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A MESSAGE FROM THE FAIR CHAIRMAN

Welcome, I hope you enjoy our Twenty-fifth Annual Pet Bird Fair. I am sure it will be an enjoyable and educational experience. 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 care. If you haven't already, please consider joining the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society. The cost of membership is minimal in comparison to what you will learn and the friendships you will make with the fellow bird lovers in our club. I hope to see you at future meetings.

John Marquis, Bird Fair Chairman, RDCBS

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THE RDCBS 2013 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome, everyone, to the 25th annual Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society Pet Bird Fair! When RDCBS was founded and held the first ever pet bird Fair, its purpose is to help educate the public about birds and their care, as well as providing an opportunity for bird lovers to interact and have fun while shopping and exchanging stories and ideas. Over the years it has grown into a day-long celebration of all things "bird" with plenty of things to see and do for everyone to enjoy.

Please take the time to visit with our terrific group of vendors. Many of their items can't otherwise be found in the stores, so be sure to stock up. Visit our Pet Bird Display and find out what life is really like with that gorgeous macaw. The Bird Shows, running throughout the day, are competitions featuring some of the very finest of show birds from all over the nation and watching the judging is a very educational experience for both pet owners and breeders. Be sure to get your raffle tickets early and enter each of the raffles held during the day for your chance to win some great things for you and your birds. Remember that all of the profits raised during the Bird Fair from the raffles and tables rentals are donated in the form of grants for avian research and conservation.

Our Pet Bird Fair may be 25 years old but it's still faithful to the original plan of promoting good bird ownership and great fellowship among bird lovers of all ages. We hope you have a great time and will consider joining us at our monthly meetings to continue the good times!

Sincerely,
April Blazich
President, RDCBS

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The RDCBS membership is comprised of over 100 families or individuals, 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 at 2:30 P.M. at the Glen Eden Pilot Park Community Building on the west side of Raleigh. Meetings include lectures, hands on activities 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 via e-mail 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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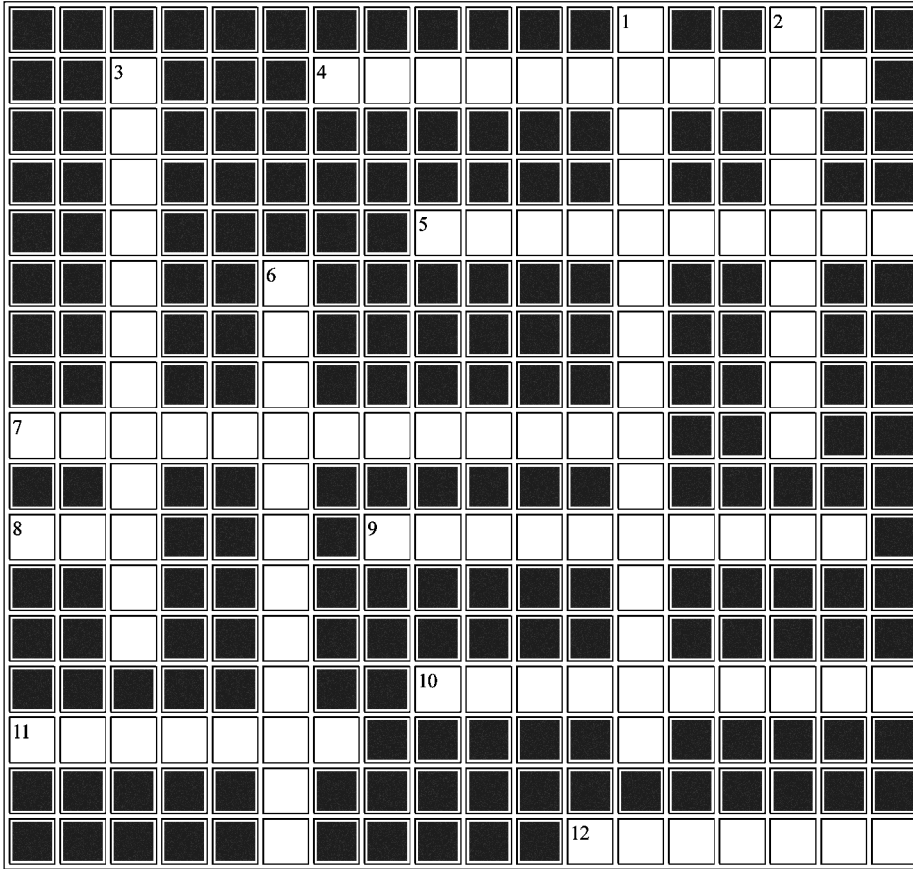
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RDCBS

In the late 1970's, a Raleigh woman, Helen Brock, developed an interest in raising caged birds. By 1985, she had a large flock of cockatiels and other parrots. Over a nine-year period in which she established this flock, one fact had become clear—there was a general lack of knowledge regarding health, nutrition, housing, and other needs of many species of birds. Thus, Helen took it upon herself to organize a club comprised of caged bird enthusiasts, who could share their knowledge and experience for the benefit of all. The first meeting of the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society was held in March of 1986. By the end of the first year, monthly meetings were being attended by about 10 to 15 members. 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, Cindy Chappell 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 Dr. Donald Brightsmith and Barbara Heidenrich. 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 2012 the Board of Directors revised the RDCBS Bi-laws and have added the Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President as Board Members with voting rights. Family members can now be on the Board. 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, John Marquis. 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.

Crosswing Puzzle

All answers can be found in the articles in this Program



Across

4. Person who organized the first RDCBS Cockatiel Exhibition Show
5. Bird Fair was held at the Governor Building from 1993 thru 2004
7. Bird Fair Chair Person from 1992 thru 2008 (two words)
8. National Convention being held in Raleigh 2013
9. The first Friday night Hospitality dinner was a _____
10. The founder of the RDCBS (two words)
11. The first RDCBS Bird Fair donation was made to the University of _____
12. The 39th Annual AFA Convention will be held in the city of _____

Down

1. What a bird may do when in distress (two words)
2. 2007 The RDCBS Bird Fair moved its location to the _____ building
3. The first Bird Fair was held at (three words)
6. The AFA defines anyone keeping exotic birds in captivity as an _____

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A SAMPLING OF RDCBS' EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

In large part, these contributions have come from the proceeds of our 24 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 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 yearly monetary donations 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 previous pet bird fairs.

The RDCBS has contributed to organizations such as Veterinary Colleges across the Country, Dr. Donald Brightsmith at Texas A & M, Dr. Branson Ritchie, LSU Foundation, Comparative Medicine Fund, Duke University, NC Zoological Society, RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, Bahama Parrot Conservation Project, American Federation of Aviculture, and World Parrot Trust.

For details and applications of the selection process for RDCBS grants and awards, you may submit your request by going to www.RDCBS.org or mail your request to:

Raleigh Durham Caged Bird Society

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VETERINARY CARE FOR YOUR BIRDS

Sick birds may show little sign of illness until critically ill. To be prepared, you should select a veterinarian for your bird **IN ADVANCE**. Note that a veterinary degree does not imply more than cursory training in avian medicine. Moreover, many veterinarians with small animal practices see principally dogs and cats and may have little if any experience with diseases which afflict birds. On the contrary, a veterinarian may achieve certification as an avian specialist through the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. To become a Board-Certified Avian Specialist, a veterinarian must pass a rigorous three-part examination. Moreover, before he/she can even take the exam, a veterinarian must meet eligibility requirements which include either 6 years of experience with birds in a veterinary practice, or completion of a qualified avian residency training program (usually a 2 to 3 year program). At present, there are only four board-certified avian specialists in the Raleigh-Durham area. A larger number of veterinarians, although not certified as avian specialists, do accept birds as part or all of their veterinary practice and, in this broad sense, are "avian veterinarians". These veterinarians are listed on the following page. Most are members of the Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV). Note: RDCBS does not endorse any individual veterinarian.

Veterinarians in the Raleigh Durham area who treat birds.

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Cary	Mayfair Animal Hospital	1130 SW Maynard Rd.	Dr. Laura Foster	(919) 467-6146
Columbus	Bonnie Brae Veterinary Hospital, PA	155 Shuford Rd	Dr. Angel Mitchel DV	(828) 894-6064
Durham	Birdie Boutique	3039 University Dr	Dr. Burkett, Gregory*	(919) 490-3001
Durham	Cornwallis Animal Hospital	206 W. Cornwallis Rd	Dr. Heagren, D. W.	(919) 489-9194
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Raleigh	Bowman Animal Clinic	8308 Creedmoor Rd	Dr. Deresienski, Diane Dr. Hunt, Emily	(919) 847-6216
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About the American Federation of Aviculture

(from the AFA website)

The American Federation of Aviculture (AFA) is a nonprofit national organization established in 1974, whose purpose is to represent all aspects of aviculture and to educate the public about keeping and breeding birds in captivity.

AFA has a membership consisting of bird breeders, pet bird owners, avian veterinarians, pet/bird store owners, bird product manufacturers, and other people interested in the future of aviculture.

AFA defines anyone keeping exotic birds in captivity as an "aviculturist" but AFA advocates that this designation carries with it certain responsibilities transcending those of the owners of domesticated pets like dogs and cats.

AFA believes holders of exotic birds need to be aware of the special needs of the species they hold, be aware of their conservation status, up-to-date research findings enhancing the well-being of the birds, and the state and federal regulations pertaining to exotic birds.

Mission and Purpose

The mission and purpose of AFA shall be to promote the advancement of Aviculture through educational programs that support the advancement and improvement of breeding practices, husbandry practices, and living conditions for exotic birds, conservation, research and legislative awareness. The goal of AFA is to insure long-term, self-sustaining populations of exotic birds both in captivity and in the wild.

This year Raleigh Durham Caged Bird Society will be Hosting the AFA Convention here in Raleigh, NC August 7 – 10, 2013. This is a very rare and exciting time for our Avian Community as there will be top Experts from around the world giving talks etc....This is truly an event you don't want to miss. In addition to the seminars there will be field trips, raffles, a banquet and so much more. For details visit the AFA web site www.afabirds.org

A Testimony from some of our own RDCBS Members –

August, 2012 was an interesting month for our club. Laura Barwick, Melody Appleby and I (April Blazich) all flew out to San Antonio, Texas to attend the 2012 American Federation of Aviculture's Annual meeting and convention. For Laura and I, it was a chance to meet up with old friends and start our preparations for this coming year's Convention. For Melody, it was a whole new experience and one I think she enjoyed, in spite of working with the rest of us non-stop at the AFA Raffle table. It would be difficult to single out the most significant moment we shared there. We were able to see the lutino mutation blue and gold macaws, live and up close in a \$14,000 custom built cage, the Atwater's Prairie Chicken Conservation Project at the San Antonio Zoo, not open to the public, and spend time with some of the world's most respected Aviculturists. Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society was mentioned time and time again in several speaker's talks and everyone made us understand that they were looking forward to spending time with us here in Raleigh at next year's Convention. By the time we left, exhausted but happy, it was clear that we've got a tough act to follow this August!

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A YEAR IN THE RALEIGH DURHAM CAGED BIRD SOCIETY

May, 2012 April Blazich, horticultural expert and fellow RDCBS member shared her knowledge about the types of trees and wood that is suitable to give our pet birds. Some wood is toxic and it's hard to know in a particular region what is safe and what is not.

June, 2012 RDCBS welcomed Robin Shewokis who presented a DVD on "Enriching Your Parrot's Life – A guide to creating a stimulating environment for your Companion Bird". Robin gave a very informative talk and Q & A for both novice and seasoned bird owners.

July, 2012 RDCBS took a field trip to the brand new NCSU Vet School – NC State Exotic Animal Medicine & Emergency Service Clinic to get a bird's eye view of the new facility. Dr. Keven Flammer and staff were our hosts.

August, 2012 The meeting began with a "Post Bird Fair" discussion and comments to improve our ever growing Annual Bird Fair by the general membership. After our discussion RDCBS held our annual RDCBS Summer Picnic/Potluck lunch and Raffle, filled with great fellowship and laughter.

September, 2012 The RDCBS guest speaker was Dr. Dan Johnson of Avian and Exotic Animal Care. Dr. Johnson spoke on "Fungal Infections of Parrots" and hosted a Pet Bird Q & A with following his presentation. Dr. Johnson's knowledge and support of RDCBS is invaluable to all Exotic Pet Owners.

October, 2012 RDCBS was honored with a renowned speaker, Mark Sargent, who shared with us his incredible experiences at Loro Parque, in the Canary Islands at the once every four year International Bird Conference. This is a true "Bucket List" event for bird lover's world wide and Mark's photographs and stories were wonderful. RDCBS Club Members and their Parrots represented RDCBS at the NC State Fair.

November, 2012 RDCBS welcomed Steve Stone of the American Wildlife Refuge. Steve brought various raptors (birds of prey) and allowed us to get an up close and personal look at these beautiful creatures. This was a wonderful opportunity to take photographs of these birds from a very close range and to learn about their importance for our environment. We also had our annual elections and voting for recipients of our 2012 grant funds. RDCBS welcomed some new changes for 2013 by adopting a new set of bi-laws and adding 3 more board member positions. RDCBS existing Board of Directors welcomed Leigh Calhoun (4 Year Board Position), Laetitia Ulick (Secretary), Mike Kelley (Treasurer) and Laura Marquis (Vice President) as new Board members.

December, 2012 RDCBS Held its' Annual Holiday Potluck Lunch and Raffle! Everyone brought a large dish of their favorite recipe and an item for the raffle table. The proceeds from this raffle went to our speaker fund. This was a wonderful time for fellowship and a little last minute Holiday Shopping.

January, 2013 RDCBS welcomed Nick Hill, the Curator of Aviculture at Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Breeding Center. Nick is responsible for the general husbandry of the world's largest waterfowl collection, as well as other birds, such as cranes, pheasants, curassows and parrots. He presented a wonderful and entertaining presentation on "Birds of the Falkland Islands".

February, 2013 – Was cancelled due to Winter Weather Warnings. Safety always comes first for our members and flock.

March, 2013 Cherished Club Member Carol Wilson turned our meeting area into a hugh toymakers workshop for the sake of our feathered friends and our walls & furniture. Carol showed us how to make a lot of great toys to keep our birds busy. Brad Calhoun was our Master Elf Mechanical Tool Operator showing us how to saw through wood faster than a Parrot.

April, 2013 RDCBS welcomed Dr. Vanessa Grunkemeyer, DVM, DABVP (Avian) - Clinical Assistant Professor of Exotic Animal Medicine, North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Grunkemeyer spoke on "First Aid and Wound Care for Birds". This was a very informative meeting and a topic that was very educational for everyone who owns a bird.

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Life Lessons From My Parrot



- 1) Treats fix everything.
- 2) You don't have to eat neatly, the messier the food, the better it is.
- 3) Screaming in an acceptable way to show: joy, fear, anger, boredom, waking up, going to sleep.
- 4) You are an artist, my medium is anything dyed water wet berries and the white wall.
- 5) Every time people are in the kitchen, they are obviously getting something for you
- 6) Be terrified of anything new offered to you, unless they try to keep it away from you, then go after it.
- 7) Destroy the tops of toys as soon as they go up, because if they hit the ground your owner will give you new ones.
- 8) It's easier to wipe your beak off on your persons clothes instead of a perch.
- 9) There is nothing more important than you are. So don't be afraid to scream or bite to get it.
- 10) There's no such thing as 'no', just things that need to be bitten, screamed at, pried open and pooped on until you find your way through!

RDCBS Bird Fair from the Beginning

1989 to Present *By: Laura Marquis*

The Raleigh Durham Caged Bird Society was organized and started by Helen Brock in 1986 with guidance from Grady McClamrock and Van Newsome of the Carolina-Virginia Budgerigar Society centered in Winston-Salem, NC. The first meeting of the RDCBS was held March, 1986 at the Golden Corral on Six Forks Road in Raleigh, NC. By the end of the first year the meetings were attended by about 10 to 15 members, some of whom were Helen, Bill and Nancy Rau, Jane Clark, Nora Gower, Missy Burkett and Charlie and Jane Stutz.

In January, 1989 a meeting of the Board and officers including Bill Rau, Jane Clark, Helen Brock and others gave birth to the first Pet Bird Fair. The RDCBS Bird Fair has become an annual event which has grown with the club. Some of the members that were attracted from the first Bird Fair in 1989 held at the Glen Eden Park where our monthly meetings are still held were April Blazich and Laura Barwick. The bird fair was organized by Charlie and Jane Stutz. There were no commercial exhibits or sales. The club raised \$200 to donate. The first donation was made to Dr. Branson Ritchie at the University of Georgia to research Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease.

By 1991 the RDCBS Bird Fair was moved to the Wake County Commons Building Conference room out on Poole Rd., Raleigh, more than 100 guests attended and the first Pet Bird Display was on exhibit.

In 1992 the RDCBS Bird Fair moved once again to the Village of Yesteryear at the Youth Center Building at the NC State Fair Grounds. This was our first year we invited vendors. Cindy Chappell was our Bird Fair Chair. This was also our first Friday Night Hospitality Pig Picking Dinner. RDCBS had over 1,000 guests and the raffle earned \$2,540 which was donated to two recipients for medical research.

From 1993 to 2004 The Bird Fair was held at the Governor Holshouser Building at the NC State Fair Grounds, our attendance continued to increase each year as well as our raffle donations and earnings. In 1994 Kimmi Cousins was our Bird Fair Chair. The donations earned from our raffle were awarded to Dr. Keven Flammer of the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine to establish a link between NCSU and the National University of Costa Rica to assist the Costa Rican Psittacine Conservation Program. In 1995 Cindy Chappell took the reins once again and the RDCBS Bird Fair continued to grow and flourish. In 1999 Keith Reimer organized and ran the first National Cockatiel Society Bird Show to add a new flavor to the Bird Fair. This fair was a two day Fair with Saturday consisting of our vendors, raffle and our Pet Bird Exhibit and Sunday featured the addition of the cockatiel show. John Boos and Laura Barwick ran our Pet Bird Exhibit and there were over 90 Birds on display for the public to see and learn about. In 2001 the Love Bird Shows were added to the fair.

After 2004 RDCBS Bird Fair attendance out grew the Holshouser Building and in 2005 The RDCBS Pet Bird Fair moved again to the Dorton Arena at the NC State Fair Grounds.

In 2007 The RDCBS Bird Fair moved to the Kerr Scott building at the NC State Fair Grounds and at last we had air conditioning. Cindy Chappell continued to Chair the RDCBS Bird Fair each year, and in 2008 John Marquis Co-Chaired with Cindy. From 2009 to present, John Marquis has served as our Bird Fair Chair.

Through the 25 years the RDCBS Bird Fair has raised 10's of Thousands of dollars for avian research and conservation, generated national recognition for the club and generated 100's of new members. The success of the RDCBS Bird Fair is due to the strength of many, many members willing to step in, pitch in and take part, there are too many to name individually. We are a strong organization that has seen a few economic down turns and national tragedies, however, our membership continues to support the original cause of RDCBS and that is to educate the club members and members of the community about the care and breeding of caged birds and about larger aviculture concerns such as captive propagation of rare and endangered species, the conservation of avian species in their native habitats, and medical research to help preserve the avian species.



Congratulations to Each and Every member from the beginning until now on a job well done and here's to another 25 years.

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Benefits of Bird Club Membership

by Carol Wilson

Maybe you have thought of joining a bird club but just can't decide if it's for you. Let me share some of the benefits of club membership so that you can stop missing out on the fun.

When you're owned by a bird, you cannot stop talking about your feathered friend. If you pull out the photos of your fids in the presence of another bird club member, you will get oooh's and ahhh's over the feathered baby. Other bird club members think you're perfectly normal. Coworkers and non-bird owners look at you as if you've gone nuts and might sprout feathers any minute. Other bird club members will join you in discussions of birdie behavior and will eagerly share their stories with you. Who else could possibly get as excited as you over having potty trained your bird but another bird owner?

After joining a bird club and attending for a while, you will develop friendships with people who adore anything covered in feathers or down and you will realize that you are among people who get just as excited as you about the little things that birds say and do on a daily basis. After all, parrots are very intelligent creatures and their beauty is rivaled by very few things in this world. Becoming a member of a bird club will enable you to attend regularly scheduled meetings to learn about behavior and how to solve problems you might experience along the way. You will also hear from experts on nutrition, avian medicine and the research that is ongoing to help find cures for avian diseases that strike without warning in our birds.

It's so nice to be able to pick up the phone or e-mail another member of the club who has experience with a problem you might be having and gaining valuable information very quickly. Often times, they can give you good advice and help to ease your worries with a little friendly advice. You can compare notes on your birds and find out that your bird is completely normal after all. Over time, you will become more knowledgeable about birds and will be able to offer advice to others who are new to bird ownership. You have access to other members of the avian community and events that are both fun and educational. Whether or not you have thought about joining a bird club, please consider doing it for the well-being of your bird so that your relationship will flourish and the bond you share will last a lifetime.

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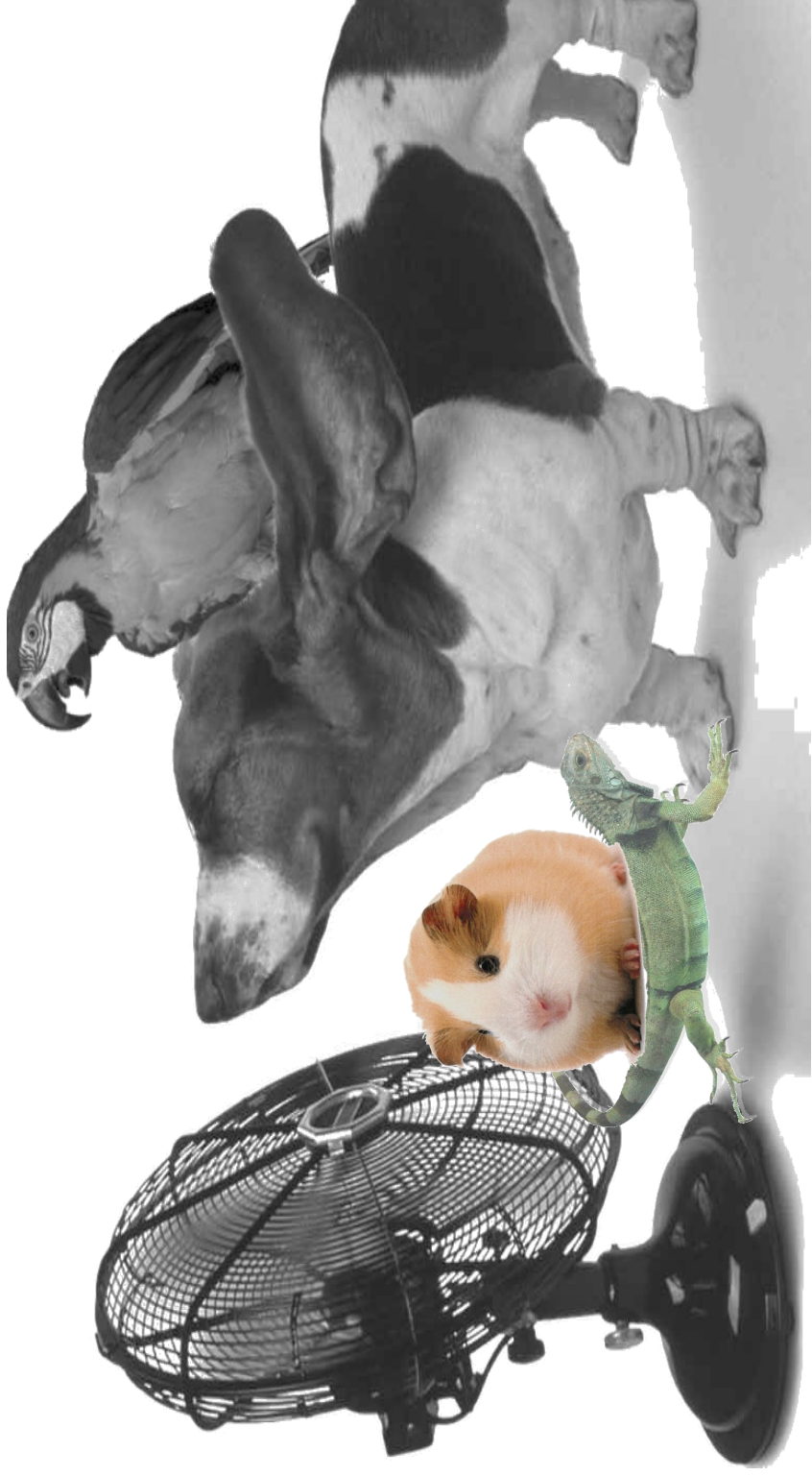
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WHY DOES MY BIRD.....????

Why does my bird want constant attention?

Birds live in flocks that consist of a few to hundreds. Living in a flock is a birds' best defense against predators. A flock also prevents loneliness. Birds are very social and depend on their flock mates for company, preening each other, finding a mate and watching for danger. When you have a pet bird, you and your family become part of the birds flock.

Why does my bird call out whenever I leave the room?

When you leave the room, your companion bird wants to know where his/her flock has gone. They want to know if you're safe, if you're coming back etc.... Your companion may also call out loudly when it sees a person approaching your house, a dog, cat, squirrel etc... in the yard. They are warning you that there is danger near by. From their perspective, any change within their sight range might mean danger.

Why does my bird grind its beak?

It is not known for certain, but it is currently believed that beak grinding occurs when a bird is at its most relaxed state, usually upon falling asleep. There are some who believe that this is a way to keep their beaks trim, however, there is no proof of this. It is also an indication that your bird is feeling well. Birds who are not feeling well will stop grinding until they are feeling better.

Why does my bird shed so much dust?

The fine white dust is generated from the powder-down feathers closest to your bird's body. This Dust helps to keep the feathers water-proofed and clean. It also acts as an insulator for your bird to maintain its body temperature.



To help control this dust, a regular misting with clean, room temperature water will help. Always be sure your companion is dry before going to bed. It is best to bathe them during the day in warm weather.

Why does my bird regurgitate with its toys or me????

A bird that is regurgitating pumps its head and neck several times and then stretches out their head to offer a mouthful of half-digested food.

A bonded bird will offer this "gift" as a sign of affection or to feed it's young. This is considered an honor in the bird's mind, so while you prefer not to accept its gift, be gentle, and let it know you are grateful for the affection. NOTE: If you notice regurgitated food on your birds face, chest, the cage or walls around the cage it may be an indication that your companion is ill. If you feel the regurgitation is in excess call your avian veterinarian and make an appointment to have them checked as soon as possible.

Why does my bird sleep on one foot?

Most birds will sleep with one leg pulled up under their feathers. This is a way for the bird to regulate its body heat. At night, the temperatures drop. Bird's lose body heat from their legs (as there are no feathers), so in order to maintain their body temperature they pull one leg up under their feathers to keep warm.

Why does my bird preen all of the time?

This is another way for your bird to clean it's self, as well as to align their feathers. This would be the same as its humans combing their hair. It is important for your bird to keep its feathers clean and aligned so they can fly off to safety at a moments notice.

There is, in addition, a gland at the base of the bird's tail that secretes oil. This oil is used to keep feathers flexible and water proof. Your companion picks up this oil on their beak and distributes it to other feathers to keep them in condition.

Your bird will also preen you occasionally. This is an act of affection. Birds rely on each other, mostly their mates, to preen the top of their head and the back of their necks, where they can't reach. When your companion puts its head down for you to scratch its head or neck, they are asking you to preen their neck, this is also a bonding invitation from your bird.

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.

How to Decipher the Information on a Leg-band: Whatever its source, a leg-band is embossed with the following three items of information: 1) the year of issue, 2) the breeder's assigned code, and 3) the individual number of the band issued in a given year. In addition, bands issued by a society will contain the initials of that society. Bands issued commercially, for example by the L&M Company, will not contain society initials but may contain the initials of the State, e.g. NC, in which the breeder resides. The abbreviations for various societies issuing bands are as follows:

ABS—American Budgerigar Society

ACS—American Cockatiel Society

AFA—American Federation of Aviculture

ALBS—African Love Bird Society

NAPS—North American Parrot Society

NCS—National Cockatiel Society

SPBE—Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors

The L & M Bird Leg Band Company sells bands showing the initials of the breeder's state, e.g. "NC"

For additional help in tracing breeders' codes which are not in our directory, check with the editor.

Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society Members Who Band their Birds

Name City/State Phone Email Band Codes

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Blazich, April & Family Raleigh, NC 919-851-8079 aprilb@bellsouth.net SPBE- APR; NCS

Chappell, Scot, Cindy Raleigh, NC 919-779-1206 C7791206@mindspring.com SPBE- STE

Creedle, Barbara R. South Hill, VA 804-447-3915 ABS-BRC, NCS-01C

Dvorak, Sharon, Jim Knightdale, NC 919-266-4935 sldvorak@nc.rr.com Non-Club AFA, NGC, ASC, UTB

Edwards, Wendy Raleigh, NC 919-850-2180 CarolinaFlight@aol.com ALBS-TWP, NCS-02P

Parrish, Angela, Burlington, NC Angibird@JUNO.COM AFA, DBK

Fortin, Toni Wilson, NC 252-291-5669 feathers@bbnp.com Non Club-TFF

Huegerich, Leslie Fuquay-Varina, NC 919-552-6312 klaviary@showtiels.com NCS-70L, IPS-KLH

Jarrell, Randall Pittsboro, NC 919-210-2500 RCJ NC

Marquis, John, Laura Raleigh, NC 919-266-0906 info@riverbankaviary.com Non Club-RBA

Perry, Terry Fuquay-Varina, NC 919-639-4575, tpandcharlie@embarqmail.com RW NC

Rau, Bill, Nancy Bunn, NC 919-496-2649 brau@ipass.net NCS-54R

Engle, Gary & Karen Ann, NC 919-454-9705; xanadusnest@aol.com Non-Club-BNB, XNNC

Whitney, Gay, David New Bern, NC 252-637-4238 gaywhitney@aol.com ACS-26W

If you would like to search for more information on your bird through its leg band id log onto www.LegBandNumbers@yahoogroups.com
www.NCbirdlegband.info

To report a lost or found bird log onto www.911ParrotAlert@yahoogroups.com

***To Add your name to this list, please contact the Show Program Editor. Laura Marquis laura@jamcosys.com

"Nutriberries"

- 1 cup of dried UNSULPHURED fruit
- 2 tablespoon of coconut
- 1/2 cup of uncooked oatmeal
- 1/2 cup of raisins or trailmix (no sulphur, salt or chocolate)
- 1/4 cup of seeds and /or crushed nuts
- 2 Tablespoons of peanut butter
- 1 Tablespoon of honey or molasses

Blend all the dry ingredients in a food processor until chopped finely. Place mixture into a bowl, add peanut butter and honey or molasses. Mix very well and the mixture is sticky. If mixture seems too dry add 1/2 c of applesauce. Roll mixture into small 1/2 inch ball and place on a cookie sheet. Bake at 325 for about 18 minutes. Cool and serve.

PUMPKIN COOKIES (birdie bread without the wheat)

- 1 egg
- Small can of pumpkin
- 1 Tbs. pumpkin pie spice
- ½ cup yogurt
- 1 to 2 cups oatmeal ground up into flour
- ½ cup ground nuts
- 2 Tbs. ground flax seed

Form into balls or spoon onto baking sheet for cookie type shape. Bake at 350 until completely cooked through, about 40 minutes.

EMERGENCY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR OUR BIRDS (and other pets)

By: Laura Marquis

There are many types of emergencies we as bird owners may encounter. While we can not think of every possible misfortune that may occur, there are some basics we can have on hand to help us, and our FIDS (Feathered Kids) on the occasion of an emergency or disaster.

In Case of an Emergency or Disaster

Have a travel carrier/cage (cat and dog carriers work great) put together and stored under or near your birds cage for quick easy access. Have food/water bowls in the carrier ready to go. Have a towel to place over carrier to help protect from smoke inhalation should there be a fire and to help keep your bird calm.

Have an animal rescue sticker on an exterior window or door of the room your bird is living. Some shelters, rescues or fire stations have these available.

Have your veterinarian information taped to the carrier, and in your emergency kit (listed below). Also have your name, address and phone numbers taped to carrier in case you become separated from your bird. To ensure the information is permanent, write it directly on the carrier with a permanent marker.

Have Gloves, a towel and or a net on hand to pick up your bird from its cage. While we know our birds love us and trust us, in a state of emergency they will be frightened and will likely bite out of fear. There may not be time for coaxing your fid from his/her cage.

Make a plan ahead of time. Designate a person in your family to retrieve your bird if it becomes necessary. Just as we plan for escape routes in case of fire we need to plan for our birds as well. If you have several birds like many of us do, designate different family members to retrieve specific birds. Go over your plan at least once a year (as you would with your family with a fire escape plan) to be sure everyone knows the steps they are responsible for. Remember organization can make a huge difference to survival.

Hopefully we all have our designated area to go to in case of tornadoes or hurricane, and hopefully we have an emergency kit packed and refreshed each year in case we have little to no warning. We also need to pack an emergency kit for our birds and other pets.

- Fresh water (enough for 7 days)
- Food (pellet/seed) (enough for 7 days)
- Paper Towels
- Toys to distract birds
- Plastic zip top baggies
- Hand Feeding Formula and Syringe in case hand feeding is necessary.
- Bleach to disinfect surfaces if needed
- Athletic Hot Packs to keep your bird warm if it becomes sick injured or the temperature is cold.
- A Critter Keeper with a hand towel in the bottom in case you need to make a temporary hospital bed for your bird.
- Your Veterinarian's phone number
- Your First Aide Kit
- Extra News Paper to change their carriers.

AFRICAN GREY PILAF

By Pamela Clark

- ½ cup quinoa
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup grated yams, sweet potatoes or carrots
- Fresh corn kernels cut from one cob
- 1 cup grated broccoli
- 1 cup grated Brazil nuts
- 1 cup unhulled sesame seed
- 1 cup canary seed mix (optional)
- 1 cup nestling food (optional)
- 1 tsp Udo's Oil blend (look at health food store for this)

Bring water to a boil and add the quinoa. After mixture has come to a boil again, cover and turn heat to medium-low. Cook for 5 min., then add carrots and/or yams. Cover again and cook for 10 minutes or until the liquid is absorbed. Turn into a bowl and mix with the other ingredients. Serve warm (no hotter than 110 degrees) or at room temperature. You can use almost any combination of fruits and veggies. Cut into squares and freeze as desired. Most parrots love this recipe, it's not just for Greys.

**Recipes Courtesy of Phoenix Landing Foundation, 2006
Nourish to Flourish Class

PARROT SOUP

- Steamed veggies such as squashes, yams, carrots, greens
- Soaked grains, briefly cooked
- Sprouted legumes, briefly cooked
- Can also add:
- Small amount of pasta
- Frozen veggies

* EGG PANCAKE

- Do NOT use a Teflon pan!
- 1. Egg (can include shell)
 - 2. Greens (e.g. kale or collard or dandelion)
 - 3. Flax oil

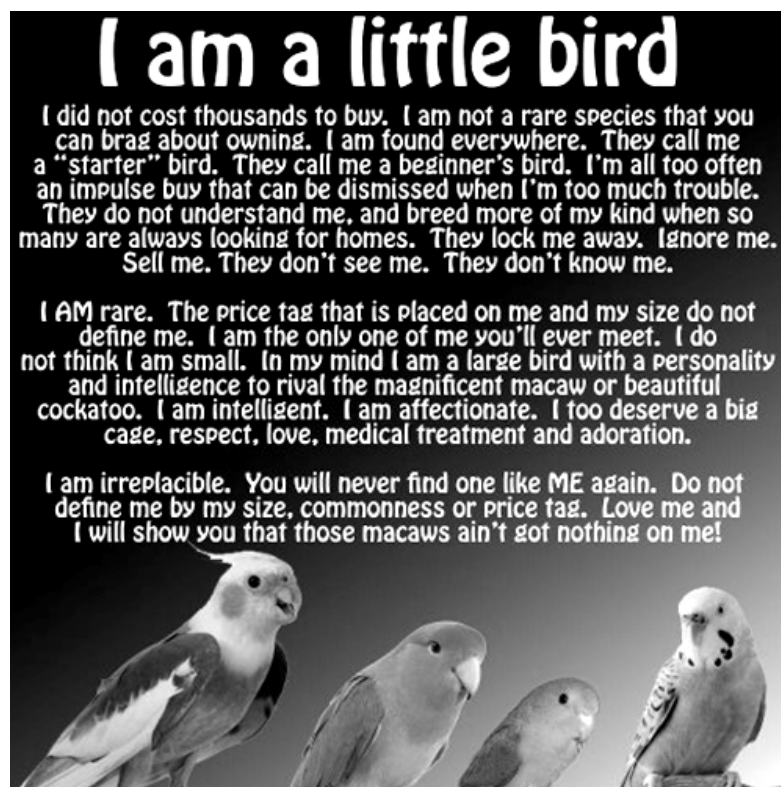
EMERGENCY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR OUR BIRDS (cont.)

To create a first aid kit you need the following.

- A tackle box or other water proof container to keep supplies in
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Antibacterial Soap
- Antibiotic cream
- Dawn [™] Dish Soap (gentle and removes grease and oil)
- Paper Towels
- Cornstarch, Septic Powder such as Quik Stop [™]
- Athletic Gel Heat Packs (have several, incase you can not get to help right away)
- Hand Feeding Formula
- Syringes
- Pedialyte [™] (this has electrolytes to help avoid dehydration)
- Tweezers
- Hemostats
- Scissors
- Cotton Balls and swabs
- Gauze
- Veterinary tape (does not stick), medic wrap works well too.
- Telephone number of Animal Poison Control
- Emergency Avian Veterinary Service telephone number
- Primary Avian Veterinarian telephone number
- Note Pad and Pen to take notes

A handbook on basic stabilization of injury (not to be used as a replacement for veterinary care).

While we all hope that we will not need to use any of this information, it is better to be prepared, just in case, rather than have to try and gather the necessary items during an emergency.



Hide and Tweet Bird Search

Each of the clues is one of the birds on the front cover. See if you can figure out all 24.



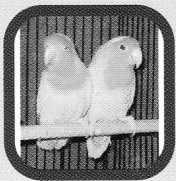
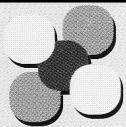
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½ cup chopped Mixed Nuts

Preheat oven to 400 Deg. F. Spray an 8 x 8 pan with olive oil cooking spray. In a small bowl mash banana, peanut butter, and mixed nuts. Set aside. In a large bowl mix corn meal, egg, soy milk. Add Banana mixture. Fold in Craisins or dried fruit of your choice. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool completely before serving. Bon- A- Pe-Tweet

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A two-minute lesson by Gay Whitney

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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FEATHER PLUCKING

By: Leigh Calhoun

The most recent additions to our flock came to us minus some of their feathers. All of our pets birds are re-homed or rescues but none of them were feather pluckers. They all have a story leading up to needing new homes, some very sad tales.

The new birds are a Quaker Parrot and a 20 year old Congo African Grey Parrot. Quite a leap up the "Parrot Ladder" for us. Our other birds are Cockatiels, a handful of finches and a Blue Crowned Conure.

The CAG had been taken care of but wasn't getting much attention or stimulation and had become cage-bound. She was probably plucking (or over-preening) from boredom and frustration. She was on a diet of pellets with a little fruit and peanuts thrown in for treats.

The little Quaker on the other hand was in a desperate situation. His owner had a terminal illness and by the time he was rescued he had plucked and chewed every feather he could reach.

He was also covered in some sort of sticky spray his owner had used to combat his plucking problem. Several baths later you could see that he does have his downy under feathers. With no tail or wing feathers he looks like a downy chick. Heart breaking to see but he is spunky and has a zest for life

He's very "beaky" but a real loving little guy. His diet was about the worst, sunflower seeds, salted peanuts and potato chips.

I rarely see any plucking now that they are settled into their new home.

The CAG has what seem to be new feathers coming in here and there on her chest. Neither she or the Quaker have any raw spots so hopefully in time they will re-feather.

Their whole environments have changed with lots to do and see. They're now in the family room with all the other birds, so they have a flock. There are dogs to entertain them; a diet with lots of variety; new toys and play stands; a window nearby so they can see outside; play time out of their cages and a lot of positive attention.

For diet they always have pellets available, the larger birds have a parrot mix (seeds, nuts, dried fruits and vegetables) available too. In the morning everyone gets a little seed mix or parrot mix combined with a spoonful of "Chop". Chop is a mixture of vegetables, whole grains and pastas that we make in large quantities then bag up in daily portions. We store it in the freezer for up to a few

months using what we need each day. In our version of chop the pieces of veggies etc. are about the size and consistency of coleslaw and coats the birds seed mix very well. The birds have to work a little to get that prized seed getting some nutritious chop as well. During the day I give them a variety of other fruits and veggies, some things they like some they don't.

We haven't tried any supplements or sprays to treat the feather plucking, hoping that all the positive changes in their environment and better diets will help. I think all the attention they are getting keeps their minds off plucking and they seem to love it. It won't happen overnight but hopefully they will re-feather and be looking good in a few months.



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Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society

The History of Exhibitions

By: Wendy Edwards

This year, the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society will be hosting their 15th annual National Cockatiel Society (NCS), 12th annual African Love Bird Society (ALBS) shows, and 10th annual Hookbill show (North American Parrot Society) show this year.

The exhibitions began in 1999 with the cockatiel exhibitions. Long time RDCBS member and Chairman of the Board, Keith Reimer, began organizing the cockatiel exhibition with the knowledge that successful breeding of any animal comes with working with superior breeding stock. Exhibition not only congratulates birds with good looks but it also educates the audience on proper temperament and good flock management. Only those birds in great feather condition (a big indicator of health) and steady on the perch will be those who gain awards and ribbons.

The first RDCBS show was judged by author and aviculturist, Dr. Al Decouteau. The show was held in the Governor Holshouser Building of the State Fairgrounds. In January 2002, it was decided that an African Love Bird Society show would be held. In March 2002, RDCBS experience a great loss with the passing of Keith Reimer. Leslie Huegerich, another local cockatiel exhibitor and Wendy Edwards, a local Love Bird exhibitor, took over the reins of the bird show. The Keith Reimer award was started to mark the Best Bred and Banded by the Exhibitor bird. The show continues to award this honor.

In 2004, RDCBS began holding an affiliated parrot show. All three shows continue today and are looked at nationally as the "go to" show on the East Coast. In 2005, Josh Maple, NCS Judge, moved to Raleigh and joined the team. He also brought his club, Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Breeders and Exhibitors - MACBE (which he founded in 1999). By 2011, RDCBS linked up with Mid-Atlantic Cooperative Breeders in an effort, during the recession, to keep exhibitions at RDCBS. The financial backing of MACBE has helped keep the hobby which has continued to decline in other local segments.

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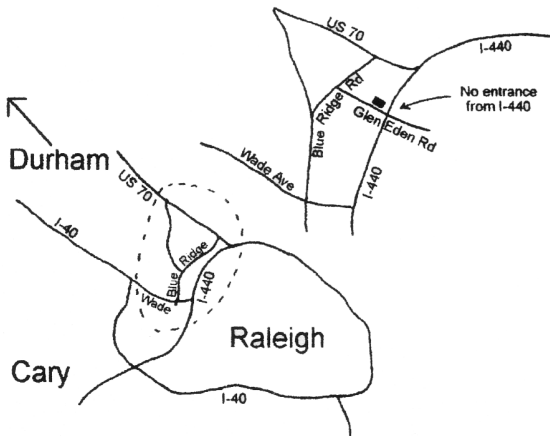
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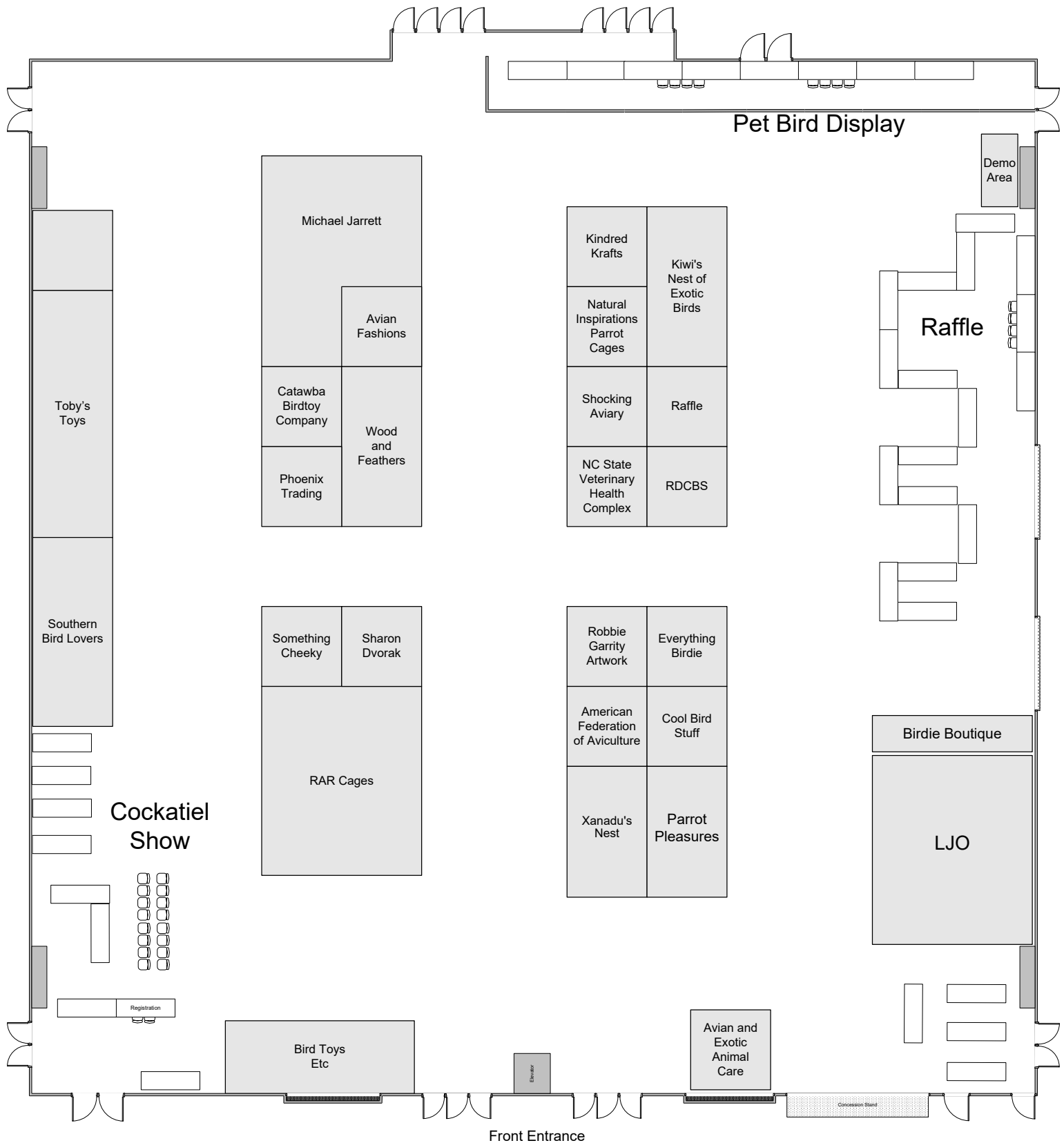
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