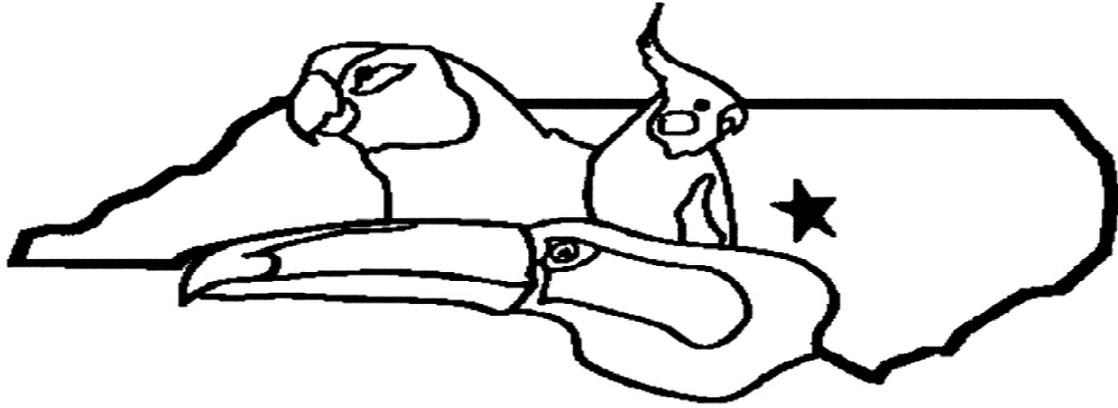




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A MESSAGE FROM THE FAIR CHAIRMAN

Welcome, I hope our Seventeenth Annual Pet Bird Fair, Seventh Annual Cockatiel Show, Fourth Annual Love bird Show, and Second Parrot Show with IPS affiliated Specialty Show, will be an enjoyable and educational experience for you. This is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the beauty and intelligence of the birds on exhibit and learn about the joys of keeping birds and about their proper care. If you haven't already, please join the RDCBS. The cost of membership is minimal in comparison to what you will learn and the friendships you will make with fellow bird lovers in our club. I hope to see you at future meetings.

Cindy Chappell, Bird Fair Chairman, RDCBS

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Sincerely,
Carol Wilson
President - RDCBS

RULES GOVERNING BIRDS FOR SALE

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The RDCBS membership is comprised of over 100 families or individuals from around the triangle area, including pet bird owners, bird breeders, pet store owners and employees, and veterinarians and their assistants and students. A large number of species are represented among members' bird families, with psittacine birds ranging from budgerigars to Hyacinth macaws and non-psittacines from finches to peafowl. The primary purposes of the RDCBS are to educate club members and members of the general public about the care and breeding of caged birds and about larger avicultural concerns such as captive propagation of rare and endangered species and conservation of avian species in their native habitats. The club meets on the third Sunday of each month (with the exception of June, in which we will be meeting the second Sunday of that month) at 2:30 P.M. at the Glen Eden Pilot Park Community Building on the west side of Raleigh. Meetings include lectures or demonstrations on a variety of avicultural topics and also feature a "bird species of the month". Our meetings also provide a chance to cultivate friendships with other aviculturists and pet bird owners.

A bimonthly newsletter, *The Carolina Parakeet*, is published for members and provides useful information on a variety of avicultural topics and current concerns. The RDCBS' educational outreach program includes its annual Pet Bird Fair held on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend each year. In addition, the RDCBS provides bird exhibits at the North Carolina State Fair and at special events of institutions such as the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science. Various members also provide educational demonstrations about cage birds for 4-H groups, school classroom projects or field trips, nursing homes, etc. The RDCBS is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization in accordance with IRS tax code section 501(c)(3). Thus, your donations to the RDCBS are tax-deductible. Information about RDCBS and avicultural topics of interest are also accessible online at RDCBS' Web site: <http://www.rdcbs.org>. This site includes the latest information about upcoming RDCBS events, selected articles from *The Carolina Parakeet*, and links to the Web sites of the aforementioned national societies with which we are affiliated.

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Please research this decision very carefully... are you really a good candidate for pet bird ownership? Is this the right bird for you? Birds should be purchased for their pet quality and not because a red one would be a good accent color with your décor.

Don't make an impulse decision and buy this precious creature without considering what a serious commitment it is. There are web-sites, magazines and books to help you make an informed decision. Clubs such as the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society are excellent sources of information. Education is an important goal of this club.

Being a responsible pet bird owner requires some preparation. You must provide a roomy cage that may cost as much or more than the bird. Birds are innocent animals that deserve the best home they can have in a captive environment.

You must provide the correct lighting, perches, toys, pellets and/or seed, fresh fruits and veggies. Did you know that birds could be fed from the four major food groups? A well-balanced diet for your bird should include healthy table food. A little research will show safe choices.

Are you familiar with N.E.B.S. (Never Enough Birds Syndrome)? This is a very serious condition affecting many pet bird owners. If not, keep reading... Or if you do, keep reading anyway, you might need a reality check.

Birds should be purchased for their pet quality, not because you think someone might be "impressed" that you can afford exotic pets. Would these same folks be impressed with the mess you have to clean up each day OR with the warm, green gunk on your new shirt?

Did I mention that happy, well-adjusted birds are noisy and messy?

Have you found a vet who is experienced with birds? Don't wait until your bird is sick to look for an avian veterinarian.

Do you know someone who can care for your bird when you are away for a weekend or go on vacation?

Is your family going to be okay with having a pet bird?

There is just so much to consider that I hope you take a moment to think about these questions I am throwing out at you.

Reminding you one last time: birds may be loud. They may throw okra and tomatoes up against the wall or on the floor. They may eat your woodwork if left unattended. Birds chew wood, period. They don't differentiate between your heirloom antique and a tree limb. Some birds never say a word. Some talk way too much. Some sing a very pleasant song. Some whistle. Some scream with joy as the sun rises!

Weaned or unweaned? Hand feeding a bird is a skill that cannot be mastered in one easy lesson. Please don't buy an unweaned chick unless there is an experienced person nearby willing to help you through this process. Use a thermometer to test the temperature of the formula. Gram scales are helpful to monitor daily weight changes.

What a commitment this is! Just so many things to consider that I hope you will think this decision through very carefully before purchasing your first bird, or the next one, then another, then just one more. Get my drift? Too many times, I hear folks say how much they love birds! They want one of every species and every color. This is one of the first symptoms of N.E.B.S. You need to do your research and see what birds really appeal to you and what species will fit into your lifestyle. How many do you have room for? How many can you care for? How many do you have time to play with? How many can you afford?

In closing, I don't want bird ownership to sound too hard... just wanted to get your attention. These are wonderful creatures, which can enrich your life beyond belief. I know.

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In September, 1987, one of the founding members, Bill Rau, was asked to serve as Chairman of the Board, and through his leadership, the club undertook efforts to enlist a variety of new members with enthusiasm and knowledge to share.

One of these early members was Jane Clark who served as the founding editor (from 1988-1994) of the educational "RDCBS Newsletter". Our first Pet Bird Fair was held in 1989. This fair has become an annual event which has grown with the club. Through the fair, RDCBS has raised thousands of dollars for avian research and conservation, generated national recognition for the club, and attracted many new members. Among members attracted by our first fair were April Blazich and Laura Barwick. Through their efforts and efforts of several others, the RDCBS developed affiliations with several national societies, including the American Federation of Aviculture.

By 1991 RDCBS organized and hosted a two-day educational seminar series on avicultural topics for a statewide consortium of bird clubs (Bird Clubs of North Carolina; BCNC). In subsequent years, RDCBS has hosted several lectures and/or lecture series by nationally recognized aviculturists, avian behaviorists, scientists, and avian veterinarians including: Sally Blanchard, Dr. Al Decoteau, Dr. Matthew Vriends, Liz Wilson, Dr. Keven Flammer, Dr. Branson Ritchie, Irene Pepperburg, Layne Dicker, Dr. Rose Marie Asterina and Dr. Donald Brightsmith.

In 1998 the RDCBS Bird Fair/Show introduced the first NCS Affiliated Cockatiel Show, coordinated by Keith Reimer. In 2002 the RDCBS Bird Fair/Show introduced the first ALBS Lovebird Show, coordinated by Wendy Edwards. In 2004 the RDCBS Bird Fair/Show introduced the first SPBE affiliated Parrot Show and affiliated IPS specialty show, coordinated by Ted Martin with assistance from Wendy Edwards and Leslie Huegerich. The RDCBS has depended on the hard work of many past and current directors, officers, and general members who have contributed substantially to the development and success of the RDCBS and its activities. Of course the most intensive effort of the year is our annual Bird Fair, which would not be possible without the hard work of many individuals, most notably the RDCBS Bird Fair/Show Committee Chairman, Cindy Chappell.

It is our hope that individuals attending this year's fair, perhaps even for the first time, will be writing the future history of the club. We invite you to become active in the RDCBS, to work toward its purposes and to surpass what has already been accomplished by our predecessors.



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A SAMPLING OF RDCBS' EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In large part, these contributions have come from the proceeds of our 16 previous pet bird fairs. Perhaps the most important contribution the RDCBS makes to Aviculture is public education through our various educational outreach activities. These activities range from single-member, free-lance volunteer efforts to large organized club events. Many individuals in the club accept invitations to present informal programs including live bird demonstrations for school classroom projects or field trips, nursing home entertainment, etc. If your school or organization would like to host an educational bird program, call Manon Angelo @ (919) 303-5233; info@wingspanaviaries.com or April Blazich @ (919) 851-8079; aprilb@bellsouth.net Of course, the largest educational program-exhibition sponsored by the RDCBS is our Annual Bird Fair, held on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend each May. An additional program/exhibit has become a major annual event for the RDCBS, at the NC State Fair each October.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR:

Our participation at the State Fair developed through contacts of the Fair staff with RDCBS member, April Blazich. Several years ago, the Fair developed a Tropical Garden next to the Flower Show. At this time the Superintendent of Grounds asked April to arrange a small exhibit of some tropical birds which would add to this popular corner of the Fair. What began as the occasional-presence of two people with a bird or two on the grass has evolved into a formal exhibit in a tent, meeting hundreds of people, from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm through out the duration of the NC State Fair.

CALL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS:

The RDCBS believes that public education is the best way to preserve and promote aviculture (the care and breeding of captive birds), to promote conservation of birds in their native lands, and to ensure that owners of pet birds have adequate knowledge to provide proper nutrition, housing, and socialization for their pets. By becoming involved as an Educational Outreach Volunteer, you can help to fulfill these educational purposes of the RDCBS. **SO, ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THE RDCBS TEAM AND VOLUNTEER? HERE'S HOW – Just contact any of the RDCBS Club Board Members or Elected Officers listed in this book and we will be happy to get you started.**

ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED BY RDCBS BIRD FAIRS

Since its inception, the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society has contributed over \$51,500 in support of avian veterinary research, parrot conservation, and/or public education pertaining to same. In large part, these contributions have come from the proceeds of our sixteen previous pet bird fairs.

The RDCBS has contributed to organizations such as Veterinary Colleges across the Country, Dr. Donald Brightsmith of Duke University, Dr. Branson Ritchie, and Mary Bradford for the support of "The Tropics", LSU Foundation, Comparative Medicine Fund, Duke University, NC Zoological Society, RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, Bahama Parrot Conservation Project.

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To Forget and to Forgive

By: Dave Gulick

The phone rang, and I yelled to my fully-flighted five-year-old greenwing macaw, "Belle, be a good girl, I'll be right back! I left the kitchen for less than two minutes, and when I returned, something felt wrong. Then I noticed it - a bottle of prescription medicine for our dog was missing from the kitchen counter. Running to the den, I found that Belle had eaten Rimadyl, an anti-inflammatory medicine for a 45-pound dog. Moving closer I saw small bits of medicine coming out of her beak.

"Open your mouth, Belle," I said in a tone, which was familiar to her. She let me search her beak - nothing left. Though it was already 6 p.m., an hour past the vet's closing time, thankfully, she answered the phone at the clinic. "Get her here as fast as you can," came the concerned reply.

Twelve long minutes later, we were there. A tremendous sense of urgency was in the air, and Belle was rushed to the back, as the vet said, "I hope we can save her life." I was alone in the waiting room, hearing Belle's screams and the vet's curses. I tried hard to stay calm amidst my frantic feelings. Suddenly, after a seeming eternity, there was silence. I waited. Then the door opened and the vet appeared, looking as if she had just boxed 15 rounds. "We purged her crop for the medicine, and I think she'll be all right." Then she returned to the treatment room, got Belle and brought her out to me - slightly bloody at the beak from the tube that had gone down her throat, her feathers matted and broken. She looked exhausted and beaten.

Final instructions from the vet as I left were to watch my bird closely, let her know if anything unusual happened, and know that Belle would need lots of rest. I had never felt so bad - for Belle, for the vet, for myself. I couldn't believe I had left Belle alone with the dog medicine within reach.

Belle rallied through the next day. The following day, she was back to her old self. Now came the next big test. I had to bring her back to the vet, the same one who had wrestled with her to stick a tube down her throat. I'd often heard how parrots never forget nor forgive.

I was anxious when I walked into the vet's office, but I calmly talked to Belle about how the vet wouldn't hurt her, and how she had actually saved her life. Soon the door opened; in walked the vet. Belle puffed up her feathers, but when she heard the soft reassuring voice of the vet, Belle calmed down. To my total amazement, without prompting from anyone, she put her foot forward, going right to the vet's hand. But the most miraculous example of forgiveness was yet to come. Belle leaned forward and gently kissed the vet.

Dave Gulick is a member of the RDCBS, and is an author of several Children's books featuring Belle, his Greenwing Macaw and her amazing adventures.



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GETTING READY FOR BIRDIE TO COME HOME

By: Gena Everhart and Laura Marquis

Ok, you've done all of your research. You have learned what kind of bird suits you and your family's needs. Now it's time to prepare for your new arrival. Below are commonly asked questions from new bird owners.

Frequently asked questions

What type of cage should I provide and how should I set it up? The cage will be your bird's home. It provides a place to live, security and comfort. A bird's physical and mental health is also dependent on their homes. The cage should supply the following:

"Room to stretch" meaning the cage should be large enough for the bird to completely stretch and flap its wings without touching any part of the cage. The largest cage one can possibly afford is always best.

A cage door large enough for the bird to enter and exit easily. You will be glad you spent a little extra money on this feature.

Many cages suitable for small birds come with "guillotine" style doors. Not the best choice in door styles, these can usually be altered to open out to the side instead of sliding up and down.

Food and water dishes. These should be placed conveniently near but not directly below perches. If placed in the smaller type doors that hold food and water cups its important not to place a perch over the dishes. This will prevent the birds' droppings from contaminating the food and water. The dishes should be cleaned with soap and water at least twice a week. Water can also be kept clean by converting to the use of a water bottle such as those used for other small animals. Water bottles, including the tube should be scrubbed with a bottle brush, soap and water twice a week as well.

A removable tray at the bottom is preferable for easy cleaning. For the benefit of you and your pet bird, cleaning and disinfecting the cage should be done at least once a week. This is important to prevent illness. No sharp objects, loose or broken cage wires, or rough edges. A rectangular shaped cage will be much preferred by parrots. Cylindrical, tall shapes (or tall, round shapes) are not as functional due to the fact that parrots move from side to side, not up and down. Additional height may be necessary if your parrot has a long tail. Bar spacing should be narrow enough so that the bird cannot poke its head through the bars. For Parrotlets, Parakeets and Lovebirds bar spacing should be no more than 1/2" apart. For Cockatiels, conures, Lories and Senegal's bar spacing should be no more than 1/2" to 3/4". For African Greys, Amazons, Macaws and Cockatoos bar spacing should be no more than 3/4" to 1 1/4"

A variety of toys should be supplied or added in the cage and out of the cage. Parrots enjoy chewing and it is a natural behavior for them, so it is only logical to provide them with safe toys that can be chewed and yes....even destroyed. Plastic toys are okay for some of the smaller species such as budgies and cockatiels, but they will always prefer the chewable toys over plastic. Toys or items to keep their active minds busy are vital to a bird's mental health. They are intelligent creatures that love toys that require thought.

Baths. Most Parrots enjoy a bath. Offering a bathing dish/pan may be cheerfully accepted. A spray mister is another way of offering baths. They should receive a bath at least 3 times a week, though misting daily will not be unappreciated. This is especially true when birds are molting as they need the extra moisture to combat dry, itchy developing feathers.

Plenty of out of cage time. A bird's natural instinct is flight/freedom. A pet parrot kept continually caged will not be a happy pet. Rest is also very important. If your bird is in the main family room, provide a cover for its cage, develop a bedtime routine and follow it. Birds need at least 10-12 hours sleep each night without disturbances. A cage cover will help accomplish this.

What should I feed my bird?

A variety of foods is very important for a bird's nutritional needs. Provide vegetables which are dark green, (as in spinach), or orange (as in sweet potato, carrots, tops also), and fruit for those that will accept it.

Wash vegetables and fruits thoroughly, feed the freshest possible, and always remove the uneaten portions after a few hours. Table foods, including lean meats, are acceptable provided you exclude those with heavy seasonings, fatty and salty foods, and those with excessive sugar or chemicals. Also avoid, chocolate, foods and beverages containing caffeine and avocados which are toxic to birds.

Nutritionally complete pellets should be offered as approximately 80% of the bird's diet. These can be supplemented with about 10% seeds. Seeds should be dust free and fresh. The other 10% of the diet should come from vegetables and fruit including table foods as outlined above.

Water should be kept plentiful, clean and fresh. For healthy birds receiving a nutritional diet, vitamins are not necessary, but can be added if you'd like, preferably to soft foods. Cooked eggs provide many nutrients and are accepted readily by most parrots. You may offer the shell for extra calcium provided it is well cooked. Be sure to rinse the empty shell and run through the microwave for 1 minute to kill any possible bacteria. Crush shell before adding to food. Healthy bird treats or snacks that do not contain preservatives. Millet sprays are a favorite but should only be offered as a treat.

Other helpful items include: T-stands, play stands (floor or table top models), or any type of activity center for out of cage entertainment. A sturdy pet carrier for trips. There are a huge variety to choose from.

Should I quarantine my new bird?

We are all anxious to get our new companion home and start our relationship. Stop and consider the benefits of quarantining. First and foremost, if you have other birds in your home, quarantining your bird in a separate space is very important. The biggest misconception people have is "this bird doesn't look sick, it must be ok". What many people don't realize is that like humans, birds can carry viruses etc. While other birds at home are healthy and the bird you are bringing home is healthy as well, they may not share the same immunities. This can lead to new exposures and cause a new or existing bird to become ill.

Moving a bird into a new environment also puts stress on a bird's immune system, which will make it harder for the bird to build up immunities in the beginning. Other benefits to quarantining a new arrival are that the bird is frightened and needs time to get used to its new surroundings and family. A quiet room without a lot of movement during the adjustment (quarantine) time gives the bird a chance to slowly listen to the new sounds, smell the new smells and see the new sights of its environment. By the time the quarantine time has passed (4 to 6 weeks), the bird will be anxious to see what all the new sounds and smells are about. It will give your existing birds a chance to call to the new arrival and let them be aware of each other's presence without the existing bird feeling threatened by the new arrival. During quarantine be sure to spend lots of time getting to know your friend. It is best to have your new companion checked by a qualified avian veterinarian before introducing him to other birds in your home. Birds quite naturally hide illness. A perfectly healthy appearing bird could actually have been carrying an illness for a while.

Where is the best place for my new bird?

Location, Location, Location. At least that's what the realtors tell us. The same holds true for our birds. Never place a cage directly on the floor, near heating/air conditioning vents, drafts, or in direct sunlight. These can result in illness for your bird. Drafts are to be avoided at all costs. If you must place the cage near an air conditioning/heating vent, use a deflector to direct air away from the cage. Many are tempted to place their bird in the kitchen. However, have you considered the fumes from cooking that will irritate your bird? Since the kitchen is often the ideal area for preparing chemical cleansers for use in the household, a bird placed in the kitchen will be exposed to cleanser fumes as well. If we occasionally burn something on the stove, the bird is exposed to the smoke and fumes from that. Many of us have "self cleaning ovens" which means Teflon. Teflon when heated over 450 deg. F puts off a toxic gas which we can not see or smell but it is very deadly to our birds. This also means Teflon cookware should be passed on to someone without birds in their homes. Use only cookware that does not have a Teflon coating. Remember that the best cage location is in the heart of the home where most of the family gathers to spend time. If placing a bird in front of a window, consider drafts that may come through the window. Keep in mind that ALL birds love to chew wood. Watch out for those tempting window frames and moldings! If the room is carpeted, consider using plastic desk chair mats, plastic carpet floor runners or inexpensive cotton throw rugs in front of the cage for easy clean up. Newspapers are another disposable option for protection of your floor.

What size and type perches should I provide?

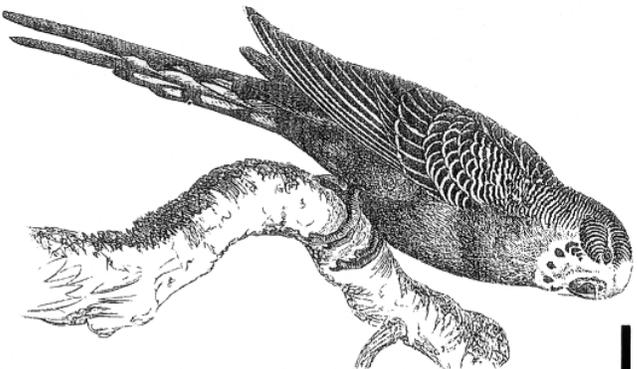
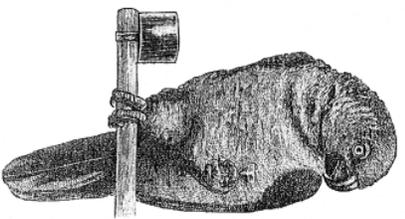
It is important to provide a variety of perches of different types. Birds stand up all of the time, even when they sleep! If you stood on your feet your entire life in the same pair of shoes, your feet and legs would suffer the consequences. The same is true for birds and their perches. They need different types of perches to exercise their feet and legs, provide a variety of entertainment and avoid sores from forming. There are many different types of perches available- natural wood, dowel, rope, concrete, lava rock, plastic or rubber. The concrete or lava rock perches are great for keeping claws smooth, though you should always keep a watch on the length of the nails as long, sharp claws can become caught in objects and result in injury. Do not rely solely on Concrete or Lava Rock perches as they can dry out a bird's feet and possibly cause sores to form on their feet.

The following is a guide for perch sizes that are appropriate for different types of birds

Finch to Parakeets	½" to 1"
Lovebirds, Cockatiels, Conures, Pionus and Lory	¾" to 1½"
Amazons, Mini Macaws, Eclectus and Cockatoos	1½" to 2 ½"
Large Cockatoos, Large Macaws	2" to 3"

Your bird's foot should be able to wrap around to cover approximately 2/3rds of the perch. Be sure to place the perches far enough apart that their tails do not touch the sides of the cage or other perches. This will prevent damaged or broken tail feathers. Place one perch in front of their food/water dishes to ensure them a comfortable place to sit while eating and drinking.

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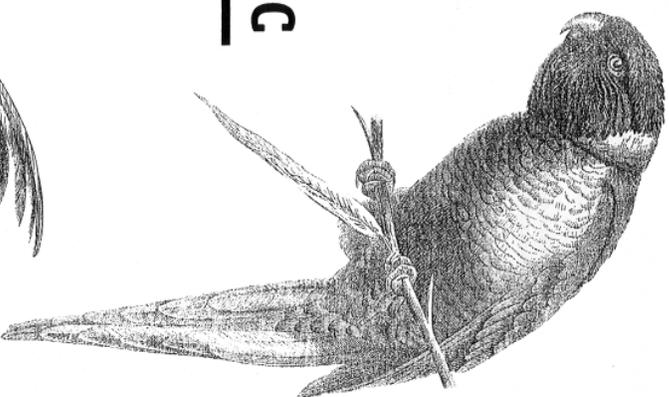
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The battle for Amor -

Nest site battles in the Peruvian Amazon

By Justin Wilson and Dr. Don Brightsmith

Amor is the Spanish word for love, but what a misnomer that turned out to be. There was a battle being waged at Amor and lives were at stake. Amor is a wooden nest box inhabited by a pair of wild Scarlet Macaws, deep in the heart of the Peruvian Amazon. The research team had been talking about it for four days already, and I needed to go see the spectacle for myself. I planned to observe and climb the nest to check the status of the two chicks but the morning was not looking too promising due to the lead-gray sky and heavy tropical rain.

The nest at Amor is one of many that are part of an ongoing project at the Tambopata Research Center in the Tambopata National Reserve at the border of the Bahuaja-Sonene National Park in southeastern Peru. The project aims to learn more about the nesting habits of the three large macaw species (Ara ararauna - Blue and Gold; Ara chloroptera - Green-winged and; Ara macao - Scarlet Macaw). At the same time, new techniques for artificial nests are being studied that can be applied to other sites with small or decreasing populations of these beautiful birds. The presence of the successfully nesting Scarlets at Amor is a testament to the success of the project.

The pair was first seen inhabiting the nest November 4th of 2001. Within four days the first egg was laid, and on the 25th a total of five eggs were noted. The first hungry, hairless, closed-eyed chick hatched December 5th. It was quickly followed by another mouth to feed on the 7th, and a third was added after only a few more days. By then the load on the parents to feed and preen their young was significant. On the 30th of December the researchers made a sad but expected discovery, the third chick was dead. This seems to be typical of the large macaws here, regardless of how many hatch, parental choices and sibling competition mean that only one or occasionally two chicks survive. The two older chicks were apparently the lucky ones, but how lucky were they?

In a tall emergent tree not too far from Amor, a pair of Green-winged Macaws (Ara chloroptera) was beginning their own family; but this pair was different. The male, named Ascensio, was born in late December of 1992. He was an unfortunate younger chick that would have died, but instead he became one of 25 macaw chicks that were saved and hand raised by researchers at Tambopata Research Center. From 1992 to 1994 researchers rescued chicks in an effort to develop techniques to increase the survival rates of the younger nestlings. What resulted were 'chicos', semi-tame macaws that frequently returned to the lodge (Tambopata Research Center) to snatch a pancake from someone's plate, steal the soap from the sink, or visit unsuspecting guests in their rooms. Despite retaining this interest in humans, all thirteen of the chicos that remain alive today have taken wild mates and get nearly all of their food from the wild.

At first all was fine. Ascensio was living in a wooden nest box named Cabezón, which incidentally is a wooden box that looks exactly like Amor. He and his wild partner laid their first egg on November 15. By the 25th two more eggs had arrived; but sadly when we returned to the nest on the 28th of the same month with hopes of seeing a new chick or two, all three eggs were broken. Our only guess was predation. Observations continued. Ascensio was seen on December 18th defending a natural tree cavity, another potential nest site, just 5 meters away from Cabezon in the same tree. Ascensio stayed in the area switching between the natural nest and the nest box for weeks. Finally the pair left the tree entirely on January 28th, and within 3 days things started to happen, things we never would have predicted.

Battles at nests between large macaw species have been noted in the past, but not with any great frequency. In Manu national park two Blue-and-Gold Macaws were seen attacking a single Scarlet parent with two chicks. At one point the parent left the nest, giving free range to the attackers who kicked out the larger chick. The chick fell to its death 17 meters below, and the second was 'forced to fledge prematurely' (Munn, National Geographic Jan. 1994). Strangely the new occupants of the nest only stayed for a few days then left.

Another battle occurred at the Tambopata Research Center sometime before November 1999. All we know of this event is that a pair of Scarlets was made to leave their nest by a pair of Green-wings. Whether or not there were chicks present is unknown. What is known is that Green-wings are much larger than Scarlets, making a nest battle rather unfair. The Scarlets weigh about 1 kilogram (2.2 lbs) while the Green-wings may weigh as much as half again as much (1.5 kg or 3 lbs).

The battle at Amor is documented to have begun the 31st of January when project assistants Hans and Daphne went to the nest to take measurements of the two Scarlet chicks. When they arrived, Ascensio was perched on top of the nest and the parents were loudly squawking from a nearby branch. From another branch, Ascensio's wild partner was quietly watching. The parents, with the help of another scarlet, possibly a chick of a past year, began to fight with the fearless chico for their home and more importantly for the little ones peacefully waiting inside. Soon two more Scarlets arrived and instead of helping their species relatives, began to attack the parents. Twice, the Scarlets were seen fighting with each other in the air - their feet apparently locked together in a spin of red wings resembling a crashing helicopter. Ascensio, still perched on top of the nest, watched quietly, that is until Hans began to climb the rope to retrieve the chicks. The chicks were lowered and all necessary data was taken. Daphne then raised the chicks back to Hans and they were gently returned to the nest. At this time Ascensio returned with a fruit in his mouth and entered the nest.

Hans rappelled to the forest floor and the parents returned to resume fighting.

On February 2nd Hans and Daphne again went to the nest to examine the chicks. Ascensio was seen inside the nest with the chicks who appeared to be unscathed. At one point while Ascensio was outside the nest, the parents began to fight with him. One got the attention of the aggressive chico, while the other entered the nest; but this victory was short-lived.

The next day in the morning Ascensio was again seen on top of the nest. He did eventually leave and a Scarlet stuck its head out of the nest hole. Later in the afternoon when a photographer returned to take pictures of the fighting macaws, all was quiet. Upon his return, he informed the research team that 'it looks like the Scarlets have given up.

The battle for Amor—(continued)

By the time I arrived on the 4th, I assumed I would find two dead Scarlet chicks and two new nest owners. The latter appeared likely and the former was an unfortunate inevitability. When we approached, Ascencio, as always, was perched on top of the nest. As I began to climb I noticed there were a total of 5 Scarlets and 4 Green Wings in the area. Upon opening the bottom door of the nest, I was overcome with sadness. The two chicks were clearly afraid, which is not usually the case, and very thin as they had not been fed in days; but they still lacked any cuts or wounds. While I was hanging at the nest, Ascencio was close by in a neighboring tree and twice fought off the parents.

As I watched moments later from below, two Scarlets returned to the nest without any objection from Ascencio. In fact, at one point while Ascencio was perched at his usual spot, a Scarlet entered the nest and another sat quietly with Ascencio. Was there hope for the chicks? Apparently not, as these were not the parents, but presumably the two Scarlets that had joined Ascencio in ousting the original parents. He was quick to object when the real parents returned. As to why Ascencio permitted the others to enter, I have no idea; but clearly the battle for Amor has been lost by its original owners. As for the chicks...

we can easily assume what would have happened to them. Three days before the documented start of the battle, the weight of both chicks was around 900g. By the 3rd of February, six days later, their weight had dropped to a mere 650g. A continued decrease was an obvious trend; but one that maybe could have been altered if the project decided to intervene.

The morning of February 6th had an air of urgency when Dr. Donald Brightsmith, the project's coordinator, discussed the plans for the chicks' rescue and the means of their possible safe return to their parents. One team quickly headed to Amor to save the dying chicks, while another went to retrieve an unused PVC nest box from a distant tree.

The chicks were very dehydrated and full of parasites. They were cold and would not eat, and their weights had dropped to 570g. Researchers began the slow, often frustrating process of trying to bring the chicks back to health.

The PVC nest box was to become part of an experiment. In order for the chicks to return to their parents, something would have to be done with Ascencio. Give him the nest he had been successfully dominating, and place a different style nest, one of PVC, in the same tree for the parents to find. Could it work? Would the chicks even survive long enough to be returned to their parents? So many questions were asked, but all we could do was wait.

On February 8th chick 1, given the name, Sinbad, died. He never ate well and never recovered. Chick 2, Lola, was doing better. She was eating well and her weight was increasing. She was responding to macaws flying close to the lodge and eventually she perched on her box. Her return to the wild was soon to come and it appeared that it would be a successful one.

Brief observations at the battle sight after the chicks' removal showed only silence and a general absence of Ascencio. So on February 9th the new PVC nest was hung on a branch in the same tree about 20 ft from Amor and Lola was placed inside. The goal was twofold, one to save the chick that everyone had fallen in love with, and two to see if this technique could be used to move a Scarlet Macaw chick to a new nest and have the parents follow it. If successful, this experiment could give researchers another tool to use to help save macaws throughout the tropics.

The researchers climbed twice a day to feed Lola in the hopes that her presence and audible begging would attract her parents back to feed her, but the parents were defeated. Although they were seen in the area they were unable, or unwilling to approach the nest and save their bedraggled chick. Ascencio had not given up and remained in the area jealously guarding Amor. Meanwhile the other pair of Scarlets moved in and took possession of the new PVC box with Lola inside. Then on Feb 13th Daphne discovered a key piece of the mystery of why the other Scarlet pair was tolerated by Ascencio. As she climbed to the box she exclaimed "the Scarlet has a band; it's a chico!!" This was the first time the researchers were close enough to see the shiny steel band around the right leg of the bird. But which one was it? Daphne tried to see the small number stamped in to the band but to no avail. As a last ditch effort Don sent her up the digital camera and asked her to take photos to see if this would give any indication of the identity of the mystery bird.

Back in the office Don fired up his laptop and downloaded the photos. As he looked at the head and beak for characteristic marks Daphne chimed in and said, "look you can see the band." And could you ever. Zooming in on the band showed that the number side was visible, one more zoom and there it was. Clear as day, "004." This was the chico known as Macario. This chico had not been seen since before 1998 and was presumed dead. Also the researchers quickly realized that this chick was born on almost the exact same day as Ascencio and the were raised together as part of the group of 17 birds at Tambopata Research Center in 1993. These two birds obviously had a long history.

For the chick, the history meant nothing. The reality was that the combination of Macario, Ascencio and their mates were too much for the parents to overcome. The fate of the chick was sealed it was just a matter of waiting. Fortunately the wait was not a long one: on February 15th, the rain started and wouldn't stop. For two days it rained. When the researchers finally climbed to the box on the 17th they found Lola cold, wet and dead on the bottom of the box. It was a sad day for all of us at Tambopata Research Center.

What is even sadder is that we have no explanation as to why this strange battle took place. Macaw egg laying typically ends in December or early January with chicks fledging sometime during February and March. Why did Ascencio want to take over an occupied nest in late January? If he was so eager to take over the nest why did he and his mate abandon the nest by late February without ever laying eggs? Why were two chicks lost at the battle for Amor? Simple questions with very elusive answers.

Biographies

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GROOMING YOUR BIRD

By: Dr. Greg Burkett, Board Certified Avian Veterinarian

Grooming your bird includes trimming its wings and nails, filing its beak, preening your bird and bathing your bird. Grooming your bird gives you a chance to spend quality time with your bird and helps you to form a stronger bond with your pet.

Clipping your bird's wings serves several purposes. The taming process is much easier and faster with their wings clipped and you have better control over your bird while taming it. Wing trimming will also prevent your bird from flying into objects such as windows or mirrors and injuring itself.

Although wing clipping is necessary for all pet birds, it does remove one of the exercise modalities that birds depend on. Therefore, it is important for you as a responsible bird owner to offer your bird an alternative exercise method. We recommend a cage large enough for your bird to climb around in, with several different toys to encourage play. We also feel it is important that you have your bird out of its cage as often as possible. A good place for the bird to play when it is out of its cage is on a playpen. There are several different varieties on the market now. Some companies will even custom build them to your specifications. Avian Treasures custom builds great playpens and offers several types for birds of all sizes. A playpen provides your bird with a place of his own where he can exercise and play without being confined to his cage. Birds with clipped wings will almost always stay on their playpens, especially if the playpen offers a lot to keep them occupied.

Several different methods of wing clipping are in print and everyone has their own opinion on the correct method. The method we have found that works the best is to clip the outer primaries of BOTH wings, below the level of the primary coverts. The number to remove on each side varies with species as well as individually. The primaries must be cut because they are the feathers that give lift when the bird flaps its wings. The secondary flight feathers should be left intact to give some air resistance in case the bird falls. It is important to trim both wings so the bird is able to maintain its balance. We do not recommend plucking the feathers because they will grow back out in six weeks and it is a very uncomfortable experience for the bird. It is important to remember that clipped feathers will molt out and new ones will replace them within a few months. When the new feathers grow in they contain a pulp consisting of blood vessels and nerves. You should not clip the blood feathers because they will bleed profusely and cause the bird a lot of pain, stress, and blood loss. It is best to wait until the feathers are fully mature before clipping the wings again.

Some birds are very strong fliers and may still be able to fly even after being clipped. So, do not risk taking the bird outside, trusting the wing clip, only to have something suddenly scare your bird, and cause it to fly off into the wild blue yonder. You will be left standing there with your mouth open, thinking --"But,But,...s/he was clipped!" I have seen it happen, with no matter as to the tameness of the bird. Just as a side thought, please do not put those nasty leg chains on your bird. They will invariably lead to a broken leg.

Trimming your birds' nails also serves several purposes. When their nails become too long perching is uncomfortable and it may lead to more serious foot problems. Long sharp nails are also uncomfortable to you when your bird perches on your bare skin. Long nails may also become snagged in toys, clothing or on a cage and can result in serious leg or foot injuries.

When trimming your bird's nails it is important to remember that each nail has a blood and a nerve supply called the quick. Remember that the quick grows with the nail and an overgrown nail will have a longer quick. If you trim the nail too far back and cut the quick, it will bleed and will be painful to the bird. Any amount of blood loss, however small, is significant and should be stopped immediately with pressure and a styptic compound.

The beak also has a quick like the nails and the same precautions should be considered when correcting the beak length. If your bird has plenty of toys to chew on, a Polly Perfect or lava rock perch to rub its beak on, and its beak is growing normally, it should not be necessary to trim the beak. It may be necessary, however, to file the tip with an emery board or nail file to dull the point or shorten its length slightly. If the beak is growing too fast or growing abnormally, you should see your avian veterinarian to determine the cause and cure.

Wing, nail and beak trimming are simple procedures. If you are inexperienced with how to perform them, then have your avian veterinarian show you the proper instruments needed and the correct method of trimming. Once you have done it a few times it becomes easier. I recommend, however, that owners let others do the grooming so their bird does not become distrustful to the owner.

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LETTER TO MASTER

Author Unknown

To: Master of the house

From: Dog.

Subject: That Parrot.

Master: That Parrot is despicable. She doesn't do any tricks and never comes when you call. And I've been there --- I know she can hear you. We need to face facts: It's time to get rid of that Parrot! Before the Parrot's arrival, meals were very festive times. I would sit and stare attentively at your lips, trembling slightly and drooling. You would play the game of pretending to be cross and demand that I leave the area; but, whenever you cooked dinner, your children would slip me food under the table. Now, though, the Parrot is allowed to jump on the table - actually physically walk on the table AND eat from your plate! You don't yell at the Parrot, you just pick her up and put her back on the cage. Or worse yet, you giggle and give her more! And I know you don't see it, but she always gives me a haughty look as she walks past me. When you are not in the room, she blows raspberries at me and laughs!

And speaking of meals, I have always been satisfied to eat the gritty pellets of meat byproducts you bring home in the giant bags, right? Have I ever once, ever, failed to finish a meal? But now I find out that the Parrot is being served fresh veggies and fruit - and she never consumes all of it! In fact, she throws over half of it on the floor! This means there are always little bits of delectable snacks lying all around. How can I be blamed for making sure they get eaten? Why do you get so mad? As long as the pet food is going to the pets, isn't that what's important?

Then there's play time. I think we can clearly see that I am a big dog, descended from a noble line of hunters accustomed to chasing prey and attacking it. Haven't I nearly managed to take down a few cars as they've driven past the house?

The Parrot is about the size of a squirrel and in my view should behave like one, but when I walk near. Instead, she opens that big beak and nips at me! You'd have a fit if I tried that.

Do you realize that the Parrot goes to the bathroom in the house? She poops anywhere she pleases! Not in the drinking basins like you do - nothing is off limits when she's out or her cage! This can't be sanitary. I'm very concerned about the potential for damage to the furniture and carpeting. What are we going to say if visitors come over and want to sit on the couch and the Parrot has been using it as a toilet? I used to police the thing for you, but you put it up out of my reach for some reason. I'm not even allowed to sleep on it when no one is around. I'm not the only one who believes the Parrot is an evil person.

Here's a note from the hamster:

To: Master of the house

From: Hamster. Subject: Parrot.

Please tell Parrot to stop staring at me while I work. Signed, Hamster, Department of Rodent Wheels

I also tried to get a note from the fish, but apparently they believe that everything happening outside their tank is some kind of reality-TV show. They feel all smug since they have a fitted sun roof over their heads.

I don't understand why the Parrot is allowed up on your shoulder and I'm not even allowed on your lap. I am far cuddlier than any stupid Parrot. I think her noises are unhealthy and may be a sign of tourettes syndrome. And why does she get so many baths? She never does anything that remotely raises a sweat or gets her dirty or smelly. Yet you take her in the shower with you all the time and even sing to her! All I ever get is a cold hosing out in the yard - in front of the neighbors even!

And speaking of sleeping, sometimes I'll be taking a nap and she'll land beside me and start screeching like a fire alarm. Usually I'm too tired to do anything about it, but then later the other dogs smell her on me or spot a feather on my back and crack a lot of jokes at my expense. It's just not fair.

So you see dear master, I am not exaggerating. The Parrot has brought the family to complete ruin. I'm sorry I have to be the one to bring it to your attention, but now that I have, I think we can all agree that we should go back to the way it was, when I was the No. 1 pet in this house.

Yours truly, The Dog

"Finding Nico"

by: Carol Wilson

Parrots are the only pets that can live forever... well almost. Many of our beloved pets will undoubtedly outlive us. That's why we should make plans for their future. Most parrots don't stay in one home for their entire life even though many would love to do just that. I cannot stress how important it is for bird owners to think carefully before buying a pet bird. With that said, I'd like to emphasize the fact that there are many, many birds out there in need of adoption.

I have owned pet birds for almost 20 years now and I must hand it to my husband for being such a good sport. It seems that every bird that comes to live with us takes an unusual liking to me. Sure, there are several that will tolerate him. Many will take food if he offers it but none will shower him with the love they do me. He has always expressed an interest in having a bird all his own. Not a sissy bird mind you, but a REAL bird. Something like an Amazon. I thought to myself "that will be the day." Well, never say never...

Several months ago, I learned of a person who had an older Double Yellow Headed Amazon that they were trying to place in a suitable home. This bird was said to have a reputation for hating women. Hey, this might be the answer! I contacted the owner and made arrangements for Nico to come live with us. The first few days, Nico stayed to himself and proceeded to show off his great vocabulary and singing skills. His favorite song being "Old MacDonald Had A Farm." After several days, my husband got up enough nerve to approach the bird and Nico hopped on his shoulder. My husband called for me in a trembling voice to "come see." As I approached him, Nico began to do his Amazon "display" to warn me that this guy was his! My husband was so excited, but he didn't know what to do. I had to tell him to calm down. The bird had chosen him and he wasn't going to hurt him. After waiting nearly 20 years, my husband finally had a bird to call his own.

This goes to show that there is a bird out there for everyone. Sometimes, an older bird makes the perfect pet as shown here. Keep in mind that a 2nd hand bird will come with baggage and you should be prepared for all that implies. Patience is the key to happiness for both you and the bird. If you can show love and patience for an adopted bird, you will both benefit in the long run. Please consider adoption as an option when getting a bird. Also, please provide a written plan of your wishes for your bird's future in the event that the bird outlives you. It just might happen!

The RDCBS Leg-Band Directory

In order to encourage the use of closed leg-bands by RDCBS members who breed birds for sale, and to facilitate the tracking of lost-and-found birds which have originated from its members, the RDCBS has compiled the accompanying Directory of members who raise closed-banded birds, and the leg band breeder-codes used by these members.

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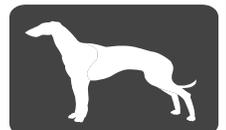
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Mother Parrot's Advice to her Children Ganda, Africa Translated by A.K. Nyabongo

Never get up till the sun gets up,
Or the mists will give you a cold,
And a parrot whose lungs have once
been touched Will never live to be old.
Never eat plums that are not quite ripe,
For perhaps they will give you a pain:
And never dispute what the hornbill says,
Or you'll never dispute again.
Never despise the power of speech:
Learn every word as it comes,
For this is the pride of the parrot race,
That it speaks in a thousand tongues.
Never stay up when the sun goes down,
But sleep in your own home bed,
And if you've been good, as a parrot should,
You will dream that your tail is red.

“When should I bring my bird to the vet?”

By: Dr. Carol Bradford M.S., D.V.M.

Is a question we hear often from concerned bird owners confused about the medical needs of their pet. Many people have heard conflicting thoughts from different sources. In most cases, we recommend routine twice-yearly physical exams, to identify and treat problems early. You may have heard that dogs “age” seven years for every one human year. Most birds also “age” more quickly than humans, making twice yearly complete physical exams a vital part of their health care plan. Fecal gram stains are typically done at each of these visits. The fecal gram stain is a test for intestinal parasites and a screening of the number and type of gastrointestinal bacteria. New pets should be seen as soon as possible, preferably before bringing it into a home with other birds.

You may have also heard that early detection is vitally important in human medicine. Well, the same is true for avian medicine. Birds tend to hide signs of illness until very late in the course of disease. In the wild, this is a defense mechanism to prevent predators or other members of the flock from identifying the sick bird as “easy prey”. Coming in for a thorough physical twice yearly allows the opportunity for us to identify a potential problem before it becomes very serious or life-threatening. Yearly blood work and polyoma vaccination is usually recommended. Even if you are very familiar with your bird and skilled at identifying serious illness, having a veterinarian check your bird every six months will help him to live a longer, healthier life.

We also receive a lot of calls about avian medical questions and whether or not it requires a trip in to see one of the veterinarians. Anytime a bird is lethargic, fluffed, weak, not eating, or not perching well is an emergency. Waiting to see if he “comes out of it” is risking your bird’s life. As stated above, a bird that is acting sick is usually very ill. A change of color or consistency of the droppings also should mean a trip to the vet, unless you know of a particular food item fed earlier could have caused this. In which case, closely monitoring the dropping for the next few hours-days is reasonable. Any bleeding that does not stop within about 1 minute needs to be addressed by a veterinarian. If you are not sure where bleeding is coming from, it is best to bring the bird in. Limping or a wing held out or drooping should be addressed as the bird may be in pain. Any burn or constriction type injury should be seen immediately, as these wounds can be more serious than they initially appear.

Many people also bring their birds in for grooming, instead of trying to accomplish wing and nail trims themselves. Grooming appointments (except beak trims) may be handled by our technicians. It is vitally important that the person who trims your bird’s wings and nails is well-trained to do so. Improper grooming can lead to itchiness and feather picking or severe falls. We can also track the weight of your bird at the time of a grooming appointment. Wing and nail trims are usually requested every 2-6 months.

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What kind of toys should I provide?

Wood, lots of wood. Birds chew. This helps keep their beak in shape and relieves stress and boredom. Toys provide mental and physical stimulation for your birds. There are a wide variety of toys on the market. A mix of easily destructible (paper, wood, etc.) and non-destructible toys (acrylic, non-zinc metal, etc.) is needed. Each bird has its own personality and you will have to try different toys to find which suits your companion.

Things to watch out for in toys.- first and foremost, zinc. Most cat /dog toys are made with zinc in the metal. Zinc is highly toxic to all birds. Be sure any metal used on bird toys is stainless steel or aluminum. Be sure to choose size-appropriate toys for your bird. A small toy for a budgie can provide a choking hazard to a macaw. Likewise, a large toy for a macaw can cause an opportunity for your small budgie or tiel to get its head or foot caught and injured. Non-perfumed toilet papers rolls or paper towel rolls are great for shredding. Rope toys provide hours of delight for birds to play on or preen. Be sure to remove frayed rope as a bird's head or feet can become entangled in the strings causing injury or death. All toys should be checked on a regular daily basis for safety. Be sure to watch your bird closely with its toys and determine which toys are appropriate for your bird. If you have several birds of about the same size, switch toys between the birds as long as they are still in good shape.

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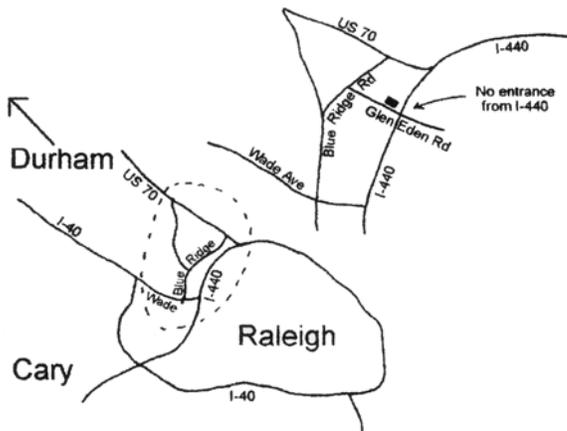
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The notes for each member contain abbreviations of the types of birds that members own or breed. A “b” after the abbreviation indicates the member breeds that bird. An “s” indicates the member shows that species in competitions.

Name	Abbr	Name	Abbr	Name	Abbr	Name	Abbr
African Grey, Congo	CAG	Cockatoo, Red Vent	RVC	Finch, Plumhead	PFN	Macaw, Yellow Collared	YCM
African Grey, Timneh	TAG	Cockatoo, Rose Breasted	RB2	Finch, Zebra	ZFN	Parakeet	KEET
Amazon	AM	Cockatoo, Sulpher-Crested	SC2	Grass Keet, Rosy Bourke	RBK	Parakeet, Alexindrine	AP
Amazon, Blue Front	BFA	Cockatoo, Umbrella	U2	Lorry, Rainbow	RL	Parakeet, Indian Ring Neck	IRN
Amazon, Double Yellow Head	DYH	Conure, Blue Crown	BC	Lovebird	LVB	Parakeet, Lineolated	LP
Amazon, Lilac Crowned	LCA	Conure, Cherry Head	CHC	Lovebird, Black Cheeked	BLB	Parrot, Brown Head	BH
Amazon, Orange Winged	OWA	Conure, Gold Capped	GCC	Lovebird, Fischers	FLB	Parrot, Hawkheaded	HH
Amazon, Red Lored	RLA	Conure, Green Cheeked	GC	Lovebird, Peach Faced	PLB	Parrot, Jardine	JP
Amazon, White Fronted	WFA	Conure, Half Moon	HMC	Macaw, Blue and Gold	B&G	Parrot, Meyers	MP
Amazon, Yellow Naped	YNA	Conure, Jenday	JC	Macaw, Blue Throated	BTM	Parrot, Quaker	QP
Caique	CQ	Conure, Nanday	NC	Macaw, Buffons	BM	Parrot, Senegal	SP
Caique, White Bellied	WCQ	Conure, Red Masked	RMC	Macaw, Catalina	CM	Parrotlet	PAR
Canary	CAN	Conure, Sun	SC	Macaw, Green Wing	GW	Parrotlet, Green Rump	GPL
Cockatiel	TIEL	Crimson Rosella	CR	Macaw, Hahns	HM	Parrotlet, Pacific	PPAR
Cockatoo	TOO	Dove	DV	Macaw, Illiger	HYM	Pidgeon, Jacobin	PJ
Cockatoo, Bare Eyed	BE2	Dove, Diamond	DD	Macaw, Military	MM	Pionus, Blue Head	BP
Cockatoo, Eleanora	E2	Eclectus, Soloman Island	SIE	Macaw, Red Front	RFM	Pionus, Bronze Wing	BWP
Cockatoo, Goffins	G2	Eclectus, Vosmaeri's	VE	Macaw, Scarlet	SM	Pionus, Maximilian	MMP
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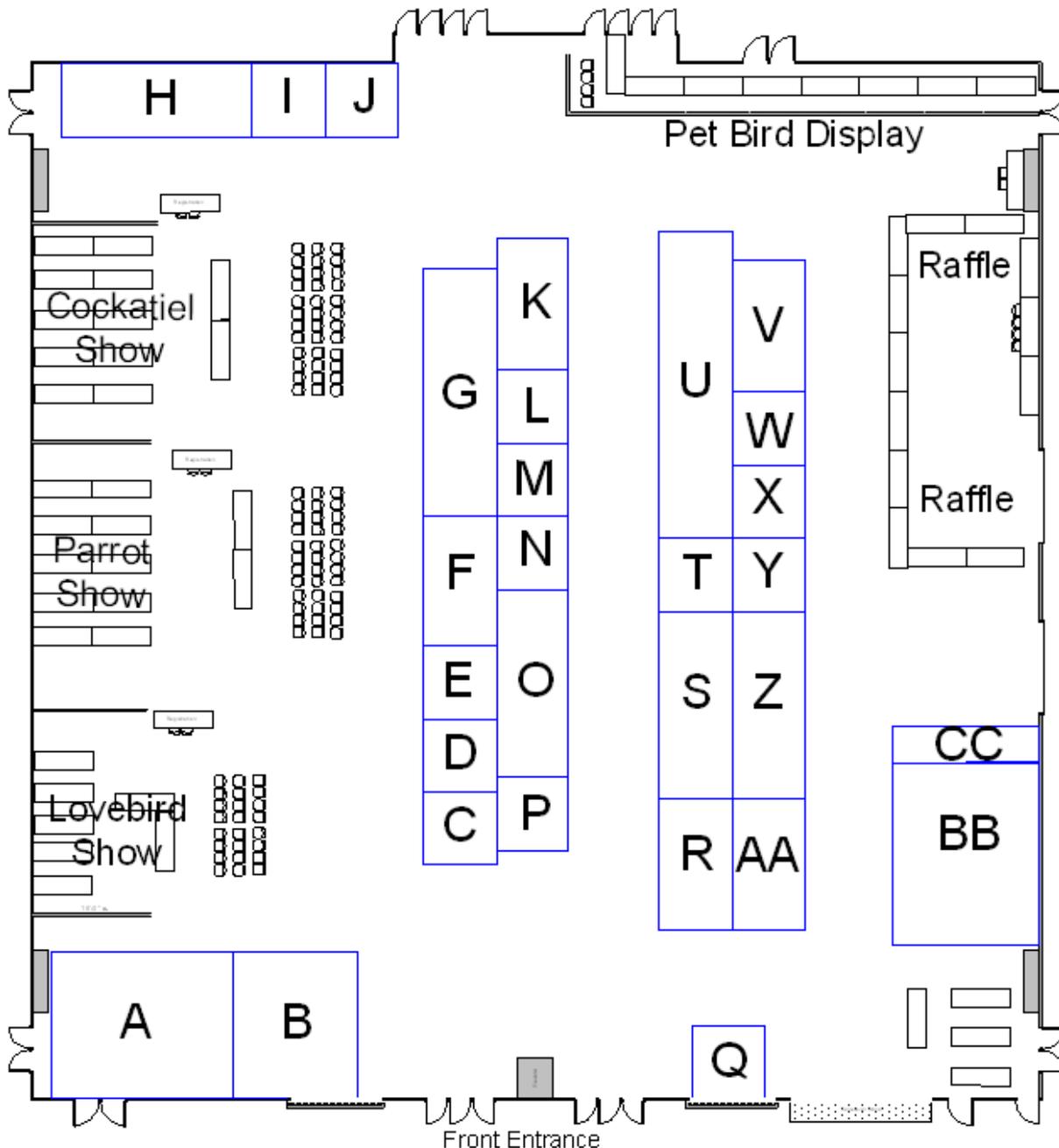
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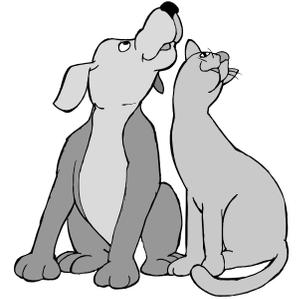
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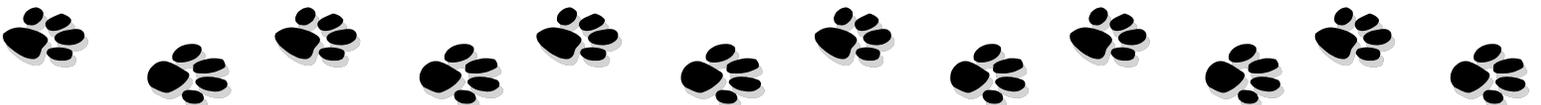
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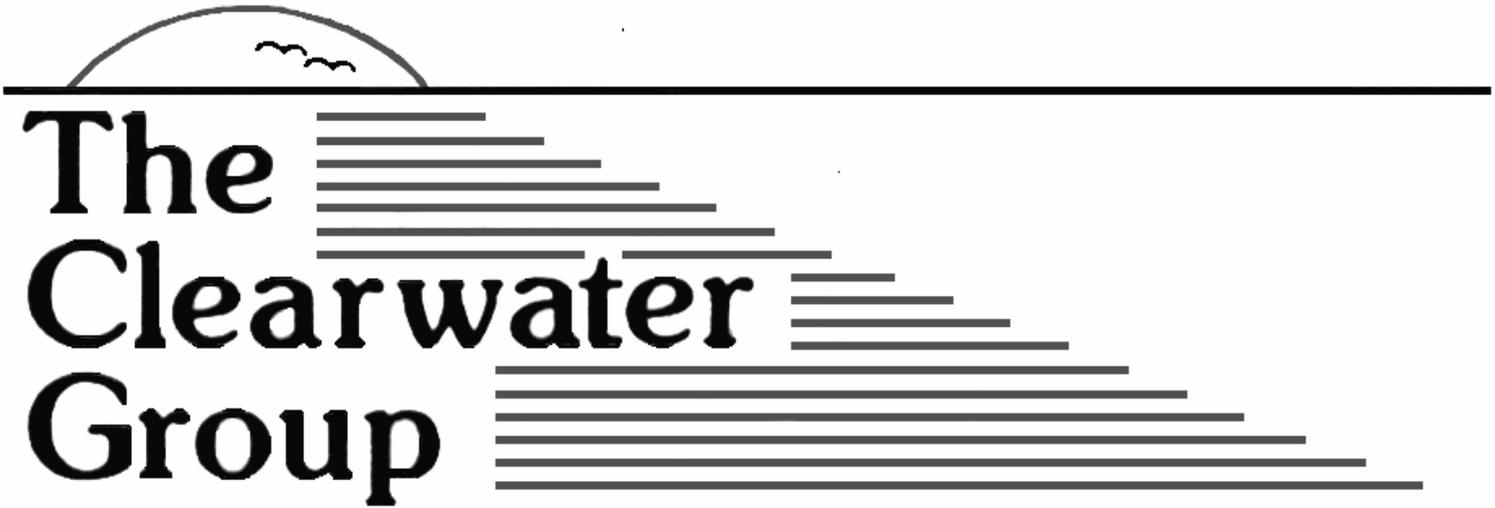
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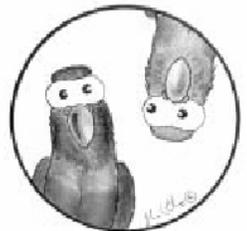
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