Fri	Senior Show American House 24400 Middlebelt Road Farmington Hills, MI 48336 Set-up 1:30 pm Start 2:30pm	June 24 th Sat	Senior Show Samaritas Senior Living of Bloomfield Hills formerly Maple Village) 6257 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 Set-up 1:00pm Start 2:00 pm
May 17 th Wed	Senior Show Oakmont Sterling Assisted Living 2200 15 Mile Road Sterling Heights, MI 48310 Set-up 1:00pm Start 2:00 pm	July 25 th Tues	Library Show River Rouge Library 221 Burke Street River Rouge, MI 48218 Set-up 2:00pm Start 3:00 pm
June 6 th Tues	Senior Show The Oaks Adult Daycare 2500 S. Main Street Ann Arbor, MI 48103 Set-up 12:30 pm Start 1:00 pm **note 1/2 hour set-up	Sept 9 th Sat	Canary & Finch Bird Fair Livonia Elks Lodge #2246 31117 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 \$3.00 admission 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
June 10 th Sat	Garden City Flea Circus Parking Lot at the Corner of Middlebelt & Ford Road Starts at 10 AM til 3 PM Set up is between 8 & 9am	Oct 21 st Oct22nd	Guardians for Animals Pet Expo Madison Place 876 Horace Brown Drive Madison Heights, MI 48071 Sat. Times 10:00AM to 5:00PM Sun Times 1:00AM to 4:00PM We hopefully will be setting up on Friday like last year

Oct 28th
Sat

Senior Show
Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.

A few of our scheduled events have been canceled at the last minute by the group staging the event. If you do not regularly participate in the shows but plan on attending please call Steve (734-513-0030) to make sure the event is still a go.

PET EXPO

Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm

Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm

Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm

Suburban Collection Showplace
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Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov. 9th most likely around 9:00 am.

Please remember no birds will be allowed through the front door.

NOTE**NOTE*****NOTE***

**CANCELATION CONFUSION **

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

Our Club Has a Booth at This Event

following or "Educational Show" preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don't let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for

IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE!



People never cease to amaze and frustrate usually at the same time and sometimes it is literally a matter of life and death. The sad fact is these situations almost always end tragically and this is one of them.

One early morning I received a phone call asking about a bird that might possibly be sick so at 7:15 AM on a Monday I am listening to a woman describe her bird's behavior to me. It is on the bottom of the cage with its head on the grate but it will still lift it up when we come into the room. I told my husband I think it's just tired am I right? I told her she was very wrong your bird is sick very sick and you need to take it to the vet immediately and I was starting to give her the numbers to a couple emergency vets offices when she stopped me. She said you mean we have to take it to the vet, you actually take birds to a vet. I told her yes and then asked her what kind of bird it was expecting it to be a Budgie or Cockatiel, it was a Blue and Gold Macaw that was just 2 years old. I stressed to her that this was a life or death situation and it may already be too late. I then asked her when did you notice it was not acting right she said on Friday. I wanted to just scream at her and ask why

you didn't do something about it then? I calmly asked why they waited and she once again said she thought it was just tired. I was about to totally lose it but stayed calm and told her she needed to get it to a vet right away and explained to her how birds operate and mask illness until it is too late. She then said one final thing that pushed me over the edge, I going to have to wait until my husband gets home from work and ask him. I was now literally yelling at her and was told her she didn't have that much time the bird would be dead by then she had to act now but I had a bad feeling she would wait. She said I was not very helpful and hung up.

It is now 7:30 AM on Tuesday and the phone rings again and it's her again this time she was very nasty and had this to say to me; "well I came to you for help and you were no help at all the bird died at about 10:20 yesterday morning". She went on to say that I should have done something to save the bird. I told her I did everything in **MY** power to save the bird I am not a vet and I cannot tell you what is wrong with your bird **YOU** needed to get it to the vet on Friday when you noticed it wasn't acting right and **YOU** did nothing. I told her I felt bad for the bird because a Macaw should not have died at two and that this was totally their fault for not acting sooner and that they let then bird die. I hated being so blunt but it was the only way to make her understand they screwed up big time. She was silent for a moment and then had the nerve to ask if we had any Blue and Golds in the rescue. I didn't lose it this time but told her under no circumstances would we adopt to her because she still did not get it about parrots and finding an avian vet before you really need one because she said "well that's only if the bird gets sick". I just couldn't believe she said that to me and said the answer would be no that they had a lot of learning

left to do and I would not put any bird in a bad situation like that. She told me I needed to work on my people skills and hung up. There are many people out there like this woman and her husband who just don't get it about having a large parrot and all we can do is pray they do not get another bird!



10 steps to a better relationship with your parrot

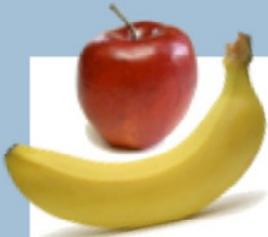
By Liz Wilson, CVT

- 1) Ensure your companion bird is healthy by doing annual check-ups and routine diagnostics with your experienced avian veterinarian. Since birds hide the obvious signs of illness, allowing basic annual testing is critical to the early detection of medical problems.
- 2) Ensure your companion bird is consuming a good diet. This is critical to the proper functioning of its immune system and increases its potential for a healthy life, as well as eliminating nutrition-based problem

behaviors, such as some cases of feather destruction

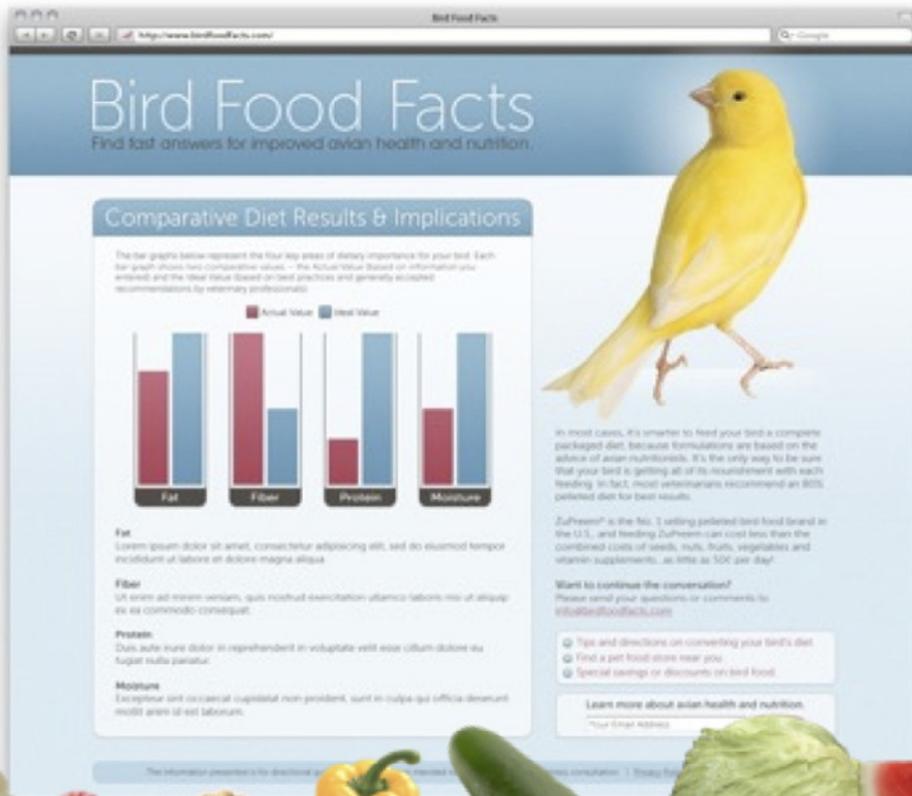
- 3) Ensure your companion bird lives in a sufficiently large cage, allowing it lots of room for exuberant wing-flapping exercise and energetic play; allow it daily out-of-cage time on play stations other than just the cage to minimize territorial behaviors. Encouraging healthy exercise can decrease problem behaviors like excessive screaming, since a tired parrot is a quiet parrot.
- 4) Establish controls with your parrot by lovingly teaching it to respond to the simple commands of Up and Down, and setting clear and consistent limits on its behavior. By teaching manners and setting boundaries, parrots can become better companions.
- 5) Give your parrot quality interaction daily, no matter how busy your life gets...even if for just 10-15 minutes of one on one time. Psittacines are biologically wild animals, and won't retain their "tameness" without daily contact with people
- 6) Make your companion bird a member of the family, since it is a flock animal and extremely social. Single birds should not be housed in rooms by themselves.
- 7) Socialize your parrot to family and trusted friends, thereby teaching it to adapt to the society in which it lives. It should be comfortable interacting with and being handled by other people. Do not allow it to become over-bonded to one person.
- 8) Assure your companion bird gets adequate rest, with 10-12 hours of dark, uninterrupted sleep time nightly. Sleep deprivation often leads to problem behaviors like biting, excessive screaming and feather destruction.
- 9) Establish trust with your companion bird by teaching it that it is safe with you. Consistency is critical to establishing trust, as your parrot learns what to expect from you and what you expect from it.
- 10) Accept your parrot for what it is, not what you want it to be. No matter how well trained it is, a healthy parrot may still be noisy messy and destructive because it's a parrot!

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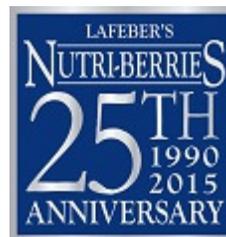
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(734) 913-0003
(Dr. Daldin-Marsh)

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Frankenmuth-Birch Run Veterinary Hospital
9339 Gera Road
(989) 652-6689
(Dr. Kimberlee Buck)

Birmingham, MI 48009

Birmingham Veterinary Clinic
33788 Woodward Avenue
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(Dr. Christine Glikis-Fernandez)

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Ross Animal Hospital for Animals
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Canton, MI 48187

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

MAY 21st –Third Sunday

JUNE 11th – Bird Fair

JUNE 25th –Fourth Sunday

JULY 23rd – Fourth Sunday Picnic

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

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EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Susan Dixon is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st weekend of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to her at: susanhdixon@hotmail.com or 8529 Sandy Crest Drive, White Lake, MI 48386.

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CLUB WELFARE

. Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



Monthly Potluck

Early last year, we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that "Everyone", please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all.

BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR BIRD BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

From the Prez:



This upcoming meeting is so very important because we will be going over the final few things before our bird fair. It seems unreal that it is coming up so fast but table rental is going strong and the raffle is shaping up to be fantastic as always. The critical part is you, you guys make the fair what it is and every year it is great. We need help at 6 AM to cover tables, unload the U-Haul of the used cages and raffle prizes and set up the first raffle. At 7 AM the vendors start coming in and we need people to help them get in and get set-up so they can have a little breather before the fair starts. Throughout the day for various reasons the biggest being setting up for the second and

third raffle and at the end of the day to help get the vendors out and loaded so they can get on the road and home quicker, also the hall would like us to be out by 5 PM. Whatever time you can give us is greatly appreciated and you are not required to be there all day. So, whatever you can do whenever you can do it is welcome. Also, the day before is the Garden City Flea Circus Pet Adoption Event and yes, we are there it is a great event and a whole lot of fun, (please pray for nice weather not too hot or cold and no rain) and after this event in the evening we will meet at Steve's to load the U-Haul the time will be given at the meeting. Our dance card is certainly filling up with the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival in August, Guardians for Animals in October and the Novi Pet Expo in November plus all the senior programs we are very busy. The reason we have such a full plate is because of the fantastic reputation we have built with sooo many organizations and we work hard to keep it that way. It is because of you guys and your big hearts that we have the reputation we do you have made this club fly and keep it flying so very high. My deepest thanks to all of you for all your efforts **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!**

Your Prez,
Dave



Voice of the Veep

One month away!
Our annual bird fair is next month on Sunday, June 11. I am hoping all of you are as excited as I am. The fair is at the same venue in Redford, and we are going to need much assistance from

all of you to make it a success. In case anyone is not sure, the address is: VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road (I-96 service drive) Redford, MI 48239. At my house on Saturday, the night before the fair, we will be loading a U-Haul ® truck with used cages, raffle prizes and anything else that needs to go to the hall. We will probably be at my house about 6:30 pm to start the loading. The real work starts at 6:00AM on Sunday when we have to unload the truck, set up for the raffle, cover tables, run extension cords, set-up used cages and play stands, and put lawn signs up around the neighborhood. At 7:00AM, the real work starts because we have to start helping vendors bring in their wares and be on hand to help anyone who needs it. All the help we can muster is needed, especially on Sunday morning at the hall. So anyone that can lend a hand please plan on helping. Last year after the fair, we ran very short of help. There were only three members assisting with the clean-up and clearing out of the hall. So we will need additional help when the fair ends. Our club has established a reputation of providing more assistance to the vendors than almost any other fair and that is a reputation we would like to keep going and build upon in any way we can.

This is not a venue for us to bring our birds; it is very busy and quite crowded, there is no safe space provided for our birds to perch and it is a long day. If you did not sign up to work and decide at the last minute, you would like to help bring your badge and see me or Tammy.

Your Veep,
Steve



BIRD FAIR

Our annual bird fair is going to be on Sunday June 11th and will be at the same location as last year. The address is VFW Post 345 at 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive) Redford, MI 48239.

We will be getting access to the hall at 6:00 AM Sunday. The tentative plan is load a U-Haul® truck the evening before with cages and stuff at Steve's house. In the morning before the fair starts we will bring in all the cages, raffle items and supplies.

We will need as much help as we can get at 6:00 AM to cover tables, price cages, run electricity and set up the raffle. Hopefully, this will mostly be done by 7:00 AM when the vendors will start arriving. We need help holding doors open and assisting vendors move in at this time. They really appreciate this. It's something that rarely occurs for them at other fairs and keeps them coming back. During the fair, we need help at the admission desk, assisting at the raffle and rescue tables. Another time when help is needed is after the fair doing the clean-up.

This is our rescue's largest fundraiser of the year. We have rented out a record number of tables this year with many first time vendors. Let's show them what a dynamic group we are by assisting them in every way possible.

Come on out and lend a hand even if you haven't signed up. You don't have to stay all day; any time you can help would be wonderful.

GARDEN CITY FLEA CIRCUS

Saturday June 10, 2017 Garden

City is having their annual pet fair, which they call a flea circus. It is being held in the Kroger parking lot on the corner of Ford Rd. and Middle Belt Rd. there will be many pet rescues and pet store venues along



with other merchants. The fair is officially open from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. We will be setting up our pop-up between 8:00am and 9:00 pm and taking it down after the event.

The plan is then to pick up the U-Haul truck and meet at my house to load the truck for our bid fair in the morning on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Flea Circus and help load the U-haul afterwards.

Avast ye Mates



CAPTIAN'S CORNER

Well it looks like the pink menace is here to stay and I am kind of glad it just gives us another one to add to our ranks. I mean really when you think about it I think we need all the birdie help we can get and what better way than a pink parrot (say that fast five times) that has everybody ooohhhing and aaahhhing. What it does is it helps us get the all-important credit card numbers so we can order the things we like; you know toys, treats, food and things so we can live like kings and queens. Really now who would suspect a sweet innocent birdie

ordering 25 lbs. of say Macadamia nuts or the newest in comfortable perches. You see many of our pet humans underestimate us and haven't a clue to all the stuff we really know (I have seen some of the pictures on Instabird and all I can say is wow). We are stealth and have hidden cameras planted at various of our pet human homes so we can have a good laugh or be very concerned for them I haven't decided yet. Anyway, what better way to pull one over on them with a "major" distraction. Oh, I know what you are thinking how can we pull this off without opposable thumbs well just remember the last time you wondered how certain Cockatoos managed to escape from their cages (Ricky Doodles) or how bird pellets got into your most embarrassing places, do I have your attention now? We are a whole lot more adept than you give us credit for and we are always ready to prove it at a moment's notice. So, consider yourself warned and when that jumbo bag of pistachios turns up on your porch we had nothing to do with it. (BWHAAAAAAA)

Cheers

Captain Morgan



Out and About with Pookie

Last month I spoke of our efforts at re-training and modifying the habits of our companion humans. The bargaining was intense and the negotiations were difficult. We, the Greys, acted as the chief negotiators but also represented all of the feathered members of our home and yes, even Ricky was able to present his grievances. Some of

the gains made this past month are the following increases with;

- 1) Daily snacks and treats
- 2) Trips to various farmers markets
- 3) Car rides
- 4) Shoulder riding
- 5) Sharing the evening meals
- 6) Walking around our neighborhood
- 7) Scratches and snuggles

On behalf of Ricky, we acquiesced to his major grievance and supported his demands.

Some of the gains on his behalf are;

- 1) Screaming allowed between the hours of 7:00 am and 11:00 am
- 2) More wood to chip and chew
- 3) Screaming allowed between the hours of 4:00 pm and 11:00 pm
- 4) A daily morning ration of peanut butter
- 5) Screaming allowed between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm
- 6) A spoonful of yogurt daily
- 7) Screaming allowed anytime when warranted even after hours
- 8) Allow another Cockatoo to move in with us

Well, it seems an additional Cockatoo now lives here.

His name is Logan and I dare say he is a strange looking fellow and his behavior is just as foreign. He is pink! Flamingos are pink but he is not a Flamingo his legs are too short, Ricky says he is a Cockatoo but he is unlike any Cockatoo I have ever seen. Not only is he pink and white he is quiet, who ever heard of a quiet Cockatoo? He claims that his ancestors emigrated from Australia but to my knowledge and experience, I have only met two types of Cockatoos with pink feathers. Zoey, who is a Moluccan, is pink and white but cannot be considered quiet by any stretch of the imagination. Then there is

Aurora, who is a Rose Breasted Cockatoo, she is Pink and Gray but this fellow is different. He is Pink and white and for a Cockatoo not only is he relatively quiet, he is very polite two traits that do not seem to be synonymous with the name of Cockatoo. Personally, I believe he may be a Pidgeon that fell into a bucket of paint.



Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



*THE ADVENTURES OF
STEVE AND DAVE
the
RESCUE RANGERS*
IN
THREE CITIES THREE BIRDS TWO CAGES

This month's adventure makes the Rangers look like jet set travelers (OK jet set travelers is a stretch seeing they didn't leave Michigan but work with me people). They hit three cities all in one round trip and trust me the Rangers know what round is like. Anyway, their travels would take them to

Clarkston, Waterford and Warren and I think we will start with Warren because that's where they went first but this was not a pick-up of anything live but two flight cages. You see they had already picked up the finches that once occupied these cages, all 19 of them, and were called back to take the cages away. This was a short stay and with the cages loaded, not the Rangers, and they were off to their next destination Clarkston.

Here they would pick-up not one but two Sun Conures. The people that had them had grand hopes of breeding these two birds and making extra money selling their babies but try as they might they could not get them to breed. They had everything set up like they should and still no babies. After trying for a long time, they became a little less enthusiastic about breeding and more interested in finding them a new home (the noise finally got to them). Again, they loaded up the two Sun Conures and were off again, just a side note the reason they could not get babies is they were both male and if you don't understand well that's a different article!

Now it was on to their last stop Waterford and it was there they would pick-up an unwanted Lutino Cockatiel. This is what happens when you buy a child a bird at a young age other interests come calling as they age and the bird becomes a nuisance so guess what has to go. So, they loaded up this poor unwanted Cockatiel and they were off. They could not understand why they wanted to turn this very beautiful and sweet bird in but people can be strange sometimes. Now with a very long day of traveling over they could go home and unwind. Yes, indeed this was a day filled with strangeness a non-breeding pair of breeding male Sun Conures (don't ask) a poor sweet and beautiful

comes that, the bird is ready for adoption you may have to have the prospective new owners come to your home to meet the bird and see how they interact with it. A portion of the decision as to whether the bird is going to the correct home will be up to the foster home. This is because you will have the best judgment of the bird's personality and how it interacts with people.

We would like to extend a great big thank you to all of our club members for their support at the monthly club raffles and for the donations of food and toys. It is your participation that funds our rescue and allows us to send the adopted birds to their new homes with cages, toys and food. Our rescue could not do this without you.

KUDDOS and a great big THANK YOU to everyone.



POSITIVE ENERGY

Well it seems that people have many different ways of choosing the right bird but some seem just a little kooky and this is surely one of them.

A woman calls, at 7:14 in the morning looking for a "special bird" and being the inquiring type I just had to ask what exactly she meant by special. She said that the bird

had to meld with her energy and to do this she would bring what she called her "tool Kit" with her. So once again (can we say glutton for punishment) I asked her what was in her tool kit. She said it contained various crystals for finding the bird with the positive energy that would be in perfect sync with hers. It also contained something smoky to cleanse the house of any negative energy so the good vibrations would come flowing through (my words now). I had to stop her and tell her we had no building but fostered in our homes and nothing "smoky" would be allowed near any of the birds it could be harmful to them. She tried to assure me that it would be safe but I wouldn't budge and I could tell she was getting annoyed. I asked why she called so early in the morning and she said that the positive energy was strongest in the morning when everything was fresh and new. I told her that this was not going to happen and we could not adopt to her, this was after she told me she burns incense all the time. She told me I needed to channel my feminine side because my male side was too negative and it was ruining the positive energy flow. Well I said it is my sleep deprived side that was doing the talking and she shouldn't call so early in the morning but I still told her no and she said that was OK because there were other rescues she would try. I told her go ahead she would get the same answer from them as well. Thank goodness that these calls don't happen that much and for every one of these we get five good, honest and sincere ones. I have to go now I need to work on my Feng shway, shwa, that thing you know!!!

**Bird Center of Washtenaw
County
Wild Birds and Waterfowl Rescue**

The Bird Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit wild bird rescue. If you are contacted by anyone or have, found a Songbird or Water Fowl that is need of rescue, please refer or contact the Bird Center. They have provided us with contact numbers.

Bird Center (Songbirds) 734- 761-9640
Mallard Marsh (Water Fowl) 734-482-8187

What to do when a bird needs help:

Fledgling birds should be left alone.
The parents are near and will take care of it.

If a baby has, little or no feathers
return it to the nest if possible.

Baby ducks, geese and swans walking
with parents should be left alone.

If you have an injured bird of any
type please, contact the Bird Center or
Mallard Marsh at the phone numbers listed
above for instructions. Proper food, care
and handling are critical for the survival of
an injured bird. The Bird Center will advise
you on what to do and how to proceed.

Some birds, such as hawks, owls, herons,
cranes and geese can cause injury to you
even though you have the best of intentions.

More information is available at their
website: www.birdcenterwashtenaw.org

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

BRENT BEAVERS	JUNE 1
LIZ MONTANA	JUNE 1
JANIE LYNCH	JUNE 2
COLLEEN PETERS	JUNE 2
SEAN WALLACE	JUNE 2
MIA LYNCH	JUNE 5
JESSICA GREENWOOD	JUNE 7
MARY MOESTA	JUNE 21
CINDEE ROSENTHAL	JUNE 23
JASON MILLER	JUNE 25
JILL DOMEIER	JUNE 28





UP COMING EVENTS

As of
May 5th 2017

June 6th
Tues
Senior Show
The Oaks Adult Daycare
2500 S. Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:00 pm
**note 1/2 hour set-up

May 7th
Sun
Senior Show
Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00pm

June 8th
Thur
Senior Show
Brighton Gardens
15870 N. Haggerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

May 8th
Mon
Senior Show
Oakhaven Manor
1320 Ashebury Lane
Howell, MI 48843
Set-up 11:00 am
Start Noon

June 10th
Sat
Garden City Flea Circus
Parking Lot at the Corner of
Middlebelt & Ford Road
Starts at 10 AM til 3 PM
Set up is between 8 & 9am

May 12th
Fri
Senior Show
American House
24400 Middlebelt Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30pm

June 11th
Sun
Rainbow Feathers Bird Fair
VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford MI, 48239
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

May 17th
Wed
Senior Show
Oakmont Sterling Assisted Living
2200 15 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
Set-up 1:00pm
Start 2:00 pm

June 23rd
Fri
Senior Show
Baldwin House
200 Chester
Birmingham, MI 48009
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

June 24th Senior Show
Sat Samaritas Senior Living
of Bloomfield Hills
formerly Maple Village)
6257 Telegraph Road,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
Set-up 1:00pm
Start 2:00 pm

Sept 9th Canary & Finch Breeder Bird Fair
Sat Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

June 26th Senior Show
Mon Abbey Park at Mill River
28413 Abbey Lane
New Hudson, MI 48165
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:30 pm

Sept 10th Family Day
(No Official Program)
Sun American House
777 East Woodward Heights
Hazel Park, MI 48030
From 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

July 25th Library Show
Tues River Rouge Library
221 Burke Street
River Rouge, MI 48218
Set-up 2:00pm
Start 3:00 pm

Oct 21st Guardians for Animals
Oct 22nd Pet Expo
Madison Place
876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Sat. Times 10:00AM to 5:00PM
Sun Times 1:00AM to 4:00PM
We hopefully will be setting
up on Friday like last year

July 28th Senior Show
Fri Beacon Square Northville
40033 8 Mile Rd
Northville, MI 48167
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

Oct 28th Senior Show
Sat Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
Aug 25th Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 26th 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
More Details will be posted as they become
available

PET EXPO

Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm

Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm

Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm

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46100 Grand River

Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov.
9th

most likely around 9:00 am.

Please remember no birds will be
allowed
through the front door.

NOTE**NOTE*****NOTE***

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

Our Club Has a Booth at This Event

following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.

Select the right bird for you and your family



By Don J. Harris, DVM

Exotic birds can be delightful pets—just ask any of the millions of companion bird owners throughout the world who enjoy a rewarding and satisfying relationship with their feathered friends. Creating a long-lasting positive relationship with your bird may be the result of

Choosing the right bird *for you and your family* in the beginning. This crucial first step is part of being a responsible pet owner, but it is often overlooked in the rush to acquire a new bird. Identifying what characteristics you want in a bird, and researching different species and their characteristics can go a long ways in helping establish a long and happy relationship. Rarely will one bird fit more than a few of the desired characteristics. You may acquire a bird and expect it to speak, only to eventually realize this particular species never talks. Others may discover that a large colorful macaw is also a large intolerably noisy creature. Many potential owners have expectations that cannot possibly be fulfilled by the species they choose. The best way to obtain the “perfect” pet is to first determine which

Low maintenance

Amazon and smaller

Cleanliness

Most smaller species

Some bird owners may want to avoid certain “unpopular” characteristics like those listed below. Others may not see these same characteristics as undesirable. It’s up to bird owners to weigh all characteristics of a species or an individual bird to make the best decision.

Loud

Macaws, Cockatoos

Messy

Macaws, Mynahs, Toucans

Aggressive

Female Eclectus, Male Amazons

In the end, individuals interested in owning a bird should first decide what they expect from a pet bird.

Once this question is answered, an appropriate species can be identified and researched. Only then can the potential for a long and mutually beneficial relationship be realized.

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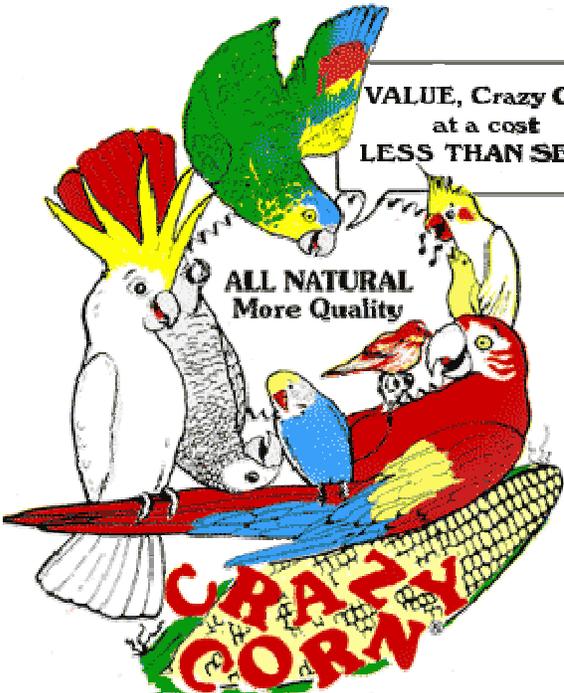
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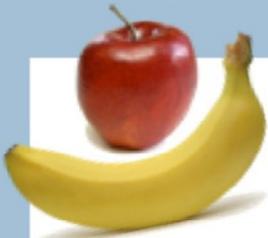
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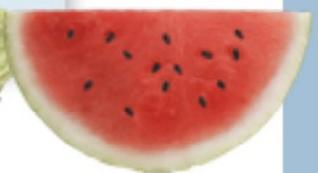
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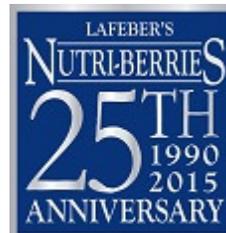
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2745 East Grand River Avenue
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Jackson, MI 49201

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THEIR BIRDS: _____

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDATE (S): _____

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SIGNATURE(S) _____

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JUNE 25th –Fourth Sunday
JULY 23rd – Fourth Sunday Picnic
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RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
- Periodic Service projects
- Field Trips
- Educational Programs upon request
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And more.....

Come join us and have your feathers preened by other
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st weekend of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff Livonia, MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com

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MONTHLY SNACK LIST

We have decided to stop soliciting for snack volunteers for our meetings and make the format a potluck venue. The reasoning for this is twofold; there have been very few members signing up for snacks and many members just bring dishes and desserts without signing up. So from now on our meetings will be a potluck fair, YUM!!

BIRD CLUB BETAQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.

FROM THE PREZ:

By the time, you get this newsletter our 2017 bird fair will by history but I am confident that it will be a total success. With that said on July 29th we have been invited as a feature to a Garden City event being held at the Maplewood Center just down the street from where we meet it runs from 1 to 5 in the afternoon and it is a free event for us so we are doing it. Also, we will be turning our attention to the club picnic being held at the same place in Garden City Park at the



large pavilion on July 23 and we will be there starting at about 10 AM we will have directions at the meeting. Then it is on to the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival in August with more info at the meeting. We are going to be busy but the events are fun and we ask everyone to come join us if you can. The rescue seems to be shifting into high gear with many birds of all sizes coming in and if you can foster is would be greatly appreciated. I do realize summer is a very busy time of year for us all and what you guys do to support the club is greatly appreciated. So just keep looking at the calendar for the upcoming events and join us if you can and as always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!**

Until Next Time
Your Prez
Dave



Voice of the Veep

I am writing this just before our bird fair so any and all details will follow in next month's newsletter.

The month of June and the rest of the summer are going to be very active for our club. Tammy has booked many shows, we have committed to a number of outdoor events, and we are always inviting anyone to join us. The bird shows have become extremely popular with the senior homes so I expect the bookings to continue. We are also doing a new outdoor event on July 29th in Garden City.

The event is called the Garden City Public Library Classic Car & Outdoor Craft

Show. The show is just down the street from the Church we meet in on Maplewood. We were asked to be there to meet and greet while talking about our parrots and the rescue. Well, these outdoor galas where nobody would expect to meet an exotic parrot are really a lot of fun. This would be a great event just to join us and see what fun they are. We will be putting up our pop-up a bit before noon and will take it down after the show ends at 5:00 pm.

We try to do our best to update any changes or additions to the upcoming events as soon as possible so if you are considering attending a show please check our web site on the upcoming events tab.

Your Veep
Steve



Out and About with Pookie

Spring is here and Steve has started taking us to markets and out for rides in the car after a very long hiatus. I know that due to his hip replacements, retinal detachment surgeries and struggles with the dreaded Cockamaw virus we have not been out in quite a long time. After three years of recovery, things look to be returning to normal. This being said I have been receiving many questions from feathered members complaining about being boxed up to travel in a vehicle and asking what is the best way to work with a companion human when riding in a car.

First and most important you, as the companion parrot and the smarter creature in the car must place yourself in a position of

authority. My favorite spot is on Steve's shoulder when riding in the car. This is the authoritative position and from here, I can control almost every aspect of Steve's actions and prevent him from making any grievous errors in judgment. No, I am not referring to controlling the automobile this is a reference to important things like sharing fries and hamburgers when he visits a drive-thru window. If at any time, he is not willing to share the fries I can give him a "reminder" nip on the ear or I can just ambush a bite before any food makes it into his mouth. There is one more maneuver that is very effective from the shoulder position and that is poop!

Why companion humans have an aversion to poop is beyond my comprehension but you can accomplish many things with it, not the least of which is establishing additional control. It is a known fact that when a bird poops on a companion human it brings them good luck and we have all been doing our best to endow Steve with a large slathering of good luck! Another advantage is convincing you are human to share their lunch and snacks. When your companion human will not share with you what you do is poop on their arm or down their back; they will immediately stop eating to clean up. While they clean, you have full range to sample and snack to your hearts content.

Other than shoulder, riding Steve also has a car seat perch and there are some special rules when riding on a perch in the passenger seat. First and most important you must remember that when you are on the perch you are visible to any traffic the pulls alongside you so you have to look cute. There will be many humans that will do a double take when they see you on the perch ergo, maximum cuteness is necessary at all times. Another necessity is learning the

movement of an automobile; you have to lean into acceleration and brace yourself against the braking motion. Ooh boy, we are on our way to the farmer's market so it's time to hop into the car and put some major cuteness into play.

Chirps and Squawks Pookie



A REALLY BAD IDEA!

Sometimes you have to stop and wonder if people think things totally through before they act; well this is one of those instances. A gentleman calls and says he is looking for a Macaw so I ask what kind? He replies the kind is not important it just has to be big. So I start fishing around to see what his true motives are and he reveals his true intentions. It seems his nephew is turning 13 and he wants to be the cool uncle and get him a birthday present that would trump everyone else's. So he decided that a large parrot would be the coolest present he could get his nephew. I then ask if the nephew or his parents are expecting and even wanting the commitment a large parrot requires. He tries to reassure me that it will be ok he'll

love it. I then tell him that this is the worst of the bad ideas that getting a live animal for a present if unexpected has disaster written all over it. Especially for a 13 year old who as he gets older will more than likely lose interest in the bird as outside activities and girls fill his world. I also said he needed to think about his brother and sister-in-law do they really want this in their home? Do they really want a possible 60 to 80 year commitment? Finally, will they see you as a little misguided in your gift selection or will they want to kill you for being so stupid and not thinking this through. I told him that we cannot and will not adopt even a Parakeet to someone looking for a gift for an unsuspecting person. Getting a live animal of any type requires a lot of thought and research before making that commitment. We commonly get those desperation gifts turned into our rescue especially around Christmas and Easter so I totally refused to adopt him a Macaw. He was not pleased with my decision but I would not budge to even a smaller parrot. So I guess he will just have to settle for some other “cool” present that requires nothing more than batteries.



Picnic Picnic Picnic

Everybody is Invited

to the

2017 Picnic

*Come on out and have fun at the
Rainbow Feathers annual picnic*

The Picnic will be on

DATE: July 23rd, 2017

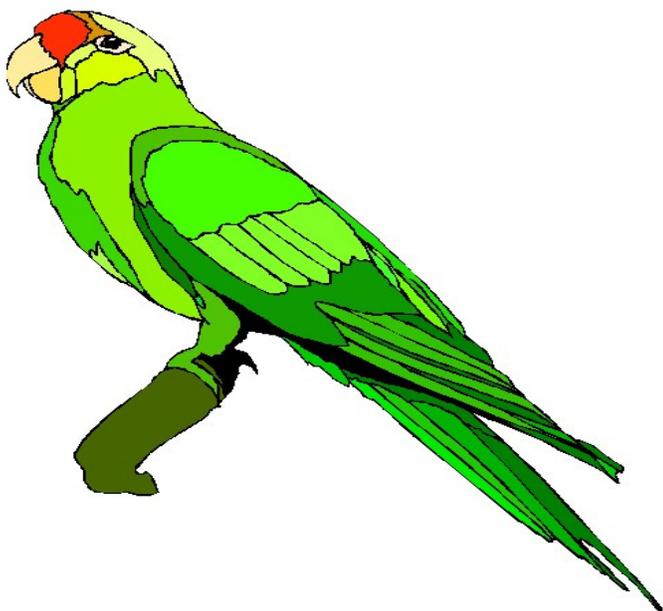
Time: 10:00am to ??

Place: Garden City Park

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SPECIAL BREEDER PRICING

BITS from BABY



HOWDY to all my
 feathered and non-feathered
 Members, this is your roving
 reporter Baby with the latest
 and greatest news.

I did not make the May
 meeting but received a Birdie
 Gram from Sparky with all
 that went on there at the

meeting.

May's meeting had Fifty-two
 people in attendance. There were Forty-
 eight members and six guests at the
 meeting and three of the guests joined
 our flock.

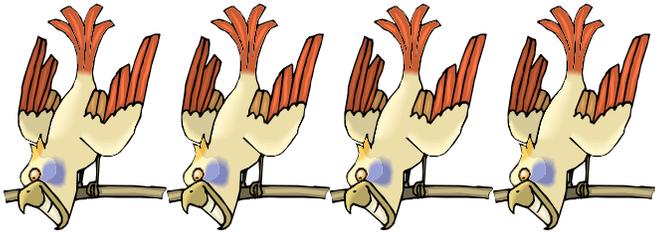
There also were Twenty-eight
 feathered members of which Four
 African Grays, Six Macaws, and Seven
 Cockatoos.

Looks like it's going to be a busier
 year than last year was! Well Guys
 hang on to your feathers for another fun
 filled year of programs and events both
 indoors and outside like Ypsilanti's and
 the Novi Pet Expo.

Well that's all the info I received
 from Sparky for now.

Well that's all for now.
 God bless, till we meet again,
 Your friend Baby

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THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE

THE

RESCUE RANGERS

IN

CASPER THE FRIENDLY COCKATOO

Greetings Ranger fans I hope all is well with you and you are ready to go on another adventure this time it to a city called Northville Michigan. Northville is a lovely little city with quaint shops and eateries and this is where Casper was living. Casper was not a ghost but an Umbrella Cockatoo that was in need of a new home. You see Casper's owners had developed an allergy to the dust produced by this beautiful white bird after being treated for an illness. They tried everything and nothing worked so Casper had to find a new home. So, off the Rangers went to Northville and there they found a very friendly Umbrella Cockatoo who was also very animated (shocker it is a Cockatoo after all). Their hearts melted as he looked at them with those big Cockatoo eyes that seemed to say I am very sweet and very good, I'm no trouble at all. Behind that innocent look was a party animal waiting to get out and the Rangers knew it! You see Umbrella Cockatoos like to party hearty when given the chance and Casper wanted that chance. It wasn't long before he got that chance in his new home where they discovered that Casper loves to rock out and

dance while singing (some would call it screaming) at the top of his lungs but his new family doesn't mind they rock out with him and every day for Casper is now a party and he has never been happier. Another happy ending but there are still more birds looking for their happy endings so with tireless dedication (well maybe that's a stretch they do need their naps) they are ready to continue on for they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!!!!**

Stay tuned for the next awesome adventure The Gray Bear!

WEATHER READY



Ahhh, here we are in the month of June but many do not realize that June first also officially begins our severe weather season. It usually runs through the first week in August and this is when we see some of our worst storms and many of our tornados. Here in Michigan we have become complacent to the watches and warnings for severe weather but if the past winter is any indication we may just have to pay closer attention to what Mother Nature throws our way. What if you were caught up in a severe weather situation, even if it didn't hit you directly it could still impact you, would you be ready? Would you and your pets make it through a rough patch and would you have all that you would need to get you by? Here are some things you should have on you or with you in the event

of an extended time of misery caused by the weather. You should have enough food for your pets to last a full three to four full days. Having bottled purified drinking water for three to four days because in the event of a power failure the sewage can sometimes backup into the drinking water system contaminating it and prompting a boil water order. Money stashed for emergencies. Even if you are fortunate enough to have a generator you should still have these basic items for the safety of your pets. These types of emergencies can happen in the blink of an eye so take that old Boy Scout motto to heart and be prepared!

June 11th Rainbow Feathers Bird Fair
Sun VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford MI, 48239
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

June 23rd Senior Show
Fri Baldwin House
200 Chester
Birmingham, MI 48009
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

June 24th Senior Show
Sat Samaritas Senior Living
of Bloomfield Hills
formerly Maple Village)
6257 Telegraph Road,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
Set-up 1:00pm
Start 2:00 pm

June 26th Senior Show
Mon Abbey Park at Mill River
28413 Abbey Lane
New Hudson, MI 48165
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:30 pm

July 22nd Senior Show
Sat Waltonwoods at University
3280 Walton Blvd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Set-up Noon
Start 1:00 pm



UP COMING
EVENTS

As of
June 9th 2017

June 9th School Show
Friday Memorial Elementary
30001 Marquette
Garden City, MI
Set-up 9:00 am
Start 10:00 am

June 10th Garden City Flea Circus
Sat Parking Lot at the Corner of
Middlebelt & Ford Road
Starts at 10 AM til 3 PM
Set up is between 8 & 9am

July 25th Library Show
Tues River Rouge Library
221 Burke Street
River Rouge, MI 48218
Set-up 2:00pm
Start 3:00 pm

Sept 10th Family Day
(No Official Program)
Sun American House
777 East Woodward Heights
Hazel Park, MI 48030
From 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

July 28th Senior Show
Fri Beacon Square Northville
40033 8 Mile Rd
Northville, MI 48167
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

Sept 12th Senior Show
Tue Oakmont Rochester
3466 S. Boulevard West
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

July 29th Garden City Public Library
Sat Classic Car &
Outdoor Craft Show
31735 Maplewood
Garden City, MI 48135
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
We will be setting up our pop-up\
About an hour before the event

Oct 21st Guardians for Animals
Oct 22nd Pet Expo
Madison Place
876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Sat. Times 10:00AM to 5:00PM
Sun Times 1:00AM to 4:00PM
We hopefully will be setting
up on Friday like last year

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
Aug 25th Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 26th 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
More Details will be posted as they become
available

Oct 28th Senior Show
Sat Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

Sept 9th Canary and Finch Breeder Bird Fair
Sat Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

PET EXPO
Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm
Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm
Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov.
9th most likely around 9:00 am.

Please remember no birds will be
allowed through the front door.

*****NOTE*****NOTE*****NOTE*****

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

*****Our Club Has a Booth at This Event***** following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.

*****NOTE*****NOTE*****NOTE*****

****CANCELTION CONFUSION ****

A few of our scheduled events have been canceled at the last minute by the group staging the event. If you do not regularly participate in the shows but plan on attending, please call Steve (734-513-0030) to make sure the event is still a go.



BIRD SHOWS

Throughout the year we contract shows and outdoor events. Educational senior shows are at different independent and assisted living homes and nursing homes. Educational shows are at schools and libraries. These are one day events and normally take about three hours. Outdoor and indoor fairs can be two to three day events that last up to ten hours in a day. If the event is outdoors we set up a pop-up canopy with screened in sides.

We want to invite all of our new members to consider joining us at these fund raising venues. If you’re not sure about bringing your own bird that’s OK we always need help even if it’s only for a few hours. If you have never done one of our educational shows they are a lot of fun and are very well received. Come and join us for a good time.



BIG BIRD

Many times, we get calls and all they ask for is a BIG BIRD without any further explanation and most of the time it will give you mental whiplash. So here we go!

A guy calls up asking for a big bird so I press him and ask what kind of big bird and he says “you know a big bird” and this is all he keeps saying even after being asked multiple times. So, I tell him this is not Sesame Street Big Bird does not live here but I will tell him you are looking for him, and he will appreciate being wanted. He says some unprintable things and hangs up.

A woman calls and says she is looking for a big bird but it has to be white because her “advisor” told her she needed a white bird to match her positive aura any other color could upset her balance. I think it is already upset but I kept that to myself.

Another woman calls looking for a big bird and proceeds to tell me she has years of experience with birds. So being the kind of person I am I ask her what kind of birds did she have and she tells me Parakeets (Budgies) and she says, “well there isn’t much difference between them and the large parrots like a Macaw”. Yes, that sound you hear is me banging my head against the wall!

A woman calls looking for a big bird preferably a Moluccan Cockatoo because the video professor on you tube says that they are easy birds to keep. Obviously, this “professor” has no real experience with a Moluccan Cockatoo because easy these guys are not!

This guy calls sounding desperate and needs a big bird now, then proceeds to tell me that he has called two other rescues and they refused him and that we were his last hope. OK, why tell me two other rescues refused you and why so desperate. Well it turns out he wants a Congo African Gray to have for a party at his house to impress his friends. So I gladly tell him first we have no grays in the rescue and add us to the list of refusals because that is the wrong reason to get a bird. He was not a happy camper.

Oh yeah, we get these type of calls and as long as people inhabit this earth there will be more, but you guys know I **WILL** bring them to you so you can have a good laugh or maybe cry or just shake your head in disbelief!



RESCUE UPDATE

We had several successful adoptions this past month. Two Buggies an Indian Ringneck named Cody; Charlie a U-2, Daiquiri a Harlequin Macaw and Ellie Mae an African Grey all went to new forever homes this past month.

We’re looking for foster help; any of our members that would be willing to become a foster home please let us know. We need foster parents that would be willing to foster small bird, Budgies, Cockatiels, Love Birds, etc. We also need foster homes for medium to larger size parrots also. Please contact Dave, Tammy or Steve at a meeting to let us know you’re willing to help.

We here at Bird Droppings want to thank all of the members of our club for supporting our rescue. It is your participation in the monthly meeting raffles, our annual bird fair and all the adoption events that allows us to fund the rescue. Thank you one and all without your help and participation we couldn’t do it.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

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SUSAN DIXON	JULY 30

doing the outdoor events it is so much fun to get out there and see all the people and I have to admit some are even nuttier than my pet human but not many! Also' there is all the food we would not normally have like French Fries, Pizza and much more and if these events are anything like the ones in the past they are going to be a party. The only thing I ask is that we have none of the shenanigans that happened at last year's Heritage Festival please I am begging I mean there are some things you can't un-see if you know what I mean. Still Sparky, J.B. and myself are really excited to get this season rolling and are ready to charm and impress the crowds and I do mean crowds. There is just something about us that really wows people and they just excuse the pun flock to see us. So if you have never joined us, what are you waiting for come out and be prepared to be amazed at the crowds we draw and ready to have a whole lot of fun, junk food is optional!

Cheers
Captain Morgan

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Finally, it is time for us to be getting out and about meeting and greeting having fun and junk food. The outdoor event season has come around and we cannot wait to get out there. After a long cold winter and crazy weather spring it looks like Mother Nature (Stella) has finally chased old Jack Frost back north for another summer season. I love



Consider these factors before you purchase a bird

By Don J. Harris, DVM

Purchasing a new bird is an act that requires much forethought and planning. Some potential bird owners research a new car purchase with far more diligence than they do a new pet. But, because some parrots live as long as 50-60+ years, impulse buying may have repercussions that last for decades—much longer than a new car. Here are a few aspects to consider when purchasing a bird.

Does this particular bird fit your lifestyle? Does the species enjoy a busy and noisy environment with a lot of people interacting, or would it do better in a quieter more isolated

environment? If it is a large species, is there enough space in your home for a large cage?

How much time can you devote to a pet?

Does the species demand a lot of care and attention? Is it a "high maintenance" species that needs a lot of one-on-one interaction, or is it happy to be left alone for periods of time?

Does this bird have the pet characteristics you want?

If it is important to you that your bird talks, choose a species with high speaking ability, such as an African Grey, Amazon or Mynah. If cleanliness is important, check out a smaller species. If intelligence is important, you can't beat an African Grey.

What is the average life span of this species?

Life spans range from 10-60+ years, depending on the species. Do you want a bird that may outlive you?

Where are you purchasing your new bird?

Was it bred locally? Is the breeder available for questioning? Is the dealer in a fixed location where you can locate him or her should you need follow-up advice or if a problem arises?

Is there a guarantee?

Be suspicious of anyone who doesn't offer some assurance of the bird's health.

What are the nutritional needs of this species?

Certain species of birds have special nutritional needs. Can you meet them?

What kind of diet is the bird currently eating?

Is the bird already eating a balanced diet or will it need to be converted to a new more nutritious one?

Older birds on seed diets can be difficult to convert, but may encounter health problems if not switched.

Is the bird healthy?

There is no way to answer this without a complete post-purchase veterinary exam. Schedule an exam with your avian veterinarian immediately after purchasing your new bird. Don't wait.

Is your home ready for your new bird?

Is the caging suitable? Is it situated in the correct location in the home? Are the perches arranged correctly? Are there toxic plants or substances harmful to birds in the household that may need to be removed? If your new bird is joining other birds in your family, do you have a plan on how to

quarantine the new bird until you have a post-purchase veterinary exam?

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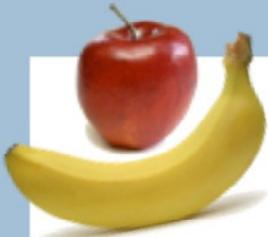
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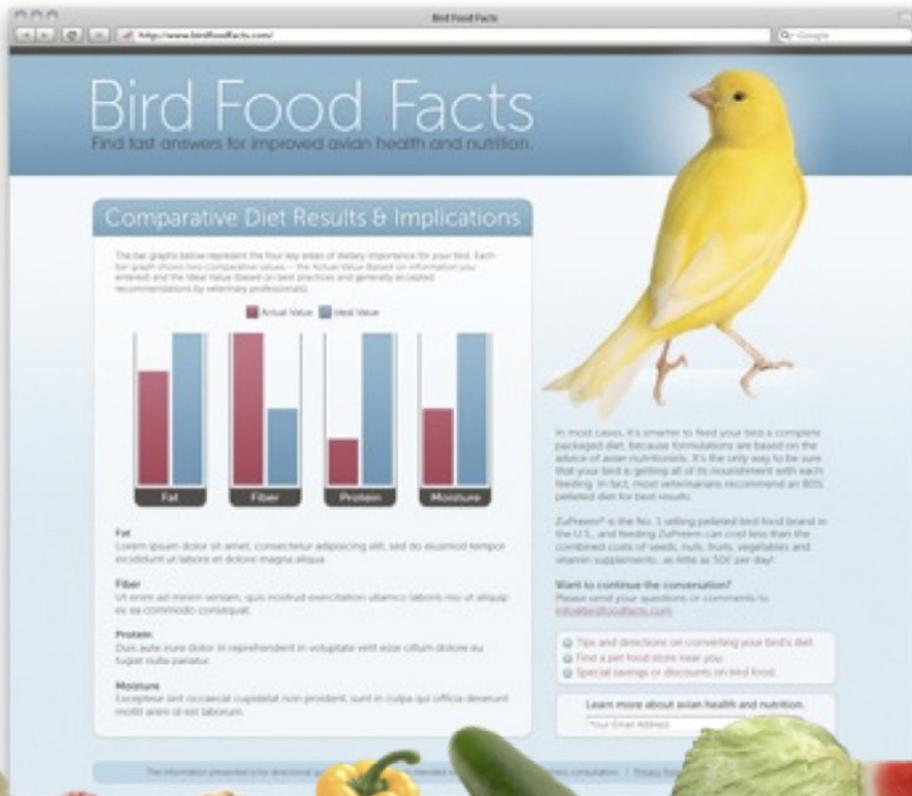
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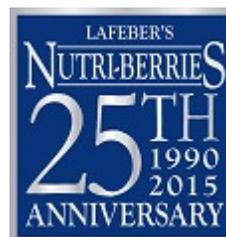
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

JULY 23rd – Fourth Sunday – **PICNIC**
AUG. 25, 26 & 27th – **Ypsilanti Heritage
Festival**
SEPT. 24th – Fourth Sunday

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

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Susan Dixon is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st weekend of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to her at: susanhdixon@hotmail.com.

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Monthly Potluck

We have decided to stop soliciting for snack volunteers for our meetings and make the format a potluck venue. The reasoning for this is twofold; there have been very few members signing up for snacks and many members just bring dishes and desserts without signing up. So from now on our meetings will be a potluck fair, YUM!!

From the Prez:



The bird fair was a success as always despite all the problems going on in Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills cause by they brown out they had. The boil water advisory kept some people away but it was still a success. The important thing is we still made a great impression on all those who attended vendors and the general public. As always, I still did not break my losing streak at our raffle but I still had fun, well maybe next year. I want to thank all those who helped out at the fair it is because of you that it was a success and we are already looking forward to next year. Now we are coming up to our club picnic on July 23rd we will be at the large pavilion in Garden City Park on the corner of Cherry Hill and Merriman behind the Garden City Post Office. Tammy and I will be there around 10 AM until we all leave; hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided all we ask

BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR BIRD BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**



CLUB WELFARE

Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.

is you bring something to pass deserts, side dishes whatever you want and be prepared to have a good time. This is just for fun no business except that of eating, talking and having fun. Also on August 25th, 26th and 27th is the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and once again we have a booth at this event. Set-up is on that Friday morning August 25th usually at 8 am and the event opens at noon, we need all the help we can get for the set-up so we can race home to get the birds and be back a little before noon for the event opening and say a prayer for good weather for all three days. If you have never done this event it is a lot of work but also a lot of fun and even if you can't bring your birds the extra eyes are always needed. These events could not happen without you the members, you guys make these the success that they are and you are the ones that impress the public by your friendliness and your upbeat attitudes it really shows so for that I say thank you and I look forward to see all of you at the picnic in July. As always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!**

Your Prez,
Dave



Voice of the Veep

How about our bird fair! WOW! It was a great success and that was because of all of you, our members. We had the help we needed to unload the truck, set-up the hall, set-up the raffles, take admissions and get vendors in and out. The helpers in the morning and after the fair did an awesome job.

This month is our annual picnic it is on July 23 2017 that is the fourth Sunday in July; the picnic is going to be in Garden City Park on the corner of Merriman Rd. and Cherry Hill under the large pavilion. The club is supplying the hot dogs and hamburgers, but if you are able bring a dish or desert to share. I will be bringing a cooler of water but if you desire something else to drink, you have to bring your own. There will not be any nail or wing trimming at the picnic because we are outside and do not want any accidental fly offs. Please remember that we will be outside and unless your bird(s) has clipped wings or will allow you to put a harness on them please do not bring them. I do not want to be a witness to someone's bird flying off.

August 25, 26, 27 is the Heritage Festival in downtown Ypsilanti so there is no meeting at the church in August. Our next meeting at the church will be on Sunday September 24, 2017.

All day and vendor parking for this festival is always bad and I wish there was more information available. Last year at the south end of the park, they had handicapped and vendor parking with any luck this area will be there this year. We are not sure because someone new took control of the event and at this time we are in the dark concerning parking and where our spot is. If more information becomes available, we will let you know. If you are interested in attending or wish more information feel free to call me, Steve (734)-513-0030

See you at the picnic
Steve



Out and About with Pookie

There is no doubt, what so ever that Steve is out of practice and is going to require some re-training. Last month's column ended with us heading to the farmer's market and we have had multiple other excursions since then.

The charisma that I enjoyed years ago because of my fuzzy appearance even though the number of feathers I now have, has increased exponentially is still with me. Listening to the crowd that forms about us is amazing. Many still think I am a young parrot because their memory was of me a fuzzy baby bird. Everyone still thinks I am as cute as a button and mentions that they remember when I had no feathers. The next question directed to Steve always seems to be: "What did you do to get her to stop chewing her feathers"? This is quite irritating because Steve seems to receive all the credit for me allowing my feathers to grow out. This is positive edification to my hypothesis that Companion humans are not too smart. It has been my choice to chew less and still maintain my cuteness; not Steve! Although, I will admit that the introduction of cardboard inside of my cage along with whole almonds hidden under the cardboard has provided a great diversion. The almond foraging has been instrumental in helping me curb my habit of feather chewing. On the other foot, I do have to admit that leading an alternate life style also has benefits remember my slogan; life is good when you dare to be bare!

There is a second problem I have noticed; Steve has totally forgotten all the

protocols for proper driving of a vehicle with parrots on his shoulder. We are going to have to start a re-training program to remind him about maintaining control while driving with us in the car. I know that the ability to write volumes does exist on this subject and my space in this column is limited so I will be delving into much more detail in the future.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

GET THE DOG



We get many phone calls and some just leave us shaking our heads in disbelief, well this is one of those.

A woman calls me up looking to adopt a bird but her reasoning was just a little warped she wanted a parrot because she felt they were easier than a dog. (Not to my surprise she had been turned down by two other bird rescues). A dog she said had to be housebroken, trained to listen, be taken for walks and they generally made a mess where a parrot was contained (the mess) they didn't have to be taken for walks and they were not as interactive as dog and she didn't have the time for a dog so a parrot was perfect for her. I asked her where she got her information and she said she just assumed because they were caged it made them easier. I told her she was very wrong that they were just as much work as a dog. They needed interaction to keep them social and just because they are "caged" doesn't make them easier, so I stopped and asked what she was interested in and she said an Umbrella Cockatoo. I said well you picked

one of the most demanding parrots that should only be kept by an experienced parrot owner. I asked her how much noise she could handle because they can scream for hours on end and as far as mess they can throw food several feet from their cages. I told her the vacuum would become her best friend. I also told her that they will destroy anything made of wood because that is their nature so Grandma's antique rocking chair is fair game if they are not properly supervised. I then asked her if she was familiar with any four-year old's and she seemed surprised when I told her it is like having a four-year-old for life. I finally got to ask the question about her experience with parrots and you guessed it she had none at all. She thought I was being overly dramatic about the whole thing and she was not pleased that I would not tell her what she wanted to hear but I told her that this would only end in disaster for both her and the bird so I said forget the bird and get the dog!



DAFFYNITIONS

I call them this because they are way too crazy to be anything else. Yes, these are things people requested from the rescue.

Man's bird – A bird that is large for some macho moron who wants people to fawn over (mainly women) as he walks around with it on their shoulder.

Showstopper – A bird that will make people say wow even though they know nothing about the bird the bird it has to be big and flashy.

Chatterbox – A bird that will talk when they want it to impress their friends and it doesn't matter what kind as long as it talks.

Quiet Cockatoo – No such thing!

Calmness – A trait that many birds do not possess and it has to be under **ALL** situations.

Not naked – meaning it has to be in perfect feather.

Junk Bird – Referring to Parakeets because of their low cost and small size if they get tired of them they can just open the door and let them go.

A colorful Bird – It must have more than just green as its main color.

A Clean Type Bird – A bird that does not throw seed and water all over the place. Once again there is no such thing.

Look at Birds – Birds they don't have to interact with just watch without the chance of getting bit.

An in Between bird – Meaning not big but not small but somewhere in between.

Finally

A Perfect Bird – A bird that does not scream, bite, make a mess or is demanding in any way shape or form, it must talk and obey their owners. If anyone finds one please let me know I think my guys are perfect just the way they are!



The Parrot Who Owns Me

“There is no such thing as owning a parrot. You can’t have a parrot as a pet; a dog, certainly, a cat, maybe, but a parrot, never. Quite the contrary, you are the pet, and parrots vary in their ability to make good masters. Be warned....being owned by a parrot is not for the faint of heart!”

Dr. Joanna Burger, Distinguished Professor of Biology, Rutgers University



Avast ye Mates



CAPTAINS CORNER

Well another bird fair has come and gone and did any of us get to go, **NO**. We never get to go and have fun they always give us the excuse that it is for our safety but all of us birds know it is so they can whoop it up without us there to “tie them down” you don’t think we know! I can see them having the time of their lives with all the fun stuff that goes on while we just sit home alone bored out of our skulls. Do they really think we are that naïve we don’t know the score, well they have another thing coming! I can see them playing games and having fun, oh yeah, I can picture my pet human in a dunk tank I’d pay extra to fill it up with ice and run up just to push the button (we parrots are not good at throwing balls). Plus, all the great food we miss out on it is just not fair. So next year I propose we tie up our pet humans and **WE** go to the fair ourselves J.B. can drive and **WE** all have the fun we have been missing. Can you imagine when they wake up and can’t get out of bed because we parrots have tied them to it. Then we can all laugh as we go to the fair for a change and leave **THEM** home for a change! Well, at least we get to go to the other events and have some good ole carnival food and some fun but wait until next year it’s our turn to go to the fair. Pet humans beware!

Cheers
Captain Morgan

THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE

THE
RESCUE RANGERS

IN
THE GRAY BEAR

The Rangers sure have gotten around and this time it was to a place called Eastpointe Michigan to rescue a Congo African Gray. Now one of the Rangers has a soft spot for African Grays (three guesses the first two don't count) so they were off to pick this guy up. Well they arrived at their destination and proceeded to the door. They rang the doorbell and were greeted by the owner and heard the sad story of how he became allergic to the dust this bird gave off and it was causing him breathing problems. So, Ranger Steve asked what his name was and they both blinked twice when he said Bear. Bear was a much-loved bird but as in most cases a bit too much Bear was overweight. This seems to be the case with many grays because the commercial parrot mix mostly contains Sunflower, Safflower seeds and peanuts. So, they scooped Bear up and were off. Bear like all African Parrots took a little time to warm up but once he did there was no stopping him. Soon Bear would find himself his forever home where he was put on a better diet lost some weight and was living a healthier lifestyle. Bear also had a name change soon became known as Baron which suited him much better than bear. It was another happy ending but the Rangers needed to be vigilante because there were others out there looking for their happy endings as well but they were up to the task

for they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay glue to your mailbox for the next thrilling installment The Morphing Lovebirds!



BITS from BABY

Due to circumstances beyond my control there is no bird count this month. But there were fifty-one people in attendance along with six guests, of which two joined our flock. Duke and I missed the meeting, but we will be back next month with God's help.

Well that's all for now.
God bless, till we meet again,
Your friend Baby

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!!!!!! Hello loyal readers of Bits from Baby.

This is JJ and Sparky and we decided to help Baby and Duke out at last month's meeting. As feathered members of the club, we felt it was our duty to step up and perform the attendance of the feathered members. There were extensive observations and polling numbers by Steve and me. We counted and re-counted multiple times and these counts were then relayed to Sparky so she could properly record them. The certification and validity of the recorded numbers performed by the SOGMOC*

The final count of feathered members was:
Lots of African Greys and some white birds
and a green and red bird. The Greys WIN!!!

JJ and Sparky



*SOGMOC; is the society of Only Greys Count or Matter

3. Be willing to take the rescued bird to our rescue vet: Roose Animal Hospital. (The vet bills and pellets will be paid for by the club.)
4. Be willing to have prospective new owners come to your home to meet the bird when it's ready for adoption to see how they interact with it. A portion of the decision as to whether the bird is going to the correct home will be up to the foster parronts. This is because you will have the best judgment of the bird's personality and how it interacts with people.

Once again, a great big thank you to all of our club members for their support of the monthly club raffles and donations of food and toys. It is your participation that funds our rescue and allows us to send the adopted birds to their new homes with cages, food and toys. Our rescue could not do this without you.



RESCUE UPDATE

Last month we had several bird adoptions: We placed 2 Finches, 1 Cockatiel, 1 Parakeet, Sky a blue Quaker, Feral a Yellow Nape Amazon all went to their new, forever homes with food, cage and toys, thanks to you, our generous members. Your donations and support of our monthly raffles enable us to do this.

We are always in need of members who are willing to foster rescued birds. The duties of a foster parent are four fold:

1. Quarantine the bird from your own flock (in case the rescued bird has an illness that it could pass to your own birds).
2. Convert the rescued bird to a healthy (pelleted) diet along with fruits and veggies.

RESCUE PROCEDURE

There is a proper procedure for turning a bird into the rescue and we must do our best to follow it. Any time a bird is to be surrendered to our rescue Dave, Steve, Tammy or Mary must be contacted first so proper arrangements can be made. Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue cannot take responsibility for any birds that have not followed this procedure. If you have elected to take in someone's unwanted bird or if you have been offered a "free" bird please be aware that you will have to assume the full cost of veterinary care yourself.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

MATTHEW WISE	AUG. 1
KEITH PLAGENS	AUG. 3
LEO FENNELLY	AUG. 7
JEAN JEDRZEJEK	AUG. 9
KATHE COTE	AUG. 14
MARILYNN STACEY	AUG. 15
LINDA MCCARTHY	AUG. 17
TERRY SULLIVAN	AUG. 19
SUSAN JENISON	AUG. 20
ALLYSON SCHRIEFER	AUG. 30
JORDYN SCHRIEFER	AUG. 30
CHERYL BURNISKY	AUG. 31

July 20th Senior Show
 Thurs American House Sterling Heights
 33433 Schoenherr
 Sterling Heights, MI 48312
 Set-up 1:00 pm
 Start 2:00 pm

July 22nd Senior Show
 Sat Waltonwoods at University
 3280 Walton Blvd.
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309
 Set-up Noon
 Start 1:00 pm

July 25th Library Show
 Tues River Rouge Library
 221 Burke Street
 River Rouge, MI 48218
 Set-up 2:00pm
 Start 3:00 pm

July 28th Senior Show
 Fri Beacon Square Northville
 40033 8 Mile Rd
 Northville, MI 48167
 Set-up 1:00 pm
 Start 2:00 pm

July 29th Garden City Public Library
 Sat Classic Car &
 Outdoor Craft Show
 31735 Maplewood
 Garden City, MI 48135
 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
 We will be setting up our pop-up\
 About an hour before the event



UP COMING
EVENTS

As of

July 1st 2017

July 18th Vacation Bible School
 Tues First Congregational Church
 5449 Clarkston Rd.
 Clarkston, MI 48348
 Set-up 6:00 pm
 Start 6:30 pm

Aug 1st Senior Show
Tues Oakmont Sterling
41155 Pond View Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
Aug 25th Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 26th 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
More Details will be posted as they become available

Aug 6th Senior Show
Sun Waltonwood at Carriage Park
Assisted Living
2000 N. Canton Center Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

Sept 9th Canary and Finch Breeder Bird
Fair
Sat Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Aug 16th Senior Show
Wed Hillside Terrace
1939 Jackson Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Set-up 2:00 pm
Start 3:00 pm

Sept 10th Family Day
(No Official Program)
Sun American House
777 East Woodward Heights
Hazel Park, MI 48030
From 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Aug 18th Senior Show
Fri American House Stone
3741 S. Adams Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

Sept 12th Senior Show
Tue Oakmont Rochester
3466 S. Boulevard West
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

Aug 21st Senior Show
Mon American House East
18760 13 Mile Road
Roseville, MI 48066
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:30 pm

Sept 18th Senior Show
Mon Woodland Village
St. Joseph Mercy Senior
Communities
7533 West Grand River Road
Brighton, MI 48114
Set-up ??? pm
Start ??? pm

Sept 26th Senior Show
 Tues American House Elmwood
 West auburn Road
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309
 Set-up 2:00 pm
 Start 3:00 pm

Oct 21st Guardians for Animals
 Oct22nd Pet Expo
 Madison Place
 876 Horace Brown Drive
 Madison Heights, MI 48071
 Sat. Times 10:00AM to 5:00PM
 Sun Times 1:00AM to 4:00PM
 We hopefully will be setting
 up on Friday like last year

Oct 28th Senior Show
 Sat Huron Woods
 Towsley Health Building
 5361 McAuley Dr.
 Ann Arbor, MI 48106
 Set-up 1:30pm
 Start 2:30 pm

PET EXPO

Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm
 Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm
 Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm
 Suburban Collection Showplace
 46100 Grand River
 Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov.
 9th
 most likely around 9:00 am.
 Please remember no birds will be
 allowed
 through the front door.

*****NOTE*****NOTE*****NOTE*****

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

*****Our Club Has a Booth at This Event*****
 following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events, all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC!

It has been moved to this month, on the Fourth Sunday, July 23rd, this is our annual picnic at Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman. Enter the park from Cherry Hill and follow the road around until

you see Dave and Tammy at the large pavilion at the east end by the restrooms.

The Club is providing the meat, buns, condiments and all paper products & utensils. Everyone is to bring items to pass and your own beverage. (There will be a cooler with water and ice.) We recommend that you leave your pets at home unless they are used to being outside in the wind and weather. Wings' **MUST** be clipped and smaller lighter birds should stay home. We don't want any accidental fly offs. The picnic is from 10ish until we're tired of each other's company.

How to find an avian veterinarian



By Don J. Harris, DVM

One of the first responsibilities you have as a pet owner is obtaining quality medical care for your bird. The process of finding a qualified veterinarian,

who is educated, trained and experienced in treating birds, is often more difficult than you initially might think. Perseverance and some good common sense on your part can result in finding a veterinarian who is skilled in treating your bird. Here are some methods you can use.

Yellow Pages

While this may be the easiest method, an ad in the yellow pages does not necessarily qualify the practitioner to treat your bird. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) allows the term "specialist" by only those veterinarians who have fulfilled certain defined criteria in that specialty. Beyond that, yellow page ads can reflect marketing skills more than veterinary competence.

Association Rosters

Many pet owners check association rosters for qualified veterinarians. For example, the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP)

is a veterinary certifying organization that requires its members to prove competence in order to belong. Within ABVP, there is the "Avian Practice" category of specialization. Veterinarians who complete this certification process are recognized by the AVMA as true specialists. These individuals are identified by the title ABVP, Avian Practice, DVM behind their names. Generally, bird owners can trust these practitioners to provide competent care for their birds.

Pet Suppliers' Recommendations

Pet retail stores or breeders will often recommend a veterinarian they work with on a regular basis. Their recommendations may be based on positive experiences with this particular veterinarian's care and treatment. On the other hand, pet suppliers occasionally have relationships with veterinarians based on discounted services in exchange for referrals. While this business relationship is not in itself bad, bird owners should be advised to verify the veterinarian's credentials.

Word-of-Mouth Recommendations

This is one of the best ways of finding a competent avian veterinarian. If a veterinarian's own clients are making recommendations, there must be a reason why. Unfortunately, these personal recommendations are not always available, especially if you recently moved into the area and don't know anyone to ask.

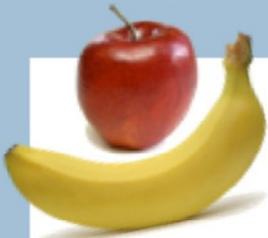
Colleague Recommendations

This is probably the best and most consistently reliable method, but it demands a little sleuthing on your part. Here are the steps you can follow:

- Identify and call veterinarians in the yellow pages who DO NOT claim to be avian specialists.
- Call to ask if they will see your bird. If they agree, thank them and move on.
- If they decline, ask whom they would recommend.
- Continue this process until you get enough answers to form a consensus. The veterinarian whose name was recommended the most often is the veterinarian most recognized by his colleagues for competence with exotic birds.

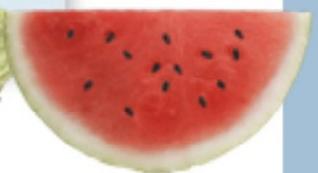
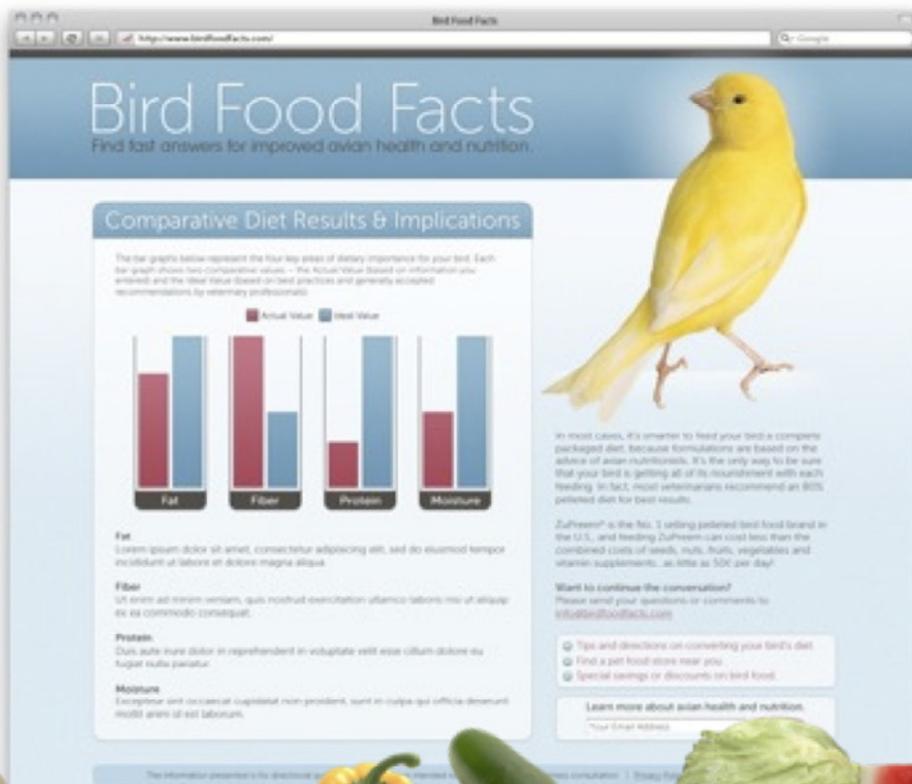
Congratulations! Through hard work and some common sense, you may have found just the right veterinarian for you and your bird.

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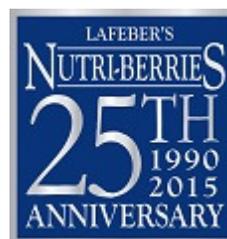
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This is a list of veterinarians who are qualified to treat birds. Meaning, they are able to do diagnostic exams and treatments, not just clip wings and toenails. **Rainbow Feathers Bird Club does not endorse a *specific* doctor, clinic or hospital. This list assists in the search for avian vets. It is not, however, all-inclusive.**

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

All Creatures Animal Clinic
3382 Washtenaw Avenue
(734)973-1884
(Drs. Lewis & Alexander)

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Animal Kingdom Vet Hospital
4920 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
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(Dr. Daldin-Marsh)

Birch Run, MI 48415

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9339 Gera Road
(989) 652-6689
(Dr. Kimberlee Buck)

Birmingham, MI 48009

Birmingham Veterinary Clinic
33788 Woodward Avenue
(248) 647-5474
(Dr. Christine Glikis-Fernandez)

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Ross Animal Hospital for Animals
880 W. Long Lake
(248) 642-2050

Canton, MI 48187

Canton Center Animal Hospital
5900 Canton Center Road North
(734) 459-1400
(Drs. Grzanowski & Moran)

Clinton Twp., MI 48038-2794

Parkway Small Animal & Exotic Hosp
39321 Garfield Road
(586) 416-8800
(Drs. Bankstahl, Pope, Golombek & Engel)

Commerce Twp., MI 48382

Lakeside Animal Hospital
2645 Union Lake
(248) 363-0822
(Dr. J.A. Brooks)

Commerce Twp., MI 48390

Vet Select Animal Hospital
1010 W. Oakley Park Road
(248) 926-9696
(Dr. Andrea Maceri)

Dearborn, MI 48124

Dearborn Family Pet Care
24909 Michigan Avenue
(313) 561-5920
(Dr. Cheryl Good)

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(313) 882-3026
(Dr. Rebecca Coll)

Detroit, MI 48214

Jefferson Veterinary Clinic
11300 E. Jefferson Street
(313) 822-2555
(Dr. Schacht)

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Jeffrey Animal Hospital
20720 Middlebelt Road
(248) 471-3636
(Dr. Demetriou)

Highland, MI 48357

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1255 South Milford Road
(248) 887-3755
(Dr. Wilson & Groehn)

Howell, MI 48843

Countryside Veterinary Hospital
2745 East Grand River Avenue
(517) 546-5714

Jackson, MI 49201

Crossroads Animal Hospital
3232 North Dettman Road
(517) 784-1111
(Drs. Howe & Harshbarger)

Livonia, MI 48152

Sheehy Animal Hospital
18790 Middlebelt Rd.
(248) 615-7670
(Dr. Sharon Sheehy)

Livonia, MI 48154

Strong Veterinary Hospital
29212 5 Mile Rd.
(734) 427-6360

Novi, MI 48375

Breckenridge Veterinary
21524 Novi Rd.
(248) 344-8649
(Dr. Joseph Osbourne)

Plainwell, MI 49080-1067

Bluegrass Animal Hospital
594 10TH St.
(269) 685-5894
(Dr. Mary Cambell)

Plymouth, MI 48170

Roose Animal Hospital
509 W. Ann Arbor Trail
(734) 451-2870
(Drs. Roose & Knight)

Redford, MI 48239

Five Mile Animal Hospital
25920 Five Mile Road
(313) 532-4440

Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Rochester Animal Clinic
2155 Crooks
(248) 852-3650

Royal Oak, MI 48067

Woodside Animal Clinic
27452 Woodward
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Salem, MI 48175

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9629 W. Six Mile Road
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Southfield, MI 48076

North Branch Animal Hospital
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Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital
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(Dr. Cappel)

Westland, MI 48186

Westland Veterinary Hospital
7610 N. Wayne Road
(734) 261-5900

Williamston, MI 48895

Cedar Creek Veterinary Clinic
2295 N. Williamston Rd.
(517) 655-4906
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EMERGENCY:

If emergency services are needed, call to confirm if Avian Veterinary is currently on call.

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Veterinary Emergency Service East
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Novi, MI 48375

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Plymouth, MI 48170

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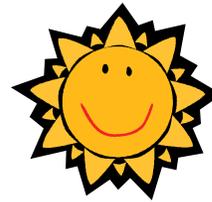
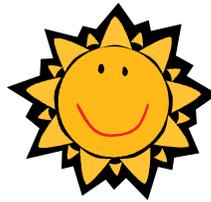
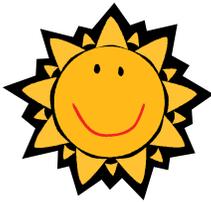
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HERITAGE FESTIVAL
SEPT. 24TH ----- Fourth Sunday
OCT. 21ST & 22ND GUARDIAN'S PET EXPO
OCT. 29TH ----- Fifth Sunday

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Yearly Pet Expo
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
- Periodic Service projects
- Field Trips
- Educational Programs upon request
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Come join us and have your feathers preened by other Pet Bird Enthusiasts

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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia, MI 48150 or email them to him at splafchan@twmi.rr.com

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Ads will be run free for members having a one-time sale (baby birds, etc.). Those wishing to run ads multiple times or for a business must purchase a business membership.



Monthly Potluck

We have decided to stop soliciting for snack volunteers for our meetings and make the format a potluck venue. The reasoning for this is twofold; there have been very few members signing up for snacks and many members just bring dishes and desserts without signing up. So from now on our meetings will be a potluck fair, YUM!!



OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

This has been a very sad month for our club. There were three feathered members that crossed over the rainbow bridge. Please join with us as we offer our sympathies to the Greenwood's as they mourn the loss of Bluebeard a Blue Crown Conure; Jeff and Kathe Cote on the loss of Chico a Sun Conure and to Tammy & Dave on the passing of Merlin a Military Macaw. To all three of them we say you are free to soar on the far side of the Rainbow Bridge; all of you will be forever loved and remembered. In your memories, we dedicate the following verse.

BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



CLUB WELFARE

Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



The Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called
Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially
close to someone here, that pet goes to
Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all our special
friends so they can run and play together. There is
plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our
friends are warm and comfortable.

All of the animals that have been ill and old are
restored to health and vigor, those who were hurt
or maimed are made whole and strong again, just
as we remember in our dreams of days and times
gone by. The animals are happy and content,
except for one small thing;

They miss someone very special to them who had
to be left behind. They all run and play together,
but the day comes when one suddenly stops and
looks into the distance,...

The bright eyes are intent; the eager body quivers.
suddenly she begins to break away from the
group, flying over the green grass,
her wings carrying her faster and faster YOU ~
have just been spotted, and when you and your
special friend meet, you cling together in joyous
reunion ~

never to be parted again. The sweet sounds of
happy tweets play your ears; your hands again
caress the beloved's head, and you look once
more into the trusting eyes of your pet,
so long gone from your life but never absent
from your heart ~

*Then you cross ~ . . . the
Rainbow Bridge together !*



FROM THE PREZ:



Can you believe how fast summer is going it is time for the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival already and that will be three days of insanity so I am praying for good weather that weekend. As most of you know it has been a scorching hot dry summer but we had an absolutely perfect day for the picnic. So much good food and fun I always enjoy them. A very hearty thank you to all who attended about seventy through the day and the food was great. I had someone ask me why do you do this. What do you get out of it? I can honestly say I get more than anyone will ever know. Friends, fun, I am constantly meeting new people and the reactions of those we do the programs for says it all. Animals seem to have a sort of magic that can bring out the wonder in all of us we find our inner nine year old and the world is full of sights and sounds and it's like we are seeing them for the first time. Parrots even more so because we are taking a piece of exotic faraway places right to the people and putting it in their hands. We give people a chance to see something that many times you do not see in zoos. They cannot say

thank you enough and are thoroughly mesmerized by our feathered charges. So I will stay committed to this wonderful thing we have started and will watch it grow. This however could not be without you, you are the pieces of the puzzle that complete the picture and make it possible to do what we do. You impress people at all the events with your friendliness and joy for what you do. People are also impressed by the camaraderie that they see it draws them to us and everyone has a good time. So I look forward to the event season starting with the Heritage Festival in August and going through the Pet Expo in November get ready and hang on this ride is just starting but with you guys it is always fun because **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

**Until Next Time
Your Prez
Dave**



Voice of the Veep

The picnic last month was awesome, the weather was nice with a nice cool breeze and the turnout was one of the best we have ever had. It was a great time with a number of guests many of whom said they planned to be at September's meeting and I hope that some of them might join the club. Rachel brought some of her tasty bird cookies and dare I say they were a hit, it wouldn't

surprise me if they started showing up on store shelves one day.

August is a busy month for us not only are there many senior shows but we also have the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival on the 25th, 25th and the 27th of August. We will definitely need help setting up at 8:00am on the morning of the 25th but that isn't all. This festival is an outdoor event and is one of our largest fundraisers; the crowd is enormous. Help is needed watching birds, taking pictures, chatting with people and talking about our club & rescue.

Remember to keep your eyes on the upcoming events page on the web site for the latest updates of events and shows that our club will be at or you can always call me if you don't have internet access. We have also created a new Facebook® page titled "Rainbow Feathers Bird Club & Rescue" this page has rapidly become a source for people to post lost and found parrots and general information about their own birds. It's now over the one-hundred likes count so if you're on Facebook® go to our page and like us.

**Your Veep
Steve**

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival

As most of you know we are putting up a pop-up at the three-day festival. This will be our eighth year doing this multi-day outdoor event under a pop-up. We have two spaces this year one for us to meet and

greet the public. The second is for a quiet spot for the birds. Even if you didn't sign up to help, come to the festival and visit our booth. It's sure to be a good time. Anyone who would like more information about where our pop-up will be or details about where to park feel free to call Steve at 734-513-0030

The festival runs from Aug. 25th to Aug. 27th noon till 10:00PM on Friday, 10AM till 10:00PM on Sat, and 11AM till 6PM on Sun. We will not be staying until 10:00PM! Most likely we will be closing our pop-ups about 6:00PM each and every day.

WE NEED HELP!!! STEVE IS UNABLE TO STAY FROM OPEN TO CLOSE ON ANY OF THE DAYS AND WILL NOT BE THERE TO CLOSE UP IN THE EVENING. WE ARE GOING TO NEED HELPERS TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS AS IT HAS BEEN IN YEARS PAST.

Parking is very difficult; my suggestion is park down below at the south end of the park where the handicapped parking normally is. In years past they have allowed vendors to park on the grass next to the handicapped parking.

SEE YOU THERE!



Out and About with Pookie

This is to inform everyone that I have invited a guest speaker to this month's column. My flock mate JJ (Timneh African Grey) will be our featured speaker on the subject titled; Control, manipulation and humiliation of the sub-species known as companion humans.

Training your companion human may be a slow and confusing process but the key to success is to be consistent and steady with your training. The best way for me to describe this process is to give everyone the example I employed with Steve recently. Firstly, you must identify your goal as to what you desire to accomplish. My goal was to two fold; increase the quantity of treats we acquire and embarrass Steve as much as possible.

The first step was to make Steve think I was performing as he hoped. The “trick” was Steve would ask “What does a duck say”? I responded by saying quack, quack then Steve gave me a slivered almond. This went on for about a week or two and by then I knew I had him hooked. At the next, show Steve when asked the duck question I did not say a thing and he gave me an almond to entice me to quack. I continued to stare blankly at him he gave me more almonds. This process continued for a few weeks all the while the quantity of almonds increased to entice me to quack. Then he started to wise up because he stopped giving up almonds so the next time he asked, “What does a duck say”? I went “Beep” and he gave me an almond. At this point, I knew his training had been completed even if he had not realized it yet. At home when there is no audience, I echo the duck quack and Steve immediately hops up and provides me with a treat. I assume he believes that by presenting me with a slivered almond I will quack on command at the next show. He could not be more incorrect! What he does not understand I am not doing this to entertain, I’m doing this to obtain snacks. Ergo when Steve asks for a Quack I stare at him blankly and receive a treat to entice me, I continue to stare. He requests a quack and I beep and receive a treat; he asks for a beep so I quack and receive a treat. Following this line of manipulation, I have been able to receive upwards of five or six treats while making Steve look foolish. This maneuver does not go un-noticed by the audience they laugh and inform Steve that I’m playing him he smiles and provides treats. This is but one example of training your companion human to provide treats without you having to perform or by getting him to perform while you, the companion parrot

reaps the benefits. When you are the more intelligent species, you are in command. Free snacks for everyone.

Quack Quack
JJ
Aka JB or Justa Bird



*THEY ARE
ALIVE!!!!!!*

Anthropologists have been theorizing about the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago for my entire life. Was it a meteor or an asteroid that struck the earth? Was it a super volcano that erupted and poisoned the atmosphere? They couldn’t have been more wrong. Please don’t become upset, I was seduced by the hype that they were extinct also. However, an epiphany occurred to me the other day approximately two months after a new feathered resident moved into my home.

His name is (withheld by request) and there is no doubt in my mind that he is directly descended from the flying dinosaurs most commonly known as pterosaurs. Specifically, he is a direct descended from pterodactyls. Don’t be deceived by the false hype that he is a parrot called an Umbrella Cockatoo I am convinced he is a direct descendent of flying dinosaurs. All you have to do listen his voice and watch the way he behaves. Umbrella Cockatoos can

scream incessantly, run across the floor like Velociraptors, leap great distances to gain access to anything they want. (Especially shoulders, ears, necks, glasses and necklaces.) They can destroy wood like a wood chipper, pick locks with their toe nails, undo nuts and bolts and pounce from an elevated position onto your back. They are also most assuredly bi-polar at any given moment they can be cute and cuddly then in a flash try to remove your fingers and toes to eat them.

To anyone who is considering an Umbrella Cockatoo as a pet be forewarned, once your new pet moves into your home your life will never be the same. There will be great enjoyment followed by blood and screaming.

Anonymous

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IT HAS TO.....

We get many calls from people looking for a certain type of bird but some sound more like an order at a fast food drive thru, well this is one of those.

A woman calls looking for a female Eclectus Parrot but not just any type it has to be a Grand Eclectus Parrot nothing else will

do. She says that it has to be sweet and cuddly (not the norm for a female Eclectus) and it cannot bite. It has to be quiet she wanted no screaming birds at her house, the neighbors might complain. It also has to be good with other animals (she has a dog) and they both have to get along. It has to be good with small children (her grandchildren spend a lot of time at her house) She doesn't need them getting hurt. It has to come with a NICE cage because people will see it. It has to be in perfect feather I don't want a plucked bird they are just ugly. Finally, it has to be young preferably a year or less. The kicker was she wanted to pick it up asap so she could have it before the summer was over. I calmly explained that we see more Solomon Island Eclectus' than any other species and her response was "well I want a Grand can't you find me one". I told her that if one came in fitting those specifications I would be sure to call her (I had my fingers crossed). You need not worry people like this will never see a bird from us in their home. We only deal with those who are truly sincere in their want and love for parrots. People like this, well let's just say will never hear back from us, EVER.



BITS from BABY

HOWDY to all my feathered and non-feathered friends, this is your roving reporter Baby with the latest and greatest news.

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

know where you live and we know you sleep with your mouth open!

Cheers
Captain Morgan

Well it seems that there is a scandal happening right within the confines of this club and it is rocking us to the core. It can only be described as totally wrong on this pet humans part and it is becoming known as "GRAYGATE" At the last couple of meetings there has been no real count of what types of birds accompanied their pet humans to the said meetings. Now, one pet human has taken advantage of this too shall we say pad the numbers. I mean since there has been know accurate count it has become a free for all for this pet human and he has taken full advantage of this and has not only run with it but taken it to warp factor ten. Not only myself but all the other feathered members of the club are taking offence to this fraudulent accounting. This pet human seems to think that he can get away with this but this particular pet human doesn't realize that the opposition is coming from very close to home. Pookie, Sparky and J.B. are the ones leading the charge before he gets them shunned from the parrot group. Now I cannot mention any names because of the legal backlash that might occur but this pet human has an affinity for African Grays I'll just leave it at that. We are even thinking of hiring the accounting firm of Defeather and Vent to keep things honest. So only time will tell but we all must work to keep things honest and fair and you can bet your sweet tail feathers we will be watching him very closely. Just remember Mr. Gray Guy we



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

DANIELLE MILLER	SEPT. 1
BRIAN PLAGENS	SEPT. 9
WILL SOPHA	SEPT. 10
RUTH OBERHAENSLI	SEPT. 11
MALINA PASEK	SEPT. 12
JENENE FERGUSON	SEPT. 15
MATT COPIJA	SEPT. 17
JEFF COTE	SEPT. 23
SHERYL COPIJA	SEPT. 23
CELESTE MARKEY	SEPT. 25
KATHY MOUNSEY	SEPT. 25
MARY PERVA	SEPT. 27
AMY HANSON	SEPT. ?

CLUB T-SHIRTS



Good news! Tracy Hilka who is Bella

Embroidery is now going to make our club shirts. The price for t-shirts, including our logo embroidered on it, is \$10.00 for sm. to xl and \$12.50 for 2xl to 5xl. These are Gildan brand #8000 50/50 t-shirts, there are lots of colors.

What you do is go to her website.

www.sportswearcollection.com/bellaemb

Then type Gildan in the search box (this will put you on the Gildan page).

Look down the page and find Gildan DryBlend 50/50 T-shirts #8000

Click on the icon and this will open the page with all the colors and sizes.

Choose your size and color(s) and add it to your Cart.

On the cart page there is a place for comments when you place your order, in this box tell Tracy you would like your shirt embroidered with the

Rainbow Feathers Bird Club Logo

When she receives your order she will send you a PayPal® invoice

In a short time, you will receive your new club shirt in the mail.

If you don't have internet access or a PayPal® account you can contact me, Steve Plafchan and we'll figure out a solution to get you a shirt.

She has many items available (hats, tote bags, etc.) that she can put our logo on if you wish. She has given us a catalog full of things you can order, all the prices are retail and she receives a wholesale price so you will have to talk to her about pricing. (IE prices will be less than what's listed in the catalog.)



RESCUE UPDATE

There were four adoptions this past month. A Lovebird, a Sun Conure, a Bork Parakeet and a Quaker parrot. All of these birds went to their new homes with a good health report from the vet, and were on a pellet food diet.

Our thanks again go out to all of our club members for making the rescue the success it is. We couldn't do it without

your assistance, donations and participation in our monthly raffles.
Thank You Thank You Thank You



UP COMING
EVENTS

As of
August 8th 2017

Aug 16th Senior Show
Wed Hillside Terrace
1939 Jackson Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Set-up 2:00 pm
Start 3:00 pm

Aug 18th Senior Show
Fri American House Stone
3741 S. Adams Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

Aug 21st Senior Show
Mon American House East
18760 13 Mile Road
Roseville, MI 48066
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:30 pm

Aug 25th Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 26th 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
More Details will be posted as they become available

Sept 8th Senior Show
Fri American house carpenter
3470 carpenter road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

Sept 9th Canary and Finch Breeder Bird
Fair
Sat Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Sept 10th Family Day
(No Official Program)
Sun American House
777 East Woodward Heights
Hazel Park, MI 48030
From 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Sept 12th Senior Show
Tue Oakmont Rochester
3466 S. Boulevard West
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

Sept 18th Senior Show
Mon Woodland Village
St. Joseph Mercy
Senior Communities
7533 West Grand River Road
Brighton, MI 48114
Set-up 2 pm
Start 3 pm

Sept 23rd
Sat Senior Show
Waltonwood at Carriage Park
Independent Building
2000 N. Canton Center Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:30 pm

Oct 28th
Sat Senior Show
Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

Sept 26th
Tues Senior Show
American House Elmwood
West auburn Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Set-up 2:00 pm
Start 3:00 pm

PET EXPO
Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm
Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm
Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov. 9th
most likely around 9:00 am.
Please remember no birds will be
allowed through the front door.

Oct 11th
Wed Senior Show
Novi Lakes Health Campus
41795 Twelve Mile Road
Novi, MI 48377
Set-up 2:00 pm
Start 3:00 pm

*****NOTE*****NOTE*****NOTE*****

There has been some confusion from
the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to
which events they are allowed to bring their
own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and
for future information please we want
everyone to be aware that when you see the
line:

*****Our Club Has a Booth at This Event*****
following or “Educational Show” preceding
an event listing it means we are attending
the event in an official capacity representing
our club and rescue. At these events all club
members are welcomed to bring their
feathered companions with them. Also
please note that our space is very limited at
some of these events but don’t let this stop
you from joining us, we will find a way for
you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy
the fun.

Oct 21st Guardians for Animals
Oct 22nd Pet Expo
Madison Place
876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Sat. Times 10:00AM to 5:00PM
Sun Times 1:00AM to 4:00PM
We hopefully will be setting
up on Friday like last year

How to manage your bird's excessive territoriality



By Liz Wilson, CVT

In the wild, a parrot's territorial instinct is extremely strong, because he must protect his territory from invasion. You may also see

this territoriality in

action in your companion bird. When your bird drives everyone away from his turf, he is exhibiting excessive territoriality, and if unchecked, this behavior can become a serious problem that threatens your bird's future as a companion animal.

Some bird enthusiasts feel parrots should be allowed to be territorial around their cages, but most behavior consultants disagree. It is also not fair to assume that your bird must be at your every beck and call, coming out for interaction whenever it suits your schedule. Just as children are allowed privacy in their own rooms, parrots should have the right to decline human interaction. Experienced caretakers recognize this through careful observation of psittacine body language, and they respect a bird's privacy by not approaching during these times.

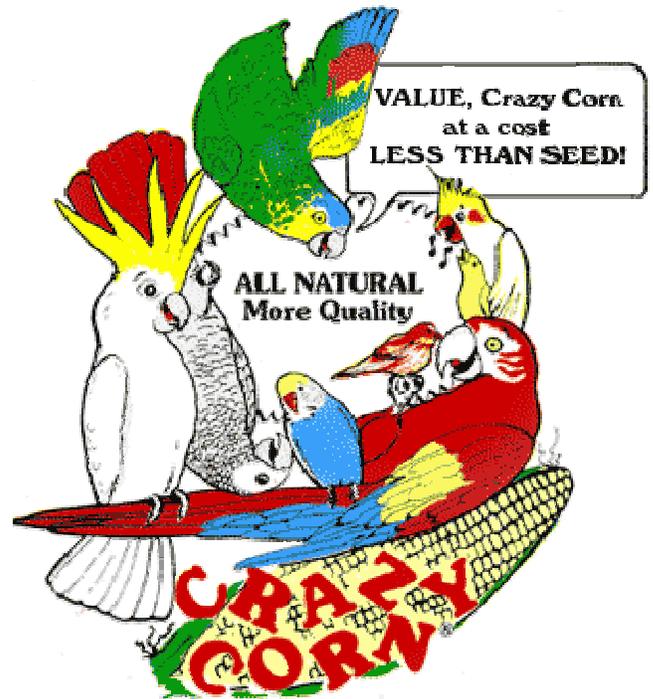
Excessively territorial companion parrots act like they outrank everyone in their flocks. To resolve this misunderstanding, you should establish nonaggressive controls by patterning your bird to respond to simple commands like "up" and "down." Daily training sessions should happen in a neutral room, or in an area the bird doesn't consider his own, and on a neutral perch such as the back of a chair. Once the bird is responding to commands, you can start moving the training perch slowly out of the neutral area and into the area of your bird's cage. By moving a few inches at a time and

then working again on the commands, you can make certain your bird responds correctly. Then, praise him for his good behavior. Once in view of your bird's cage, training may become more difficult, but with patience and consistency, most birds will respond again to the commands. When the cage is finally reached, you can step the bird into it with the "down" command, then immediately pick it up with the "up" command. Repeating this several times will teach your parrot that the commands also work in and around his cage. Repeat this process on the cage top and on any other of your bird's favorite hangouts. Once your bird is trained, and he wants out of his cage, he must step onto the hand when you say "up." Do not just open the cage door and let him come out on his own, or he might conclude that he is in control again. Continue to use the commands every day, to remind him that the rules are still in force. By following these easy training techniques and handling your parrot in a firm, loving, unaggressive and consistent manner, you can keep control of your headstrong bundle of feathers and maintain a mutually loving relationship.

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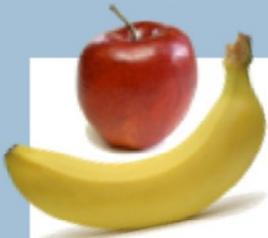
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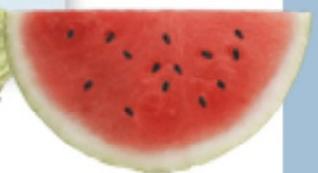
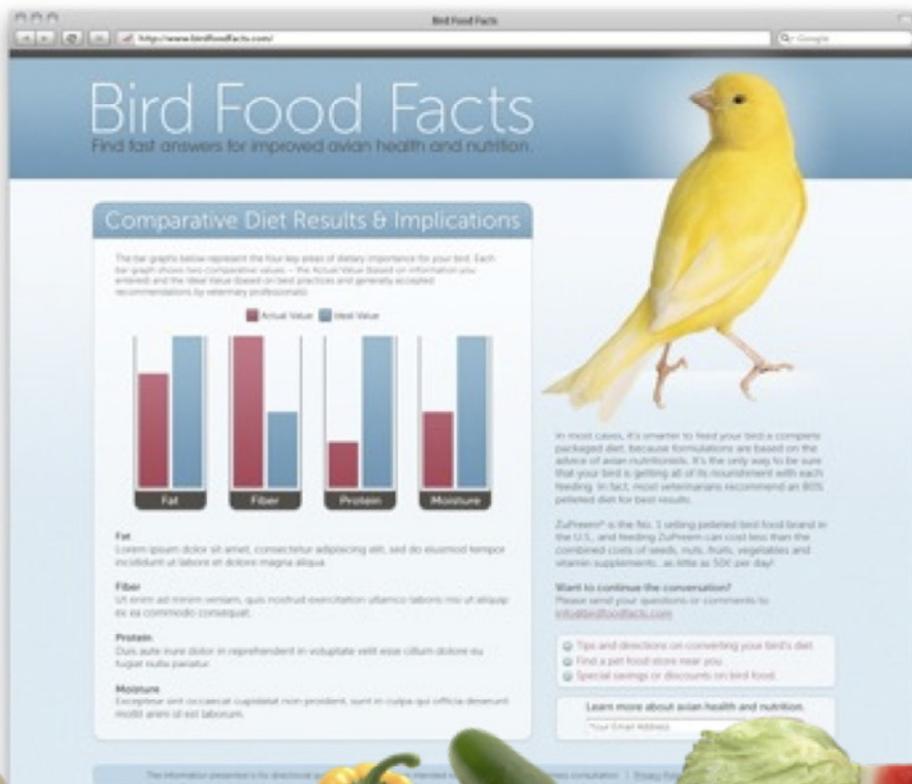
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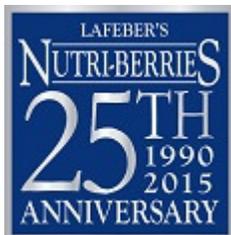
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Animal Kingdom Vet Hospital
4920 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
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(Dr. Daldin-Marsh)

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Birmingham Veterinary Clinic
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

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5900 Canton Center Road North
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Clinton Twp., MI 48038-2794

Parkway Small Animal & Exotic Hosp
39321 Garfield Road
(586) 416-8800
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Lakeside Animal Hospital
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

SEPT. 24th – Fourth Sunday

OCT. 29th – Fifth Sunday

NOV. 10th 11th 12th Pet Expo

No Meeting in November

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Yearly Pet Expo
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

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Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia, MI 48150 or email them to him at splafchan@twmi.rr.com

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CLUB WELFARE

Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



Monthly Potluck

Not too long ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that “Everyone”, please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all.

BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.

FROM THE PREZ:

\$1020.00 that is how much we collected in donations at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, it is the most we have collected at any of the events we do. There were several factors that worked in our favor, one was the weather it was absolutely perfect, second were the amount of birds that were there just so many different kinds but most important was the club members that helped out to make it a total success. People were very impressed at how we went



into the crowd and made sure people got to not only see the birds but interact with them as well no one was left out. Also, the amount of birds that they held during a picture caused a chain reaction and we did so many pictures in a row before a lull occurred; where we could at least take a breath and it started all over again. We by far were the most popular booth at the festival and the crowds we drew were a testament to that. I would like to thank all those who came out and gave up their free time to help us out we could not have done this without you, you made this a success with your hard work and dedication it really shined through. What truly amazed people was how friendly and open we were to everybody making everyone feel welcome and making sure they all had a good time and left with a smile. I had comments from the other booths that they needed to get some birds to boost up the people at their booths. Well that might work but we have our secret weapon that is the members that were there. You may have something very cool but if your people are not friendly and welcoming like ours were it will do you no good; people will just look and walk by. So once again to all the members who came out to help; you guys did an outstanding job and I can't thank you enough, **I LOVE THIS CLUB!!!** Now we are looking forward to our next event The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo October 21st and 22nd and we do need help there but we will talk about that more at the meeting and The Novi Pet Expo November 10th-11th-and 12th. It is because of the members of this club that we are able to do these events and you are the reason they are such a success your friendliness and enthusiasm are contagious and it spreads out to everyone we meet. So once again a huge **THANK YOU** from the bottom of my heart

for a job well done and this is so very true
YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!!

Until Next Time,
Your Prez,
Dave



Voice of the Veep

Well, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival was on the last weekend of August and what an event it was. Our club was once again one of the most popular attractions at the festival. This was possible because of all the support and help from our members. I have to give personal accolades to the Greenwood's (Joe, Kim, Faith, Jessica and Mark); Jeremy & Courtney Earms; Mike Gyamati; Susan Dixon; Tom & Marie; Emma; Mary Margaret; Larry and Theresa. From set-up until tear down, opening until close the help from our members was tremendous. Thankfully, we did not have to endure any excessive heat, rainstorms or public showering this year. The weather was perfect all day every day and our donation jar was stuffed more than it has ever been for any event we have participated in. We took one hundred forty-six photos which is more requests for souvenir pictures than ever. If you have a desire to become privy to all the goings on you'll have to plan on attending next years' festival.

We're not done yet on Sat. & Sun. October 21st and 22nd We are going to be at the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo at Madison Place 876 Horace Brown Drive in Madison Heights, MI 48071 Sat. times 10:00AM to 5:00PM Sun times 11:00AM to

4:00PM. We need as much help as we can get: Our club is going to be taking souvenir photos for guests but in order to accomplish this we need members to help with the birds staging the photos.

The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo is a free event for all the pet rescues attending. All the recues receive a portion of the donations from raffle ticket sales also. We have plenty to sell so don't be shy step up and buy a raffle ticket today. Then in November it's the **PET EXPO at the Suburban Collection Showplace** 46100 Grand River Novi, MI 48374 Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm.

As usual, I encourage everyone to join us not only at the multi-day festivals but at the senior shows also. We can always use your help even if you don't want to bring your bird there will be other birds there for you to help with as well as assisting with watching the other birds. If you have any questions feel free to call me at home, Steve 734-513-0030

Your Veep
Steve

FALLING INTO AUTUMN

Wow it is hard to believe that it is September already the kids are back to school and the seasons are changing very quickly. With that brings those fall holidays that we love Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Now we may love them but many of our birds do not simply because of all the strange things going on. Halloween with its costumes can downright send a bird into fit of terror worthy of the best scary movie and then there are the other hazards the decorations. Lit candles, fake spider webs, and many other things that ooze, smoke or mist can be dangerous to our feathered kids. Plus the biggie the candy we give out to the trick or treaters. Chocolate is so poisonous for all pets and the darker it is the more toxic it is. Also the wrappers can pose a hazard as well so keep them away from all pets. Now let us move on to Thanksgiving. First if you are hosting a big dinner the extra commotion can really stress out a bird if they are not used to it. Then there are those hot pans, dishes and pots that look inviting to a bird to come an check out. Also there are in some houses decorations that look pretty tempting to a bird but can really hurt them especially lit candles with their flames and hot wax. So it is important we keep our birds safe during these fall holidays and get ready for the two winter ones.

PET EXPO

Here is
tentative Pet Expo
information; the hours are as follows:
Friday, November 10th, 2pm - 8pm



Saturday, November 11th, 10am - 8pm

Sunday, November 12th, 10am-5pm

The Suburban Showcase has the operation of the pet expo again this year. Our club has been given the same generous space that we had last year and vendor badges will be available same as last year. We do know that no birds will be allowed through the front door; **if your bird is going to attend we must get you a pass to enter in the rear doors.** This can be accomplished in

multiple ways; 1) Be sure to wear your club badge 2) Go to the vendor desk at the rear doors to either receive a vendor badge or to be allowed access to our booth to receive a badge. 3) Call Dave, Tammy or me on our cell phones to bring you a badge.

The club will be getting parking passes for you if you have signed up to work. If you are scheduled to work and have to pay an admission to enter or park your car keep your receipts and the club will refund your admission and parking fees. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!** Entrance to the expo as a club member means you plan on working at least three hours at our booth. If you intend to shop and look around plan on arriving early or staying over after your scheduled work times please.

If you signed up to work and haven't heard any details feel free to call Tammy 734-422-5981 or Steve 734-513-0030 for last minute information

For those of you who want to look around at the Expo, you can come early or stay after your scheduled time. The schedule will be as follows; Set-up is Thursday 9am-untill finished, we will be arriving at the church to move tables into our vehicles about 7:45 AM then to Suburban Showcase at 9am to set up. Friday's show schedule is: 2pm-5pm, 5pm-8pm, Saturday's schedule is 10am – noon, noon-3pm, 3pm-6pm and 6pm to

8pm. Sunday's schedule is 10am-1pm, 1-3pm and 3-5pm, and after the expo closes we will need help to clear out our space and return the tables to the church.

Tammy



Bits from Baby

Baby is unable to submit the latest and greatest news this month.

Therefore, in lieu of his normal column we have presented an article from a different source.

Bits from Baby Sept 2017

Hello everyone this is Pookie sitting in for Baby this month and do not worry Baby is just fine. The main reason he has not been submitting articles and member attendance totals is that his companion human, Henry, has been a bit under the weather the past few months.

There have been open requests for a feathered member to step up to assist Baby but sadly, no one has done so. We (the African Greys of the club) decided to step fourth and help Baby last month. Even though we did not receive any complements for our honest and heart felt efforts, we did receive many complaints; however, we did not receive any volunteers. Therefore, in view of the facts, it has been decided that we will continue to tally the members present and deliver this vital information to our readers.

In our sincere efforts to deliver honest and germane numbers we have hired the

accounting firm (Bleedum, Grabit & Runne) recently retained by Bird Droppings. The accounting firm will then hand the tallies over to the law firm of Dewey, Cheetum & Howe for verification. This process will continue until one of our feathered members decides to step forward to help Baby out.

All this being said what an awesome showing at the Heritage Festival there were five African Greys some cockatoos, macaws and other feathered members. The African Greys were without a doubt the hit of the festival!

The month of September is going to be a very busy one; there are seven senior shows and The Canary & Finch fair this month.



RESCUE UPDATE

The adoption side of our rescue was average this month. There were four adoptions; two Cockatiels, Senegal and a Green cheek Conure were all adopted. They all went to their new homes with cages, toys, and food thanks to the generosity of you, our club members.

There is also another announcement to make. We have sworn in four new junior rangers who have been assisting Steve and Dave. The new Rangers are Mike & Carol who will be operating the northern branch of our rescue; Jeremy &

Courtney Earms who will be assisting with western Wayne and Washtenaw county rescues



**Guardians for Animals Pet Expo
Raffle Tickets**

The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo is fast approaching on October 21st and 22nd and the way our rescue benefits from this event is from raffle ticket sales. All the rescues receive an equal cut of the total raffle ticket sales with the rescue that sells the most tickets receiving an extra cut.

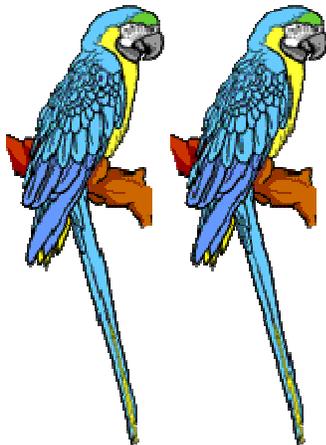
Tammy has received our club's first box of 500 tickets to sell; the price of the tickets is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 we could sure use everyone's help selling and buying tickets over the next couple of months. We will have tickets available at all of the upcoming events or you can call Tammy for arrangements to obtain some.

Talk to your friends and neighbors and ask if they would be interested in helping our rescue out. Let's all do our best to sell all of our tickets!

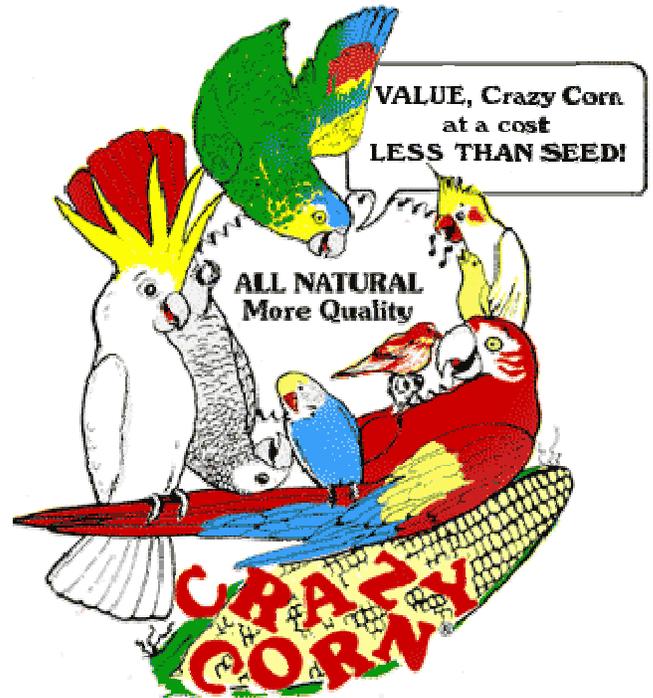


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EVA HAASE	OCT. 3
INGA BUSCH	OCT. 5
NADA JURISICH-FONTANA	OCT.11
ISABEL FONTANA	OCT. 11
MIMI GRZYMALAA	OCT. 11
JEFFR PASEK	OCT. 12
BRIGETTE FELIX	OCT. 15
JOHN BUSCH	OCT. 16
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SPECIAL BREEDER PRICING



Out and About with Pookie

Hello everyone, last month was the Ypsilanti heritage festival and even though I was unable to attend, JJ and Sparky were there and filed a complete report. Their report for the three days of the festival was taken in and recorded to assist Baby with the count of feathered members in attendance and the activities that took place.

Over the past, few months there have been some complaints about the feathered member counts in attendance at our meetings. We here at Bird Droppings in order to insure the accuracy of the tallies have enlisted the accounting firm of Bleedum, Grabit & Runne to tally the numbers; and the certification of these counts were performed by the law firm of Dewey, Cheatum & Howe. We have also created a new position to lead our new department.

The new department is for complaints and objections; it will be under the management of the toy testing division. In case you are not aware, the toy testing division is under control of Ricky the Umbrella Cockatoo and he is recruiting associates to join this expansion of his department. He has been filling positions with some very impressive and talented-feathered members in our club. So far, he has hired Ozzie, Buster, Izzy, Max, Zeek, Packo, Zoey, Logan, Tuna, Whinny and Boogie. All of these new recruits are either Macaws or Cockatoos and he assures me that these are the proper members needed to

accept and process any and all complaints. He also put fourth an open request for any feathered members that are interested in joining his team to contact him at the Bird Droppings office. In particular, he is looking to hire members with large beaks and members that enjoy shredding and chewing paper. Members that enjoy destroying wood, plastic and cellular phones are needed to. He has positioned a large bin by the front entrance for the new recruits to receive complaints and process them. Once they have been processed and the sheer volume reduced to a more manageable size the complaints will be sent to a large circular bin for additional filling and classification.

If anyone has any objections to this process, they may complain in person to Ricky the Umbrella Cockatoo by submitting an offer of peanut butter on your index finger. Slather your finger with crunchy peanut butter and present the petition of your objections to his office; it will be time stamped and marked as received. Acceptance of your petition will be verified when the peanut butter is removed and your fingertip is still attached. Denial of the petition and complaint will be verified if he removes your fingertip with the peanut butter.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well I must say the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival was a blast and Stella (Mother Nature to you) gave us an outstanding weekend and I know we all thanked her. There has been one development that I feel needs our attention and that is Sparky, Pookie and J.B.'s pet human Steve. My sources tell me (a not so little bird) that he has been cavorting with Cockatoos. He not only has pink but also white fever and there are several pictures to prove it. In fact, at the heritage festival he was seen with what appeared to be loving on a, GASP, Cockatoo and his gray nation is not pleased. In one picture, he is seen wearing an African Gray shirt while holding an Umbrella Cockatoo, am I the only one who sees the irony in this? Now my pet human seems to be equal opportunity and will cavort with ANY parrot (what can I say he is easy) and I am OK with that but a gray guy going to the dark side is more than his gray nation can handle.

Now personally I can see the fascination with Cockatoos after all they are the drama queens of the parrot world and are well suited for it with their flamboyant actions and that crest that just draws attention to them but that is just how they are wired. Sparky, Pookie and J.B. are just a tad concerned about these disturbing chains of events backed up with pictures. They feel he may just need an intervention but they also feel it may be too late. In any case I will keep apprised of the situation and give you reports on these very unsettling chains of events. I do believe the heritage festival pushed him (Steve) over the edge after all there was all three of the pink Cockatoos in attendance on Sunday and I'll bet this was all planned!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



FESTIVAL FOLLIES

As always, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival brings out some very strange and outlandish comments and being true to form I am here to share them with you, so here goes:

A woman looks at Aurora our Rose breasted Cockatoo and says, "What a pretty pigeon". A first for her and she was none too pleased.

Another woman looks at Sparky and J.B. and says, “those are well trained Pigeons”. I mean really!

Another woman chastised me for “my group” as she called us taking these birds out of the wild just to have them here and asked what would happen to them after the festival.

Still another woman was so angry that we would disrupt the lives of these birds to take them out of their natural habitat just to exploit them. I gently explained that they were born and bred here and that doing and taking them out of the wild was against the law.

One gentleman asked me if we left them there in the tent at night.

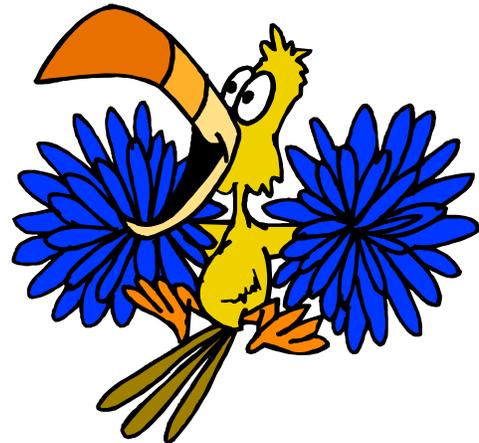
One guy asked me what we did with their poop.

One couple asked me if you could breed Captain Morgan the Blue and Gold Macaw with Logan the Major Mitchell’s Cockatoo. Of course, I said no because they come from different countries plus the fact they are both male didn’t help either.

The best happened after the festival from a woman who saw us there but could not stop because, of the fact we dyed a Cockatoo Pink just upset her so much. So, I ask which one because we had three there on Sunday at which she became even more horrified. She thought we dyed a Sulphur Crested Cockatoo pink to draw attention to our booth and threatened to turn us over to the Huron Valley Humane Society. I told her before you embarrass yourself get on google and look up Major Mitchells Cockatoo and you will see that is how they come and there

are three pink Cockatoos plus we value our fingers way too much to dye a bird pink!

So, these are just the highlights of some of the comments we get from the public and I am very sure they will not be the last!



Upcoming Events As of

September 6th 2017

Sept 8th
Fri

Senior Show
American house carpenter
3470 carpenter road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

Sept 9 th Sat	Canary & Finch Breeder Bird Fair Livonia Elks Lodge #2246 31117 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 \$3.00 admission 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Sept 22 nd Fri	Senior Show Oakmont Livonia 14265 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia, MI 48154 Set-up 1:00 pm Start 2:00 pm
Sept 10 th Sun	Family Day (No Official Program) American House 777 East Woodward Heights Hazel Park, MI 48030 From 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Sept 23 rd Sat	Senior Show Waltonwood at Carriage Park Independent Building 2000 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48187 Set-up 12:30 pm Start 1:30 pm
Sept 12 th Tue	Senior Show Oakmont Rochester 3466 S. Boulevard West Rochester Hills, MI 48309 Set-up 1:00 pm Start 2:00 pm	Sept 26 th Tues	Senior Show American House Elmwood West auburn Road Rochester Hills, MI 48309 Set-up 2:00 pm Start 3:00 pm
Sept 13 Wed	Senior Show Lockwood of Waterford 1407 Skipper Dr. Waterford, MI 48327 Set-up 1:00 pm Start 1:30 pm	Oct 6 th Fri	Senior Show Advantage Living Center of Armada (new Name) 22600 West Main St. Armada, MI 48005 Set-up 1:00 pm Start 2:00pm
Sept 18 th Mon	Senior Show Woodland Village St. Joseph Mercy Senior Communities 7533 West Grand River Road Brighton, MI 48114 Set-up 2 pm Start 3 pm	Oct 11 th Wed	Senior Show Novi Lakes Health Campus 41795 Twelve Mile Road Novi, MI 48377 Set-up 2:00 pm Start 3:00 pm

Oct 16th Senior Show
 Mon American House
 Freedom Place
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 Set-up 1:30 pm
 Start 2:30 pm

Oct 20th Senior Show
 Fri Glacier Hills
 Senior Living Community
 1200 Earhart Rd.
 Ann Arbor, MI 48105
 Set-up 9:00 am
 Start 10:00 am

Oct 21st Guardians for Animals
 Oct22nd Pet Expo
 Madison Place
 876 Horace Brown Drive
 Madison Heights, MI 48071
 Sat. Times 10:00AM to 5:00PM
 Sun Times 11:00AM to 4:00PM
 We hopefully will be setting
 up on Friday like last year

Oct 24th Senior Show
 Tue Oakmont - Northville
 42000 Seven Mile Road
 Northville, MI 48167
 Set-up 2:00 pm
 Start 3:00 pm

Oct 28th Senior Show
 Sat Huron Woods
 Towsley Health Building
 5361 McAuley Dr.
 Ann Arbor, MI 48106
 Set-up 1:30pm
 Start 2:30 pm

PET EXPO

Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm
 Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm
 Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm
 Suburban Collection Showplace
 46100 Grand River
 Novi, MI 48374
 We will be setting up on Thursday Nov. 9th
 most likely around 9:00 am.
 Please remember no birds will be allowed
 through the front door.

NOTE**NOTE*****NOTE***

There has been some confusion from
 the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to
 which events they are allowed to bring their
 own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and
 for future information please we want
 everyone to be aware that when you see the
 line:

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 our club and rescue. At these events all club
 members are welcomed to bring their
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 please note that our space is very limited at
 some of these events but don’t let this stop
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 you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy
 the fun.

THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE
THE
RESCUE RANGERS
IN
FEET OF STONE IN CLARKSTON

This month's adventure is one that we all hate to read but the Rangers had to deal with this one head on. It involved a poor little Cockatiel in Clarkston Michigan that had a very disturbing and also heart wrenching problem. It started out as a normal everyday rescue the Rangers were going to rescue a male Cockatiel something they had done so many times before but this one would be different. When they arrived, they were lead back to a room with several birds in it and a cage full of Cockatiels. On the bottom of the cage full of Cockatiels was one right on the bottom and all he did was stay there. It seemed strange to the Rangers that he stayed on the bottom all the time, then Ranger Steve noticed that this poor little bird could not close his feet at all but other than that he seemed fine so they packed him up and away they went. When they got back to Ranger Headquarter once they examined him closer and found that his little feet were like stone and he could not move any of his toes at all. Baffled Ranger Dave took him to Ranger Headquarter two for a little closer observation and a trip to the vet. This poor little Cockatiel seemed fine except for his feet of stone and it really puzzled Ranger Dave, even the vet was a little puzzled at first but then had a breakthrough. They ran all the test for everything under the sun and the test confirmed he was suffering from an advanced case of Gout! It was so bad that it fused all the joints in his feet until his feet

were like stone. Unable to climb or perch properly which made it hard for him to get food or water. Feeling so very bad for this little guy a special cage was outfitted with all the thing necessary for him to live as comfortably as possible. One thing was for sure he could never be adopted by anyone because of his advanced condition. He was even given pain meds to make him more comfortable and he began to come out of his shell. He would sing and whistle like a happy normal Cockatiel but time was not on his side and because of his advanced condition being neglected for so long after about 6 happy months he peacefully crossed the Rainbow bridge. Now his pain was gone, his feet of stone were gone and he could do all the things he could not do for however long he was like this before the Rangers came to his rescue. He was now at peace but the Rangers could not be because this made them more determined to rescue all birds who needed their help and they would continue their mission without fail because they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!**

Stay tuned for our next thrilling adventure An August Double Dip!!!





Establishing Control with Nurturing Guidance

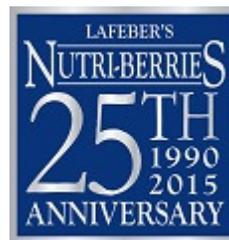
By Liz Wilson, CVT

Nurturing guidance is a training concept developed by Sally Blanchard, and it is critical to enjoying cohabitation with a parrot. Without it, a parrot is often unclear as to his position within his human flock. Genetically an exotic bird is a wild animal, whether domestic-bred or not, and he understands little about cohabiting with people. With patient teaching and guidance, he can learn how to be a good companion. Nurturing guidance is established by teaching and using basic commands. By setting these parameters, a parrot will have a better understanding of what is expected of it.

The first command is “Up,” which means step onto my hand. The second command is “Down,” which means step off my hand onto an inanimate object (like a perch). This is not a directional command. Onto the hand is up, off the hand is down. Teaching these commands requires a neutral room and a neutral perch. Ideally, the bird should have no experience with either the location or perch. This minimizes distractions and maximizes learning. Lessons should be short and upbeat, held once or twice a day for 10-15 minutes. Make sure you are relaxed before you begin, and smile and be patient. Under NO circumstance is aggression acceptable. Training a parrot is like teaching nursery school. You must keep your student involved or it won't learn. Sessions should be fun, not boring or frightening. Simply put,

behavior modification uses positive reinforcement for good behaviors and no reinforcement for bad behaviors. Instead, misbehaviors are ignored. If the parrot follows a command, smile and praise the bird. If it doesn't, ignore the transgression and repeat the command, pushing gently at his legs with the side of your hand. If you don't expect him to behave, he won't. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCE is aggression allowed with parrots. If approached with respect and love, parrots learn quickly and happily. Aggression begets aggression and is absolutely unacceptable. Experienced parrot behavior consultants agree that allowing a parrot to shoulder is asking for trouble. In this position, you cannot see a bird's body language, so you don't know if he's getting frightened or upset. You also can't anticipate and prevent a bite—and you DON'T want to be bitten in the face. If you follow these guidelines and use these commands clearly and consistently, life with your parrot should improve immensely.

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(Dr. Daldin-Marsh)

Birch Run, MI 48415

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9339 Gera Road
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39321 Garfield Road
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(248) 363-0822
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Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Jeffrey Animal Hospital
20720 Middlebelt Road
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2745 East Grand River Avenue
(517) 546-5714

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

OCT. 29th – Fifth Sunday

NOV. 11th 12th 13th Pet Expo

NOVEMBER-PET EXPO NO MEETING

DECEMBER 17th - THIRD SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
- Periodic Service projects
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Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

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Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia, MI 48150 or email them to him at splafchan@twmi.rr.com

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Monthly Potluck

We have stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that "Everyone", please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all.

BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



FROM THE PREZ:



I cannot believe how fast time is flying by it is October already and that means Guardians for Animals Pet Expo is fast approaching. It is October 21st and 22nd and it is great fun for all plus this is a free event. There are contest for best pet trick, pet costume and other stuff there is also a raffle and silent auction. There are also vendors with various things for sale but it is a fun event and we are glad to help out doing pictures with the proceeds going to help the Guardians for Animals fund so if you can help out feel free to come and join us the time and place is listed in the upcoming events. Also, the Novi Pet Expo is coming November 10th, 11th and 12th and once again we will be working with Jessie

James aka the Bird Whisperer from Canada. Because parrots cannot be brought across the Canadian border we help him out with our guys for his presentations. We worked with him last year and had so much fun with him we look forward to working with him again, just a great guy. The special guest at the Novi Pet Expo is once again Shorty Rossi from the Animal Planet show Pit Boss he was a HUGE draw to the expo and just a really nice guy so it will be fun seeing him again as well. There are also the senior programs going on as well so we are very busy just check out the upcoming events for times and dates. To say we are busy is an understatement plus with all the rescues going on our plate is full. We are truly committed to this cause of the rescue and education about cage birds, ALL cage birds from Finches to Macaws and your attendance at the September meeting showed that. It was a beautiful day but close to 60 members came and spent a good part of their afternoon at the meeting and many have signed up for the Novi Pet Expo and I guarantee you will have a blast and if this is your first time you will be amazed at how busy we will be all weekend and Saturday of the Novi Pet Expo has officially become Pirate Day so dress up like a Pirate if you wish and have even more fun Captain Dave and Captain Morgan will both be there. Our group has become so well know at all the events we do because of the incredible members of the club. Your kindness to all people and making sure everyone has a great experience when they come to our booth is what has people not only seeking us out but singing our praises. They are amazed by the way we make sure everyone no matter who they are be it wheelchair bound, special needs, seniors to every race, religion and orientation of people that attend we give everybody the same experience and that's

what makes us special. We have been described as a force of nature by many but in a good way and that is because of you the members. We would not have the reputation we do if it weren't for the members of this club and what they do to make sure everyone has just a great experience. So here we go again but I never have to worry because you make me proud to call myself a member of Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue and the reason for that is **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!**

Until Next Time
Your Prez Dave



Voice of the Veep

We have two big events for our club in the near future and we are inviting everyone who wishes to assist to join us. The first event is the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo it is taking place at: Madison Place, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071 (this is the same hall that the Motor City Bird Club has their fair at). The Expo is a two-day event Sat & Sun on October 21st & 22nd. All the clubs participating will receive an equal portion of the donations from 50/50 raffle ticket sales and donations at the door. Or club is also assisting by providing birds for a souvenir photograph. We offered Guardians the option to allow them to have their photographer take photos of people with as many birds as they were willing to hold to

bring in donations for the cause. This is why we need as many members to assist all day both days to facilitate handling our birds and staging the pictures. If Guardians manages to generate even a small portion of enthusiasm for pictures like we do at the Heritage Festival I know we will be a big success.

The next event is the Pet Expo in Novi this is a three-day event Nov. 10th, 11th, & 12th. We will be meeting at the church on the morning of Thurs. Nov.9th at 8:00 AM to load tables then head to Suburban Showcase to set up for the Expo. Anyone planning on attending the Expo needs to contact Tammy so she can order your parking passes also: (THIS IS IMPORTANT) if you intend on bringing a bird you must enter through the rear door then go to the desk to get a vendor wrist band. If you are just working our booth but are not bringing a bird, you still must enter through the rear door and get a wrist band. If you enter through the front entrance you will have to pay for a full admission and you will not be able to bring a bird inside!

Both of these events are a lot of fun and I encourage everyone to join us for a lot of fun.

Your Veep
Steve



Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well I think that we might need to rein in those grays I saw the size font they used to list the rest of us at the Heritage Festival and it really ruffled my tail feathers. It was so small that you could hardly read it but I think I know who was at the bottom of this and the accounting firm of Bleedum, Grabbit and Runn and their lawyers Dewey, Cheetum and Howe are just a front for the real culprit their pet human Steve. Now I realize that he has a gray obsession but I think the rest of us should have got equal billing. We all were a hit at the heritage festival and no one was better than the other now we have two more events Guardians for Animals and the Novi Pet Expo coming up and we need to fire the accounting firm and their lawyers and start fresh. The trouble is that Pookie, Sparky and J.B.'s pet human is so very obsessed that he crosses into that gray area both literally and

in his mind as well so it is up to us to make sure we all get equal billing. Not to worry between us all, we have come up with a plan and we will get everyone equal billing. They say Duct Tape fixes everything well we will see!!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Out and About with Pookie

I am just crushed emotionally; we here at

Bird Droppings thought that we were assisting in the club by stepping forward and performing the feathered attendance count at the meeting. Due to the negative feedback and the complaints received from last month's newsletter, it is painfully obvious that my assumptions were incorrect. In light of the developments, there are changes that have taken place; first, we have terminated the contracts with Bleedum, Grabit & Runn and Dewey, Cheatum & Howe our accounting and legal firms. Secondly, it has been decided that we, the African Greys, are to refrain from participating in feathered member tallies due to the appearance of feathered bias. In the future when Baby is unable to attend a meeting there will be no summations of the feathered members unless an unaffiliated feathered member steps forward to perform the counts.

Last month was the three-day heritage festival in Ypsilanti and we were the hit of the fair and when I use the pronoun "we" I'm referring to the feathered members not Steve, Dave or any of our companion humans. Three days of picture perfect

weather and a stellar performance by all of the feathered members resulted in the largest number of pictures taken and more donations for our rescue than in the ten years that we have been at the festival. There has been a large amount of backslapping, congratulating and taking credit by our companion humans about our success and they do not seem to be able to give credit where the credit is due. At every event, the feathers do all the work and our humans take all the credit, this is baffling? We are the reason the crowds squeeze into our booth not Steve or Dave or any of the humans in our club **IT'S US THE FEATHERS!!!!!!**

Steve & Dave are spotlight hogs and I know that Captain Morgan and I are not the only feathered members that have a problem like this. There have been complaints from all of the different feathered groups the Macaws, Cockatoos, Pionus, Conures, Senagals, Parakeets and many more. Due to this loud squawk from all of you, we are going to convene an important meeting in the near future. I will be sending details to each of you via your Tweeter® and Squawker® accounts of the location and time of the meeting. We will discuss and hopefully decide what we can do to rein in these spotlight hogging and glory claiming companion humans we have.

Until next month
Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

PET EXPO

Here is Pet Expo information; the hours are as follows:

Friday, November 10th, 2pm - 8pm
Saturday, November 11th 10am - 8pm
Sunday, November 12th, 10am-5pm

The Suburban Showcase has the operation of the pet expo again this year. Our club has been given the same generous space that we had last year and vendor badges will be available same as last year. We do know that no birds will be allowed through the front door; **if your bird is going to attend we must get you a pass to enter in the rear doors.** This can be accomplished in multiple ways; 1) You must let Tammy know you plan on attending so she can add your name to the member list to be submitted before the expo. 2) Be sure to wear your club badge 3) Go to the vendor desk at the rear doors to either receive a vendor badge or to receive a wrist band. 4) Call Dave, Tammy or me on our cell phones to bring you a badge.

The club will be getting parking passes for you if you have signed up to work. If you are scheduled to work and have to pay an admission to enter or park your car keep your receipts and the club will refund your admission and parking fees. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!** Entrance to the expo as a club member means you plan on working at least three hours at our booth. If you intend to shop and look around plan on arriving early or staying over after your scheduled work times please.

If you signed up to work and haven't heard any details feel free to call Tammy



734-422-5981 or Steve 734-513-0030 for last minute information

For those of you who want to look around at the Expo, you can come early or stay after your scheduled time. The schedule will be as follows; Set-up is Thursday 9am-6pm, we will be arriving at the church to move tables into our vehicles about 7:45 AM then to Suburban Showcase at 9am to set up. Friday's show schedule is: 2pm-4pm, 4pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm, Saturday's schedule is 10am – noon, noon-3pm, 3pm-6pm and 6pm to 8pm. Sunday's schedule is 10am-1pm, 1-3pm and 3-5pm, and after the expo closes we will need help to clear out our space and return the tables to the church.

Tammy

!!!!IMPORANT NOTE!!!!

Please remember if you plan on working you have to sign up or let Tammy know. She needs to know as soon as possible to put your name on the list so you may enter through the rear door and she can get you a parking pass.



HOW ABOUT A UNICORN?



It seems that some people can not or will not listen to what you are saying and this happens with many of the phone calls we get, they just won't listen! So here is one

of them

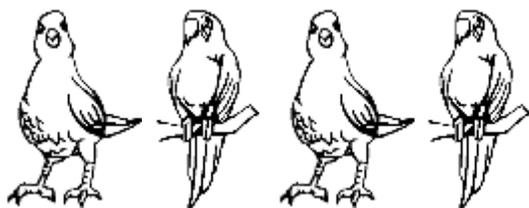
This guy calls and says that he was told that we had a Hyacinth Macaw in the rescue in need of a home and he wants to adopt it. I asked him who told him this and all he would tell me is this woman told him. This really left me confused because this was not true and who and why would say this but he still would not tell me. So, I said to him, well I'm sorry but you got some bad information we do not have a Hyacinth Macaw in the rescue we have a better chance of getting a Unicorn in the rescue than a Hyacinth. Now I am not saying it could never happen but the chances are very, very slim. He got really angry with me and said that I was keeping the bird to sell it and keep the money. He insisted that he was coming over to our facility to get the bird and I had to tell him again that there was no Hyacinth Macaw in the rescue plus we have no "facility". He proceeded to call me an F**kin' liar so I told him for the last time there is no Hyacinth Macaw in the rescue and I will not tolerate you talking to me like that and I hung up on him. He never called back! This kind of stuff comes with the territory but for every person like this there are at least ten who applaud what you do so this guy I can handle!

THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE THE RESCUE RANGERS IN AN AUGUST DOUBLE DIP

It seems that sometimes there is a need to do a twofer and this was one of those times. It would take the Rangers to both Southgate and Dearborn Heights to rescue a Cockatiel in each city. The story is almost always the same and it is heartbreaking but some people do not think about any long-term plans when getting any type of parrot and that was the case with these birds. They were both gotten for children when the kids were 10 years old and well three years later as they became teenagers there was suddenly no more time for the birds. This is all too common as their school activities increase the desire to have the bird decreases. It becomes a burden when there are sports and other extracurricular activities connected with school and a bird to take care of. So, the poor bird is now left alone and gets just enough attention to give it food and water and that's about it. Finally, after that the bird becomes a huge burden to a busy family they call the Rangers to come get them. Now the birds were not abused in any way but lacked any attention other than being fed and watered so it was time for the Rangers to step in and give these poor guys the life they deserved. So, as they left their final stop with the birds and cages they were off and soon the Cockatiels would find their forever homes. The moral to the story is always think twice before you get a child a bird because as they get older and more involved in other things the bird will suffer.

Take into consideration that living things are not gifts or bought on a whim or a fad they are **LIVING CREATURES** that have needs that one must make sure they can fulfill for a very long time. With that said it is now time for our Rangers to saddle up and hit the road for there are still birds to rescue but they are ready for the task because they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!**

Stay tuned for our next wild adventure Somewhere Out of Left Field in Belleville!



RESCUE UPDATE



The adoption side of the rescue saw a lot of activity last month. We adopted five birds to new homes; A

Cockatiel, a Senegal, two Amazons and a Cockatoo went to new forever homes. They all went to their new homes with cages, toys and food.

Again we want to extend our "THANKS" to you, our club members for your generous donations and participation in our monthly raffles. It is your generosity that makes our rescue the success that it is. Thank You!

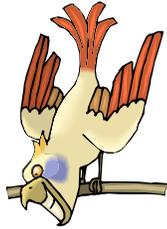


Guardians for Animals Pet Expo Raffle Tickets

The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo is fast approaching on October 21st & 22nd the way our rescue benefits from this event is from raffle ticket sales. All the rescues receive an equal cut of the total raffle ticket sales with the rescue that sells the most tickets receiving an extra cut.

Tammy has received our club's first box of 500 tickets to sell; the price of the tickets is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 we could sure use everyone's help selling and buying tickets over the next couple of months. We will have tickets available at all of the upcoming events or you can call Tammy for arrangements to obtain some.

Talk to your friends and neighbors and ask if they would be interested in helping our rescue out. Let's all do our best to sell all of our tickets!



ODDS AND ENDS

- The gifts for our Christmas exchange should have a \$10 maximum. Now's when the bargains are if you want to start looking around for items.
- Start asking businesses for donations for our raffle tables for the bird fair. They do not need to be bird related.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: To

NANCY KEENAN	NOV. 1
PATRICIA TREGURTHA	NOV. 8
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MARY ANN KENNE	NOV. 9
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RACHEL PLAGENS	NOV. 15
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JANET ONDERCHANIN	NOV. 19
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DIANE ARQUETTE	NOV. 22
ANTHONY JENSEN	NOV. 25
ARIANA PASEK	NOV. 25
DORTHY MUELLER	NOV. 28
KATHY WAGNER	NOV. 30



Bits from Baby

Howdy all my feathered and non-feathered members, this is your roving reporter Baby with help from some friends, with the latest and greatest news.

The September meeting was great with fifty-nine people and forty feathered members in attendance. Fifty-four were club members and four guests joined our flock. The feathered members were four African Grays, seven Cockatoos, and eight Macaws, thirteen other types of parrots.

In October, we will be very busy doing programs thru out the month. The club members that come to the programs did a wonderful job taking use around to visit with all the people. The seniors are very surprised to see so many birds and they never knew there were so many colorful birds. They always thank us for coming and making their day a lot brighter.

Then next month in November, we have the GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH, THE NOVI PET EXPO. It is three days of fun and excitement for all the club members, both non-feathered and feathered alike. We get to visit all kinds of people, young and elderly you come to see what a great club we have and to hold some of us and get pictures with us.

This is one of my favorite things I look forward to all year long, I will be there with Duke, and the whole gang and I will be there in with my best feathers on. Well thats all for now.

PET EXPO

Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm

Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm

Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm

Suburban Collection Showplace

46100 Grand River

Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov. 9th most likely around 9:00 am.

Please remember no birds will be allowed through the front door.

NOTE**NOTE*****NOTE***

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

Our Club Has a Booth at This Event

following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



Five methods for converting your bird to a healthier diet.

By ZuPreem Staff

For years, companion birds have been fed a diet comprised primarily of seeds. However, new research shows a diet with a high percentage of seeds does not provide even the minimum nutrient levels your bird requires. Because seeds are not consistent in nutrient levels, many seeds are deficient in calcium and have excess levels of fat. A diet high in seeds may lead to obesity and other nutritionally related diseases. Avian nutritionists recommend a diet like ZuPreem® Avian Maintenance™ should make up at least 85 percent of an adult Bird's meal. If your bird currently eats primarily seeds, you may want to consider switching to a diet that ensures the proper consumption of nutrients and will promote a healthier longer life for your bird.

Which method is best for you and your bird?

There are many methods for converting your bird to a new diet, and your avian veterinarian can help you decide which method may work best for you and your bird.

1. Interval feeding

For 20-30 minutes three times a day, offer 50% seeds along with 50% new diet in the same bowl. The bowl should only be 1/4 full using this method. Remove all uneaten food from the cage after each feeding and check to see how

much of the old and the new diet the bird is eating. If the bird is eating some of the new diet, reduce the amount of seed and increase the amount of the new diet at each feeding until you are feeding only the new diet. This method assures your bird will not starve, but should still be hungry enough to begin experimenting with the new food. This process may take several days or several weeks, depending on your bird.

2.Ten-day gradual method

Over a 10-day period, fill the food dish 1/4 full several times a day maintaining the following proportions of the old and the new diet.

3. Remove seeds until later in the day

Starting at bedtime, remove all seeds. In the morning, put fresh portions of the new diet in the cup. Leave the new diet in the cage until mid- to late afternoon. Then feed the bird’s previous diet for the rest of the day. Repeat this process for several days or until the bird is consuming the new diet. Then offer only the new diet at all feedings.

4. Back and forth method

Starting at night, remove all food from the cage. In the morning, put the new diet in the food cup. Let the bird experiment with the new food, perhaps sampling one or two nuggets. Then after an hour, remove the nuggets and feed

he old diet. Repeat the process throughout the day—new food for an hour, then the old diet. During the next 4-5 days, repeat the process but lengthen the time the new diet is in the cage, before offering the old diet. During the following week, keep extending the time the new diet is in the food cup, until you eliminate the old diet altogether.

5.Total new diet

In the wild, birds often do not have options. They eat seeds one season, fruits the next, consuming what is available. Many authorities believe that some birds are able to make an abrupt transition because they recognize the new unfamiliar shapes as food and adapt relatively easily. Great care should be taken to confirm that your bird is eating enough of the new diet to maintain weight.

Day	Old Diet	New Diet
Day 1	90%	10%
Day 2	80%	20%
Day 3	70%	30%
Day 4	60%	40%
Day 5	50%	50%
Day 6	40%	60%
Day 7	30%	70%
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Day 9	10%	90%
Day 10	00%	100%

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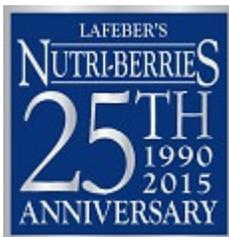


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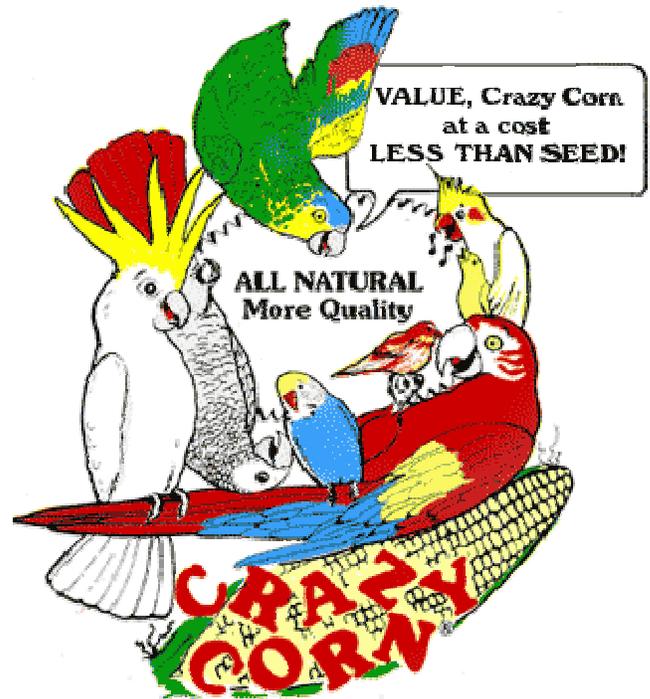
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EDITORS BULLETIN

BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia, MI 48150 or email them to him at splafchan@twmi.rr.com

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OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Sadly, we must report the crossing of three more of our feathered members. Gemini and Twinkie, Parakeets, who were owned by Janet Onderchanin and Sally, a Barrabands Parakeet owned by Dave and Tammy crossed over in October. We offer our sympathies to Janet, Dave and Tammy on their loss. To Twinkie, Gemini and Sally we say you are free to soar on the far side of the Rainbow Bridge. All of you will be forever loved and remembered in our memories,



BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.

FROM THE PREZ:



As you, guys now realize we did not get out a newsletter for November things were just too busy and crazy. With the Novi Pet Expo and then the Guardians for Animals moved to the following Saturday it was just way too hectic and insanely busy but we did it. I had nothing but praise from the organizers of the

Novi Pet Expo and people actually went out of their way to make sure they proper people knew how much they enjoyed our booth and how awesome our group was. Even the special guest they brought in were amazed at the crowds we drew. Pirate Day on Saturday was so much fun the kids loved the hats their parents loved our costumes and I have a deep appreciation for women and the art of putting on make-up (the eyeliner took me about 25 minutes to apply) my hat is off to the ladies. Jesse James the Bird Whisperer (behaviorist) also had nothing but praise for our group he has never seen so many different parrots so well behaved. I even held Georgia the Cape Parrot for the first time ever and did not donate any blood WHOO HOO!! Jackie the event coordinator even came to Tammy and I as we were packing up hugged us both and said our group was awesome and she would have the paperwork out for us to come back next year along with Jessie James. The next Saturday was The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo and for being moved at the last minute it drew a very impressive crowd, (I think the Rain Helped with that) even that was a whole lot of fun. We made many great contacts and educated a whole lot of people who are now rethinking getting a parrot as a pet. Words do not even describe how we did at both events we were such a hit that we are assured of going back to both events. This is because of you the club members you make Rainbow Feathers what it is each and every one of you. Because of your contributions to the club, we really stand out. What really stands out to the public is the fact that we are able to not take ourselves so seriously that we can't have fun, not only with the public but among ourselves as well. One family told me that they were drawn to our booth on the Saturday at Novi because you could feel a

very fun and happy vibe coming from our group. That makes me so happy to hear that. So, as we enter the Christmas Season and the New Year let's just stay the way we are welcoming, fun and passionate for our feathered kids. I wish everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas, a Happy Hanukah and a healthy and prosperous Ney Year. As always, **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!**

Your Prez
Dave



Voice of the Veep



Wow! That about sums up our three days at the Pet Expo last month. Our rescue and club booth was listed as a featured attraction by the Expo this year and all of us did an awesome job meeting this expatiation.

I would personally like to extend my thanks to every one of our members that helped at the expo we could not have accomplished the great showing of our booth and our club without all of you. The people at Suburban Collection that are in charge of the pet expo told us that they received many complements about our booth and club not only from the attending public but also from other vendors and celebrities that were there. The bottom line is that we are now faced with the challenge

of preparing for next year's expo so we can out do ourselves once again.

Our meeting this month is at the church on December 17th. It is our annual Christmas party and open house so please remember to bring a dish or desert to share. We will also have our annual Christmas raffle to help support our rescue so please remember to bring an inexpensive gift. All the proceeds go fourth to help in funding and supporting the rescue.

Thank You, to everyone for your support of our club and the rescue we couldn't do it without all of your participation.

Merry Christmas to Everyone
and a Happy New Year
Your Veep
Steve



ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The annual elections will be held at our January meeting. We will be voting on a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Any member in good standing is eligible to fill any one of these offices. To help you decide who you think would best fill these offices, the following is a brief guide to their duties:

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, see that the bylaws are enforced, call such meetings as are needed, and be responsible for the execution of all motions passed by the members. The

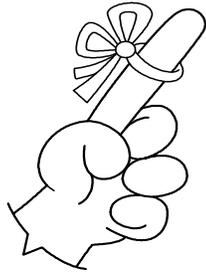
President shall also be public relations administrator and liaison between the Club and all other groups.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall assume the President's responsibilities in the absence or disability of the President, keep constantly informed of Club activities, and shall be responsible for special programs and social events.

SECRETARY: The Secretary is responsible for minutes at all general membership and board meetings, reads minutes of previous meetings when requested, keeps a file of all minutes, shall provide copies of minutes for each board member upon request, is responsible for all member notices, and is responsible for all correspondence, both incoming and outgoing.

TREASURER: The Treasurer collects all dues and records all moneys belonging to the Club, disburses same under the direction of the President, deposits the funds of the Club in the name of the Club in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Executive Committee, and submits a statement of accounts at each meeting. The books and accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any member. The Treasurer shall be responsible for disbursement of moneys for bird bands.

TRUSTEE: One Trustee is elected each year to serve a three year term. A person serving as Trustee is ineligible for other elected office. Duties shall be to serve as coordinators of the Club, assuring a meeting place, acting as assistants to the President, and serve as a grievance committee. They shall conduct an annual audit of all Club records, Treasurer's and Secretary's books, etc. The Trustees whose terms of office have not expired shall serve as the election committee and shall conduct the annual elections. The Trustees shall review all absences of officers and shall fill any vacant office by either appointment or special election with the membership.



A REMINDER

Our dues are due in January. Checks should be made out to **RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB**. Please pay them at the January meeting or by mail to Tammy Carol at Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, PO Box 1587, Garden City MI 48135.

Please note any of our new members that have joined the club between July and December 2017 do not have to pay dues in January. Your membership is valid until January 2019!



Bits from Baby

HOWDY to all my feathered and non-feathered friends, this is your roving reporter Baby with the latest and greatest news.

November was the greatest show on earth at the Novi Expo Center it was the Pet Expo. It was three days of great fun for all of the Rainbow Feathers Club Members both feathered and non-feathered. The people that came had a great time seeing all the beautiful birds that were there. The visitors got to hold some of the feathered members and have their pictures taken with them. We also had some of our members in costume's to meet all the visitors that where there.

I was unable to attend but my friends Pookie and Sparky did a great job meeting

and greeting everyone who came to this great event.

Our next monthly meeting will be in December and I hope to be there with my best Feathers' to see everyone.

See you at the next meeting.

OH yes-MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Well that's all for now.
God bless, till we meet again,
Your friend Baby

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RESCUE PROCEDURE

There is a proper procedure for turning a bird into the rescue and we must do our best to follow it. Any time a bird is to be surrendered to our rescue Dave, Steve, Tammy or Mary must be contacted first so proper arrangements can be made. Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue can not take responsibility for any birds that have not followed this procedure. If you have elected to take in someone's unwanted bird or if you have been offered a "free" bird please be aware that you will have to assume the full cost of veterinary care yourself.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

CHERYL BRATCHER	DEC. 1
LINDA WAGNER	DEC. 3
CAROL BURGESS-KRZESOWIAK	DEC.5
JEREMY EAMES	DEC. 7
JASON VOGT	DEC. 11
PATRICK BONSE	DEC. 13
KAREN RICHARD	DEC. 13
ANNETTE BALLARD	DEC. 14
ELIZABETH GLADSON	DEC. 17
TRACEY TRESSLER	DEC. 17
LAKELY MOESTA	DEC. 22

SHERYL KRASNOW	JAN. 1
TOM POKRYFKY	JAN. 9
MICHELE MONSON	JAN. 17
CHARLES DIXON	JAN. 18
MARY-ELLEN WILSON	JAN. 25
KEN LAWRENCE	JAN. 26
LOVEY QUESNEL	JAN. 27
ANN STEFFY	JAN. 30
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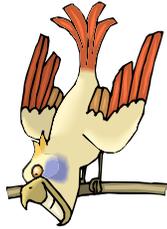
Guardians for Animals Raffle Tickets

The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo was held on November 18th; the way our rescue benefits from this event is from raffle ticket sales. All the rescues receive an equal cut of the total raffle ticket sales with the rescue that sells the most tickets receiving an extra cut. Our rescue took second place and received an extra \$250 for our efforts.

Because of this bonus, we decided to help Guardians sell tickets for an additional drawing in February on Valentine's Day.

Tammy has received our club's first box of tickets to sell; the price of the tickets is \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 we could sure use everyone's help selling and buying tickets over the next couple of months. We will have tickets available at all of the upcoming meetings or you can call Tammy for arrangements to obtain some.

Talk to your friends and neighbors and ask if they would be interested in helping our rescue out. Let us all do our best to sell all of our tickets!



ODDS AND ENDS

- **RESCUE CONTACTS** – These are the main contacts for the rescue, and from here we have several foster homes. Please refer all questions concerning the rescue to the following:

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Out and About with Pookie

Please, allow me to offer my sincere apologies for not having a column last month. In actuality, I was prepared and had my column written typed and ready to be published however, Steve was not. We all pushed and prodded him get off the couch and produce the November newsletter but he was too tired, there wasn't enough time, the Pet Expo was too soon. There was a multitude of excuses flowing from him providing reasons for not producing the newsletter but I'm pretty sure all of you know about excuses; 😊 at best they are lame.

Last month, November, was an extremely busy month for our club. We, for the first time, were a major attraction at the Novi Pet Expo then we were a major attraction at the Guardians for Animals Pet

Expo the following week. At both events, our group was a major attraction and we, the companion parrots were the stars of the show. We posed for many photographs and we were held by hundreds of humans both big and small. Steve and Dave attempted to take the spotlight but it was to no avail there was nobody that wanted a photo with either of them the patrons wanted photos with us, the parrots. There was one of the companion humans in our club that made a vain attempt to claim some of the spotlight.

In an attempt to capture our thunder, the companion humans staged "pirate day" on Saturday which had many members dressed as pirates and Mike has a parrot costume which he wore. Do not misunderstand, we the feathered members are the stars of our club and a six-foot tall companion human in a parrot suit may be a novelty. There was more than one young human that ran away from the giant two-hundred fifty pound parrot wanting to sit on their lap.

Well that's enough bellyaching and excuses about missing last month, we will attempt to do better in the future

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



BLAH, BLAH AND BLAH 2017!

When we do events people always come up with some of the strangest comments and in true fashion we like to share them with you, so enjoy:

One woman asked me at the Novi Pet Expo when she saw the pink Cockatoos, does it wash or run off if they get wet?

A gentleman asked me if both male and female look the same (referring to the Grays and Macaws) how do they know the difference? They just do, they just do!

A woman asked when they are done here what do you do with them? We fold them up and box them away until next year!

Another guy asked if they were on loan from a zoo.

One very interesting looking woman so badly wanted a tail feather from Captain she politely asked how easily they come out if I were to pull one?

A little boy was looking up under Captains tail and when his mom asked him what he was doing, he said he was looking to see where the poop came out. Not a wise thing to do especially with one's mouth open.

One young lady took a picture of Captain Morgan because that was the blue she wanted for her hair.

Now at the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo this was said:

One woman asked me do you do anything to enhance their colors, you must because the look like they glow.

One asked me if my group was always kind of different not explaining what he meant by "different". Hey, we have birds of course, we are different.

Another young woman asked why aren't these birds in the tropics where they belong?

An African American gentleman asked if these birds, because they were around white people all the time, tend not to like people of other skin colors? I told him fortunately they are not prejudiced at all they like all people.

One woman asked me if Sparky was my bird and was surprised when I told her no she belonged to Steve. Then I further confused her by telling her Ruby was mine even though Susan had her. She couldn't understand how we did it.

Finally, a woman trying to be smart asked if birds have no external organs how do they make baby birds (what's up with the sex questions anyway). I told her you will have to Google it because I am not really sure!

That is some of the things we have said to us at these events and I am always willing to share them with you.

THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE

THE

RESCUE RANGERS

SOMEWHERE OUT OF LEFT FIELD IN
BELLVILLE

There are times when one feels that they have entered the twilight zone and all logic and reason go out the window this is one of those times. This strange adventure happened in Bellville Michigan and it started out as just another routine rescue but once they arrived that is where things began to change and not for the better. They were there to pick up four birds and when they arrived the Rangers had no idea what they were about to encounter but it came quickly out of left field. You see the reason they were giving up the birds was because of a bad break-up from a volatile relationship so this person was going to Africa to cleanse their spirit and their soul and leave this bad relationship. So, they took the Rangers into their home and introduced them to the four rescues. They proceeded to tell the Rangers

that they only took the birds to the vet for wing and nail trims because she would read the birds then heal them through their physic powers. All the alarms went off in their heads that this was one place that they did not want to spend any more time at, than they had to. So, Ranger Dave began to load the Rescue Mobile with the cages and just as he was about to make his last trip this person had unloaded the Rescue Mobile and was in the process of reloading it. All his hard work insuring that there would be no sliding of the cage parts went out the window. Holding his tongue, he let this person go about reloading everything back into the car. Now it was time to make their getaway but this person had different things in mind and they began to pull out all their crystals and smudge pot to give them a cleansing. Ranger Dave declined saying he had stuff in his medicine cabinet to take care of that and Ranger Steve agreed with him. Finally, they were off and made a hasty exit from this person's driveway. They both could take a deep breath and make sure they had not really entered the twilight zone. This person's powers were way off because one bird was not blind in one eye but had a cataract and the other bird died of fatty liver disease the other two were fine. Still this was one for the record books as one of the strangest rescues they had ever been on. Would things like this stop them, weirdness and strangeness seemed to part of the landscape sometimes but they could handle it for they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay tuned for our next thrilling adventure Saving Charlie!!



We are raffling off grab-bag gifts at the December potluck meeting. Items are to be nice (not tacky), about \$5 in price, and wrapped in a paper bag or wrapping paper. This is a fun activity and a great fundraiser for the rescue program at the same time



RESCUE UPDATE

Our rescue was extremely active last month. We received many more applications interested in adopting and adoptions than ever from the Pet Expo.

Here is a quick recap of our rescues and adoptions in November and early December. Two Parakeets and one Cockatiel went to new homes in the Oakmont Senior system. Remington and Toby both CAG's went to new forever homes.

We want to thank everyone for their participation in the raffles and for their donations to the rescue. It is the support of our members that allows us to take rescued birds to the vet and find them new homes with cages, food and toys. Your continuing support is what makes our rescue and club the success that it is

THANK YOU



winter (only by the date certainly not the weather) and take a well-deserved rest. This past year has been very busy and next year looks to be the same we already know we will be back at the Novi Pet Expo in 2018 and with the reputation we have made for ourselves anything is possible. So, I can speak for all my feathered friends and their pet humans as we close out 2017 and look forward to 2018 it is looking to be another great year. So, from my flock to yours (pet humans included) I wish you a joyous and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cheers

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

OK what happened, it was just September then due to circumstances beyond our control the October meeting had to be cancelled and bam it was Pet Expo time. I have to say we were a huge hit as always and our friend from Canada Jesse James was there again. It is always good to see him he is so much fun. Now I have to admit Pirate Day was also a lot of fun my pet human Dave even stepped it up a notch and did the whole Pirates of the Caribbean thing eyeliner and all. It took him a loooong time to do it but got it right and as much as I hate to admit, it looked good. In fact, all our pirates looked great but there was one anomaly that took us all by surprise. That was that very large parrot that appeared at our booth. I think it was steroids but he seemed to be having a good time I am just glad I didn't have clean up his droppings! Then the next Saturday was the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo I sat this one out but I heard a blast was had by all there too and J.B., Pookie and Sparky's pet human won the TV how cool was that. Now it is time to settle in for the

Captain Morgan



Fishing for Tuna

This isn't a tale about fishing for Bluefin Tuna on the Atlantic Ocean this is a short story about a bird now named Tuna. The details of his story are slightly vague because Tuna is a twenty-five-year-old Umbrella Cockatoo whose tale began many years ago.

His story begins sometime after hatching and was either sold to his first family from a breeder or possibly from a pet store these are details that can only be speculated about now because it was so long

ago. The length of time he spent at his first home or how many homes he actually had is truly unknown until approximately six or seven years ago. At that time, he was brought to the Michigan Humane Society by the family that he lived with. The reason he was surrendered was quite simple; he was too loud, too destructive and un-handle able. He wound up at the Rochester Hills branch of the MHS to be placed up for adoption. (weather he was dropped off there or was transferred there is unknown.)

His first adoption from the MHS was to someone that most likely was enamored by his antics and his sweet and cuddly nature. However, he is an Umbrella Cockatoo. After living with this family for about six months his screaming (which can be at approximately 80-90 decibels) combined with his nature to act like a feathered beaver and reduce any piece of wood into tooth picks and kindling he was once again returned back to the MHS. When he was returned he had been given the name Too-Too and the MHS was told the reason for his return was three fold, too loud, too destructive and unable to be handled (I.E. biting.) The MHS in Rochester Hills repeated this process at least four times and when the fourth family wanted to return Too-Too to the MHS. The MHS asked them to call the Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue to rescue Too-too and hopefully find him a forever home.

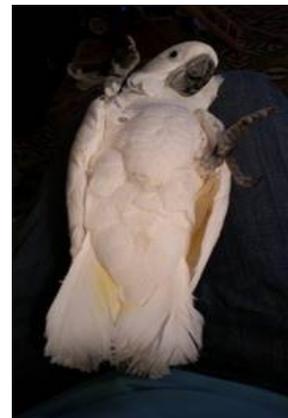
Rainbow Feathers rescued Too-Too from the last person that had adopted him and she felt terrible at the time because she thought she had failed him. She had many birds at her home (finches) and because of

this she felt she could handle a Cockatoo. Cockatoos are about the size of thirty to fifty finches with a much busier beak. Unfortunately, she awoke one morning and found Too-Too had escaped from his cage and totally destroyed a dining room chair and one leg off the dining room table. The rescue took in Too-Too and brought him to a young lady in their club nick-named the Cockatoo Whisperer to assess his temperament and handle ability. This is where he received the name Tuna and where we also learned his original name was Kato. We know his original name was Kato because he told us so.

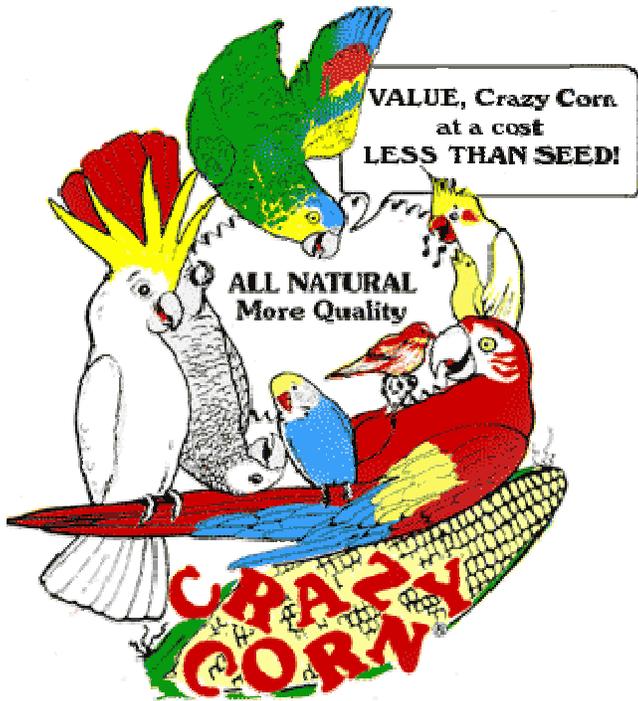
Tuna is now in his forever home with the Cockatoo Whisperer and is one of the sweetest and most loving birds we have ever seen. He is gentle with everyone he meets, including young children and seniors. Yes, he still screams; Yes, he still chews wood like a wood chipper and yes, he is still dustier than an over filled vacuum and still demands to be included with everything happening in the house. He's an Umbrella Cockatoo when you adopt a Cockatoo; it's you that must adapt because he's going to be a Cockatoo always and will always scream and chip wood. Tuna couldn't be happier and will always have a forever home.

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 Oakmont Parkway
 36725 Utica Road
 Clinton Twp., MI 48035
 Set-up 1:30 pm
 Start 2:30 pm

*****NOTE*****NOTE*****NOTE*****

There has been some confusion from
 the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to
 which events they are allowed to bring their
 own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and
 for future information please we want

everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

Our Club Has a Booth at This Event following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events, all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



Bloodwork is important in a post-purchase veterinary exam

By Don J. Harris, DVM

All too often, a bird owner with a recently purchased bird either does not take the bird to a veterinarian for examination, or if they do, the most important part of this exam is not preformed. What is crucial in a post-purchase evaluation is the bloodwork. Because birds are great at hiding physical signs of illness, blood testing is mandatory in assessing the health of avian patients. The veterinarian may scrutinize a bird and look for any physical abnormalities, but even the healthiest looking birds can be hiding disease. Sometimes, blood tests are the only way to accurately uncover hidden health problems. Many illnesses display no external signs until the end when the bird is at death’s door. By then, it is often too late to resolve the problem.

Most problems can be addressed if detected early, and bloodwork is the key to early detection. Bird owners should ask that blood tests be performed on their bird, even if the veterinarian doesn’t suggest it. In fact, if a veterinarian doesn’t discuss lab tests in the

face of avian illness, another veterinarian should be sought. If the results are negative, the owner will have peace of mind knowing the bird is healthy. If the results suggest a problem, action can be taken to treat the condition. Bloodwork can also provide a baseline that can be helpful in future evaluations of your bird.

I recently became aware of a pet owner who took her bird to a veterinarian for a post-purchase exam. The veterinarian checked over the bird, did a culture of the bird’s throat and vent, and recommended bloodwork. The new bird owner decided not to do the blood tests. Everything appeared okay—until the bird died two days later. A necropsy showed the bird had *Aspergillus* fungus throughout its abdomen. Had the new owner consented to blood tests for her bird, the fungus would have been detected. Possible conditions or diseases that may be diagnosed through a complete blood analysis include:

- Infections
- Parasites
- Reproductivity
- Malnutrition
- Metabolic disorders such as liver or kidney disease
- Vitamin deficiencies such as Vitamin A deficiency

Bloodwork is the veterinarian’s first and most important tool in evaluating patients. It is an internal view of the bird’s overall health. Depending on the results of the initial bloodwork, other diagnostic tests may be warranted to fully diagnose the extent or the cause of any abnormality



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A Cracked Christmas Carol
By Dave Carol

WE NEED A LITTLE CLEANING

(SUNG TO THE TUNE WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS)

Roll out the vacuum
We need to clean before
More bird food falls again
Rehang the stockings because the bird has
put them
Back on the floor now
For we need a little cleaning
Right this very minute
Bird gunk on the window
Bird poop on the spinet
Yes, we need a little cleaning

Right this very minute
Need a little cleaning now
Go hide the fruitcake so the parrot won't try
to eat it all
Hey where he go now
Better look inside the Christmas tree now
Because he's been so quiet I start to worry
Better find him fast we've got to hurry
For I've grown a little sleepy
Grown a little tired
I need a cup of coffee
To get a little wired
And I've got so much to do now
Before the holidays are here now
We need a little cleaning now!
(My apologies to the original)

Frosted windowpane
Parrots screaming inside
There's a Cockatoo in the tree
Oh that gray is gone he's going to find
Things, things that he doesn't need
It's that time of year when the world falls in
love
Every song if you can hear seems to say
Merry Christmas may your New Year
dreams come true
And this song of mine as the parrots dine
wishes you and yours
The same things too
It's that time of year when the world falls in
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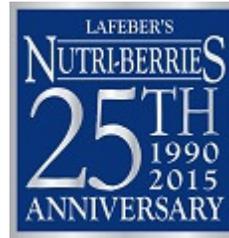
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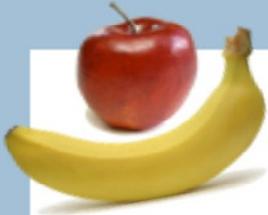
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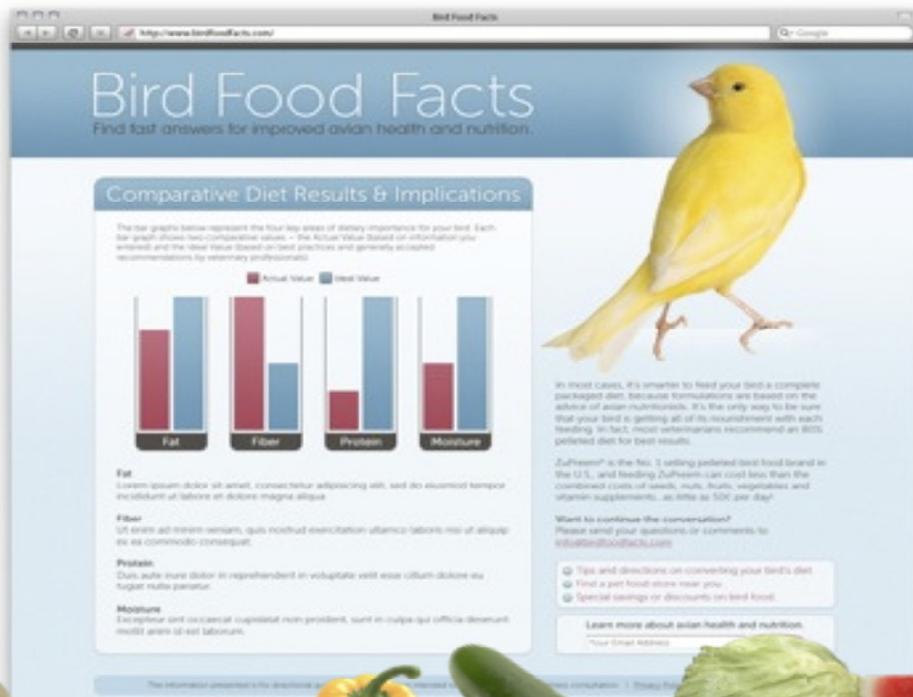


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Clinton Twp., MI 48038-2794

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Detroit, MI 48214

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Jackson, MI 49203

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(Dr. Schiel)

Jackson, MI 49201

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(734) 427-6360

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21524 Novi Rd.
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594 10TH St.
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Salem, MI 48175

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17630 West 12 Mile Road
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