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We are excited you could join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship centered on our common passion for parrots. We look forward to visiting with old friends and making new ones. Our slate of speakers bring new and interesting information about the care and well-being of our companion parrots and those in the wild. Our vendors have the latest and greatest toys, food, cages and all things parrot. We know you will go home with a head full of new ideas and a suitcase full of goodies for your feathered friends.

With your help and support we have accomplished a lot while staying true to our mission statement and goals. We have found homes for many parrots and helped others stay in their homes. We have found sanctuary for some and foster homes for those who needed a bit of special TLC before being adopted. If a breeder needed help placing parrots we helped with that too. We have stayed up late nursing some parrots and gotten up early to take others for vet check-ups. We have driven thousands of miles to pick up parrots and re-home parrots. We attended Bird Fairs and Marts and many other avian functions sharing information and networking. We continue to educate wherever and whenever possible. We also talk about breeding and conservation and how vitally important both are to the survival of parrots in the wild and as pets. We now also have to learn how to be pro-active political advocates to make sure we continue to be able to keep our parrots. There are richly funded organizations that claim to be pro-animal who really are not. We need to learn the difference between Animal Rights and Animal Welfare. We also need to remember not everyone that smiles at us is our friend. We hear and see the stories of laws and regulations to stop dog and cat over population, to stop pet stores from selling dogs, cats or any animals at all. Federal, state and local laws and regulations are now being aimed at parrots. As companion parrot owners we like to think we are exempt. We are not and need to learn how to protect our rights.

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Sincerely,

Georgia Hayes,
President on behalf of the NPRPF Board of Directors

SCHEDULE

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Vendors & Exhibitors - Daily: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Friday reserved for Registered Attendees Only)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

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| 9:00 - 9:30 | President's Welcome |
| 9:45 - 10:45 | Jason Crean: "The Incorporation of Raw, Whole Foods and Teas in Avian Husbandry" |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Robin Shewokis: "Ten Things You Can Make Out Of PVC In 15 Minutes Or Less." |
| 12:00 - 2:00 | Lunch (Box lunch Offered) |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | Melanie Allen: "Companion Bird Owner - Self Assessment" |
| 4:00 - 6:30 | Art & Wine Workshop |
| 6:30 | Daily Raffle Drawing |

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:30 - 9:30** Alycia Antheunise: "Legislation 101"
- 9:45 - 10:45** Dr. Alicia McLaughlin, DVM: "Psittacine Psychotherapy: An Introduction To Parrot Behavior Problems and Solutions"
- 11:00 - 12:00** Barbara Heidenreich: "Training Animals to Cooperate in Medical Care and Overcoming Fear Responses"
- 12:00 - 2:00** Lunch (Box Lunch Offered)
- 2:00 - 3:00** Dr. Sharman Hoppes, DVM: "Update of Current research at the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center"
- 3:15 - 4:15** Speaker to be TBA or Shopping Time
- 5:00** Daily Raffle drawing will be held in the Vendors Ballroom

BANQUET & GALA

"Dress Blue Jeans to Black Tie" and enjoy cocktails and a three course meal. The Banquet is followed by Silent & Live Auctions.

- 6:30 - 7:00** Cocktails/Cash Bar
- 7:00 PM - ????** Banquet

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:30 - 9:30** **Adrienne Mock: "All I Know About My Birds I Learned on the Internet"**
- 9:45 - 10:45** **Caroline Stahala: "Social Nesting in Amazon Parrots and How This Effects Conservation"**
- 11:00 - 12:30** **All About Parrots: A Q&A Discussion**
Current and past Festival Speakers
- 2:30- 2:00** **Lunch (Box Lunch Offered) & Final shopping**
- 3:00** **Daily Raffle drawing will be held in the Vendors Ballroom**
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JANUARY 2016

NATIONAL PARROT RESCUE & PRESERVATION FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

National Parrot and Preservation Foundation rescues,
rehabilitates, and re-homes displaced parrots.

We are committed to the education of the public
in all matters relating to parrots and
networking with parrot related organizations.

MISSION STATEMENT GOALS

- Present the annual Parrot Festival for the purpose of education and fundraising.
- Provide information to other rescue organizations on capture and care of parrots.
- Because parrots can often outlive their owners, become be discarded, abandoned, or lost from their homes, NPRPF strives to improve our rescue efforts for parrots and aide owners in need.
- Because many rescued parrots arrive emotionally unstable which can manifest it's self in unwanted behaviors, our goal is to recruit and train volunteers for rehabilitation and parrot care efforts.
- NPRPF needs a large base of prospective suitable qualified parrot homes and is actively seeking applications for placement.

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-- Anonymous

A PHONE CALL AWAY

by: Daniel Sigmon

“Danny?,” the voice on the other end of the phone asked urgently. “Do you still do rescue for birds?”

“Yes,” I tentatively replied as I tried to zero in on who the mystery person on the other end of the line was. Turns out it is an old friend and former member of the congregation that I serve who had come across a bird desperately flopping along the ground and somehow successfully avoiding the cats that were chasing it. Braving some really nice beak bites, she and her husband managed to get the bird, which turned out to be an African Ringneck inside and away from the cats, where it refused to be held captive in the only container they had available, an oversized dog cage, covered with a blanket. No problem for the industrious survivor. He just squeezed himself right through the bars and proceeded to perch defensively in the corner of the room on a lamp shade where I found him when I arrived on the scene.



A towel and a few bites later, I managed to get the traumatized little soul in a proper-size portable bird cage with some water and some food. We let him alone to calm down for a while and eat and drink by enjoying a moment of fellowship on the porch. A half hour later, a much more calm bird, with clear clipped wings, which meant he either escaped or was let out, was ready for the trip to my house while I contacted my fellow NPRPF members and let them in on my chance acquisition of my cantankerous new friend. Working with others we managed to get him situated in a rescue/sanctuary where he soon found a new home.



A similar story played out earlier in the year with a lost, confused, and helpless Blue Front Amazon that a woman and her daughter found hiding in some bushes. Having had a parrot in her childhood the woman was able to get the bird to step up for her and get her in a cage after which she called NPRPF directly. Cheryl Rose, knowing that I lived near the woman, asked if I would collect the bird, which I did, with a cage borrowed from Spring Branch Animal Sanctuary. After a few days of chill time at my house, I took the homeless but sweet

and charming Blue Front to Jamie Whittaker’s ABC Birds where she took the bird in until a new home could be found for it.

All year long, after Parrot Festival has ended, the members of NPRPF are working to help rescue and preserve our hook-billed avian companions. Thank you so much for your support as we continue to this good work.

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NPRPF is an all volunteer organization. Everyone gives freely of their time and talents. We maintain a frugal operating budget so the majority of our funds can be used to help support the commitments we have made not just to the birds we care for, foster and re-home but other avian endeavors as well. We donate annually to a scholarship fund for an avian student at Texas A&M University. We have helped fund research projects headed by Dr. Sharman Hoppes and Dr. Donald Brightsmith and conservation projects like the Spix's School project and others. We donate to those in need when disaster strikes. We also help other avian non-profits whose mission mirrors ours. It is all about the birds and educating people about their care, their issues and challenges not just in the home but also in the wild. We support projects that contribute to the importance of captive breeding to help keep birds in our homes and in their native habitats. Another recent area of importance for contribution by pet bird owners and groups is legislation. We can no longer consider ourselves immune to the pressure of the Animal Rights activist groups on our lawmakers. They now have us in their sights and we need to get our heads out of the sand and learn what we need to do to fight back. With your help we can accomplish this and more!!

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NPRPF President on behalf
of the entire Board of Directors

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A HAPPY BEGINNING...

Hooty the Eclectus 12/29/14

His name is Hooty. He is 17 years old. He is wonderful. Steps up every time he is asked. He will let me hold him close and rub all over him. He holds his beak up for kisses. He will try anything to eat as long as I put it in his bowl. He won't take anything out of my hand. I'm in love. I was a little worried about him the other day, he was just acting lethargic, so we will make a well bird appointment with Dr. Harwell as soon as he gets back to the office.

Hooty came to NPRPF by way of the Houston SPCA. Over the years we have gotten many birds from them. Not all have been in the best shape or been the best pet bird ever. It has never mattered to NPRPF if the bird or birds in need are a pet or a breeder, sick or healthy, with or without baggage it is our mission to do the best we can for each of them. Sometimes it is not easy. Sometimes the outcome is hard to take and we have shed many tears together for the ones we lost along the way. Easy or not we do it because that is who we are. Hooty was relinquished to the SPCA because his caretaker was sick and could no longer take care of him and his mate.



Sadly Hooty's mate died at the SPCA and because of health concerns they called us and we responded immediately. Sharon Wells swooped down and collected Hooty. Happily Hooty is doing fine and will be in a new home soon. That is if Sharon is able to restrain herself from the incurable Fostering Fever which can turn into Adoption Adenosis...

Happy New Year Hooty!!!!

SPCA MACAWS AND OTHER BIRDS

by: *Georgia Hayes*



It sometimes seems like the Houston SPCA has our number on speed dial. I am actually glad they do because I know we will do our best to help with the birds they call us about. It is especially hard when they call after a seizure and have taken in a large number of birds. In October we got a call like that, 100 or so Irish Wolf Hounds and 14 macaws. We are very lucky if we find out anything about the birds in these situations or how or why the seizure was made. We just show up carriers in hand ready to do whatever we can. That was the case when the call came in October 2104. Jamie Whittaker and I loaded her van with carriers and headed to the SPCA with very little information and as is usually the case, the information we do have is misinformation.



Upon arrival we discovered the number of macaws we were asked to take was incorrect as was the species of some of the birds. The SPCA had not found accommodations for the majority of the birds and the 4 Scarlet Macaws we were asked to pick up were picked up by someone else. So much for internal communication. Jamie and I just looked at each other, shrugged and told the SPCA representative we would take them all. Thank goodness Jamie is a Ninja bird catcher!! So, three large Military macaws, one Blue & Gold, one Greenwing, one Severe and a Hispanolan Amazon later we were loaded up and ready to head out. In cases like this it is difficult to find somewhere to foster birds. Fortunately for NPRPF our dear friends at Hill Country Aviaries always have their door open and off we went. With their help the birds were housed, fed, sexed and one of the Military Macaws got a badly need beak trim.



None of these birds are pet quality so they will stay at Hill Country Aviaries and receive wonderful care and hopefully the mate of their dreams. I have always said if I were a bird and needed medical care I would want Midge Gorman to be my nurse. If I was not a pet bird I would certainly want to live at Hill Country Aviaries. Mark, Rick and their staff would take excellent care of me.

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THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE COMPANION PARROT

SAMBA THE HARLEQUIN MACAW

by: Jamie Whittaker

Samba is a female harlequin macaw that was hatched in Texas, and sold with her two clutchmates to the pet store to be handfed and sold as pets. Her first family, the ones that gave her the name Samba, took her home when she was just a fledgling. At this house, she enjoyed a roomy cage and lots of toys. There was also a blue & gold named Cha-Cha to play with. There were two young girls in the house and the mom and the dad. Samba's favorite person was the dad.

Their cages were in a large sunroom with lots of windows. Every sunny afternoon, the birds went out on the patio and had showers. Sometimes, in the morning, the whole family would go for a walk. They had a stroller that was adapted for the birds. The girls rode their bicycles while mom and dad walked and pushed the stroller.

Unfortunately, the neighbor in the back did not have an appreciation of the macaw vocalizations in the afternoon. After much complaining and the involvement of the homeowners association, the couple had no choice but to sell the macaws. Samba and Cha-Cha came back to the pet store at two years old to wait for new homes.

Cha-Cha found a family to go home with the very next week. Samba became part of the pet store macaw flock and spent her days basking in the window and playing with Jewel, the Catalina and Patches, the Caninde. These three macaws became good friends on the playground at the pet store.

Samba's second home was with a man and woman that owned a horse training facility. This was a very fun place to live. The woman traveled to horse shows frequently but the man was always there. There was an umbrella cockatoo that lived there too. The umbrella and Samba soon became friends and the man and Samba became very good friends. Everyday Samba would ride on the steering wheel of the golf cart out to the barn. She had a swing that hung from the ceiling in the barn. She would watch and swing while the man fed the horses and groomed them.



The man always had lots of walnuts and almonds in his hand and every time he walked by Samba would get one. Sometimes she would do tricks for the walnuts and sometimes they were just free. Samba even enjoyed playing with the woman when she was home. Sometimes they would all lie in bed together and watch television at night.

Tragically, one morning the man did not wake up. He died suddenly in his sleep. The woman was not comfortable traveling with a bird as large as Samba, so she arranged for her to come back to the pet store. Samba was four years old when she came back to the familiar playground. Her two buddies, Jewel and Patches were still there. She immediately settled back into the routine. She spends her days showing off for customers, sometimes for fun and sometimes in exchange for walnuts and almonds.

One year later, in 2007, Samba found a new home. Her new home has birds, dogs and horses as well as a human family. Her tree stand is in the window where she can watch the outside world. She has a large cage on the covered patio and on pretty days she spends time out there. Her cage in the house is large and has lots of toys. She has horses in her life again too! She goes out to the barn and supervises the grooming of the horses and the cleaning of the stalls from her swing.

Samba has now had three homes in 15 years and they have all been happy homes.

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PENNY THE SENEGAL PARROT

by: Jamie Whittaker

It was the busy Christmas season of 1997 when an unweaned Senegal and her snuggling buddy the Umbrella Cockatoo were purchased from a pet store in a mall. The couple buying the birds had no children and the birds were their Christmas presents to each other. Penny, the Senegal, was the husband's shoulder buddy. After she was weaned, she wanted to always be with the man. She rode on his shoulder when he did yard work and had a perch next to the computer in the den.

Penny no longer paid attention to Poppy, the cockatoo. Poppy was always on the lady and Penny was with the man. They had roomy cages with lots of toys and really good food to eat everyday. Sometimes they went to the bird store and stayed a few days at a time. In 1999 Penny's life changed. Penny and Poppy went to the bird shop and stayed there. This time was different, they were with all the other bird store birds and other people came in and played with them and held them.

One day a teenage boy with his mom and dad took Penny to their house to live. There were cockatiels at the house, but Penny was the only parrot. Everyone played with Penny, she had a special cage and rode around on the lady's shoulder while she fed the small birds. New birds kept arriving at the house, and one day a boy Senegal, Buddy came and he immediately started to court Penny. Penny and Buddy moved into a large cage together with a nest box attached.



After some time together, Penny laid eggs and she and Buddy became parents to a baby Senegal. They were good parents and took care of their chick. The first chick hatched was a female and she eventually found a mate and lived in the cage next door to Penny and Buddy. They hatched several more babies and were always good parents.

In 2003 Penny and Buddy went back to the bird store to live. They had a nice big cage and they had more babies. One day in 2004 there was an accident and Buddy was badly hurt. By the time help came, he was dead. When Buddy was taken out of the cage Penny made a sound that sound like a distress call.

About a month after Buddy died, Penny started chattering to the people feeding her and cleaning her cage. One of them reached in and offered her hand for Penny, and she stepped up. Penny came out of the cage, and moved into the pet bird room. Now she plays with the other birds just as she did in 1999 waiting for the next chapter in her life.

At 7 years old after two happy homes, a devoted mate and eight babies she was still a well socialized bird ready for a new home. She found a great family and now lives with a woman, a poodle and a cockatiel. The poodle stays away from the birds, the birds sit together on a playstand and Penny is still a very happy birdie.



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NATIONAL PARROT RESCUE & PRESERVATION FOUNDATION 2014 YEAR IN REVIEW

by: Midge Gorman

Welcome to Parrot Festival, our 16th annual educational conference, and thank you for your generous support from the NPRPF group. As is every year, this has been a busy year for the Rescue and Adoptions portion of NPRPF.

The majority of our birds are not “rescued” but some are and none are seized from bad owners, but relinquished for personal reasons, such as serious illness, allergies, no quality time for them, work related issues, transfers, etc. Many are wonderful birds come from good homes that just could not provide proper care for them anymore. They wanted better care for their beloved pets than they themselves could continue giving them for whatever reason. It’s an honor to have such trust placed with NPRPF and we do our best for these birds.



It does not matter how big or small the bird is, we do our absolute best to give them all the highest quality of care and consideration possible. Some of our birds stay with us quite a while for medical reasons or they need ongoing care for a while before they can be considered for adoption. This medical and after care can be quite expensive and of course, it is a 24/7/365 job...no matter what. The avian community is well aware of that. Thanks to the support from friends, members, vendors, and supporters like you guys, we are able to provide any medical care and daily necessities for these feathered wonders. We have placed a number of birds into wonderful homes, sanctuary if needed or whatever was appropriate for that particular bird.

One of our birds was rescued from a very busy street in Clear Lake, a young wild Quaker with a broken wing. It turned out that the wing was broken in two places. Even though it healed, he was not able to fly well enough to be placed back into the wild., so he was named Bono and placed into the home of a Quaker loving lady who absolutely welcomed him with open arms. Not just anyone would, only a special person like her.

Lili was another little Quaker that came to us with severely mutilated wings. She was very weak, too weak for surgery. Great care was taken to keep her comfortable and to make her strong enough to withstand the surgical cleaning up of the wounds. She seemed to be rallying, getting stronger and very sweet about letting me apply meds to the wounds, taking her oral meds and eating quite well. Sadly, that little body just could not overcome the injury and passed before we could do any surgery. Lili was the sweetest, most loving little bird one could ever want. It was sad, I get very attached to those little guys, how could you not. Have to admit, I do shed a few tears once in a while. I think all of us do.

We had another young wild Quaker brought in (we named him Kodi after one of our dearly beloved members who literally grew up with us) rescued from a busy thoroughfare in west Houston, also with a broken wing. Once Dr. Harwell got the wing set and wrapped, this little guy did really well. It didn’t take long for



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for him to like this touching and holding thing that was new to him. Once healed, we found that Kodi's flying agility was not good enough that he could be released back into the wild. I suspected he was going to be a good talker. Sure enough, the lady who adopted him said he was trying to talk. Go Kodi!!!! Another successful rehoming, which feels really good!

It seems like we had a run on Quakers for a while. Janie came to us with her lower mandible bitten off and the bit of it remaining was split into two parts. Dr. Harwell has done a great job with her and she has gained weight with the soft foods I have made daily while she heals. It is interesting to watch her adjusting to the new way she is learning to do things with her beak. At the moment, she is doing great, seems happy and talks a little. She is a darling little bird and I hope someone will overlook her little new look and find her as cute and loveable as I do.

These are but a few of the birds we have dealt with this year, along with the ones in foster, sanctuary and presently being cared for medically. Some are just not "acceptable" as a living room decoration because they may not be perfect although they are in our eyes. Absolutely all of this is done on a volunteer basis and can be quite expensive. It's the support of people like you that make it possible for us to do our job with these feathered angels. Our supporters and benefactors are extremely valued and appreciated for their generosity. The food, toy, and avian suppliers are invaluable to our joint endeavors.

I personally want to thank each and every one of you for that support and for being here. You are most certainly the cream of the crop in the avian community. I look forward every year to seeing old friends, making new ones, learning new things and being reminded of things I forgot that I knew. Enjoy the conference, learn a lot and have tons of fun.



Janie

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As I have said in the past we do not exist without your support. Your monetary support helps us to pay the Veterinarians for their service of care, surgery, medications, hospital stays as well as paying for the food, cages and toys that these birds need during their stay with NPRPF or with a foster family until a home can be found.

You can support NPRPF by becoming a member or renewing your membership and by attending our primary fund-raiser, Parrot Festival. This event is always held the last weekend of January. We hope to see all of you there and bring a friend. You know that you are doing something that will benefit you and your bird for the rest of your life.

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ESSENTIAL OILS FOR OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS

*by: Melissa Shelton DVM
Holistic Avian Veterinarian*

I can hardly remember a time in my life that did not have a bird associated with it. From watching Robins hatch in my Grandfather's garden as a toddler, sharing my room with Budgies throughout elementary school, all the way to rescuing, rehabbing, and performing "free" surgeries on a variety of avian patients during vet school...one could put me in the "bird lover" category. Once in practice, my love of birds created even more of a drive to find answers to difficult health issues. When one of my patients ran out of treatment options, it was at a time when I had just started to explore the medical use of essential oils.

Long story short, we used essential oils in ways that most people would think might kill a bird. Actually spraying oils added to water – directly onto the bird! Not only did the bird love it, but the condition (papilloma) and the bird improved drastically – physically and emotionally. Essential oils became my passion for what they could do for my patients of any variety; feathered, finned, furred, and FAST!

The most important thing I can share with you about essential oils is that quality matters. Many essential oils on the market today are fragrance grade or contain unnatural products to extend or even "adulterate" the oil in an effort to make a more affordable or desirable product for humans. Using essential oils of these lesser grades, would be similar to spraying your bird with perfume! And we probably all know how horrible that would be!

I look at the selection and techniques of using essential oils for birds, much like I view veterinarians for birds. There can be a vet that "will see a bird" and then there are actual avian vets. This can be a very different and important distinction. I used to feel that if I could find a reliable brand of essential oils; recommending their use would ensure safety. But, unfortunately, businesses can change and certainly most are not focused on "bird safety" as their defining quality selection. But, as a veterinarian in charge of my patients' welfare, responsible for the outcome of my recommendations, and as someone who shares their home with birds...you can bet my personal selection process includes "safe for birds"!

The only way I knew to truly ensure that the quality of essential oil I recommended was "birdie worthy" – was to evaluate it directly for myself. With essential oils that can change with every harvest and lot number, this became even more important. Sometimes I will find that one year's production of an essential oil is more appropriate to use with animals than another. These slight (but very important) fluctuations drove me to provide a source of essential oils for my patients, friends, and beloved critters - that would be screened directly with the intention of their use with animals. And animalEO was born! Not only could I create blends that were "perfect" for the animal or condition it was intended for, but I could ensure that every essential oil added into that mixture had been fully evaluated and used with animals, before it ever would be available for use.

Essential oils continue to be my passion, as they give me so many options that traditional medications just cannot provide. I can use oils right alongside of my traditional therapies, and sometimes completely instead of them. When all else fails, I always find some sort of help with the use of essential oils; they are easy to use, give broad emotional and physical effects, and act without the side effects of conventional medications.

To me, essential oils are simply amazing!

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<http://www.oiseaux-birds.com/trip-report-lp-foundation-parrots.html> (Loro Parque)
<http://www.parrots.org/> (The World Parrot Trust)
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<http://www.landofvos.com/eclectus.html>

Foraging & Enrichment

<http://www.parrotenrichment.com/home.html>
<http://www.avianpublications.com/items/behavior/itemDVD10.htm> (Captive foraging)
<http://www.avianenrichment.com/forum/forum.php>
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Training & Behavior:

<http://www.onafricanwings.com/clipping.htm> (Why not to clip)
<http://carlylusflightblog.com/training-resources/> (Flight Training resources)
<http://www.behaviorworks.com> (Susan Friedman)
<http://www.goodbirdinc.com/> (Barbara Heidenreich)

Other Resources:

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<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/pickinparrots/?yguid=48438728> (Pickin' Parrots)
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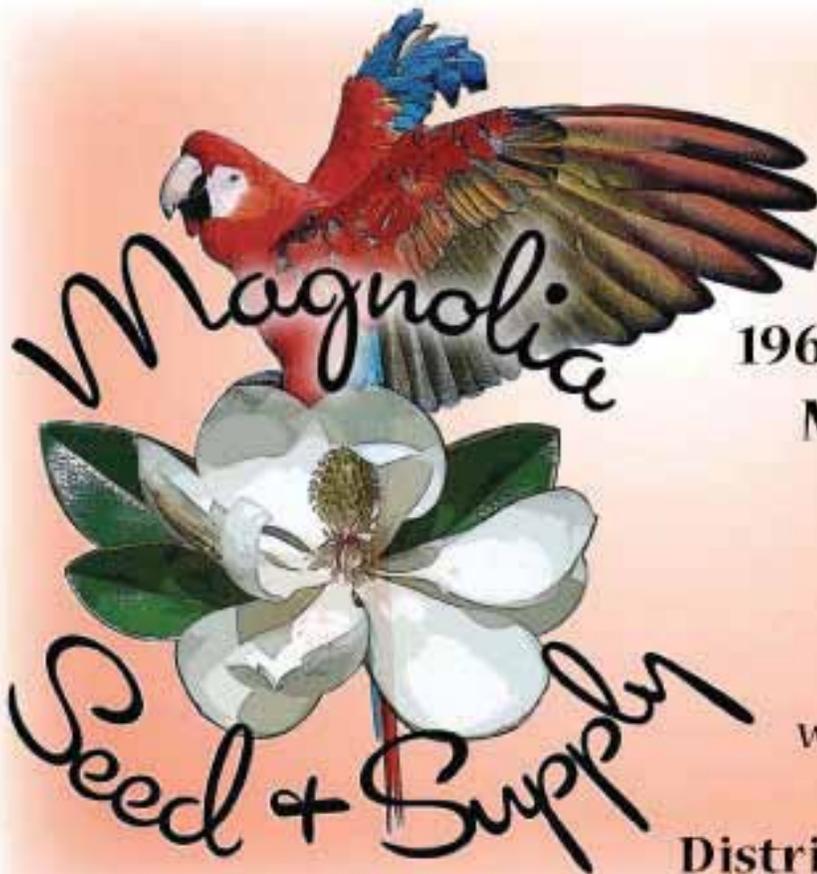


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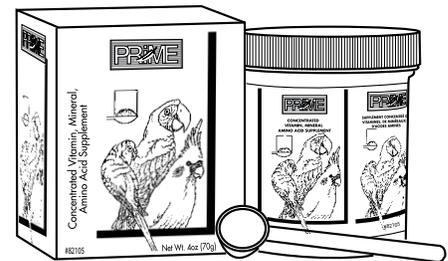
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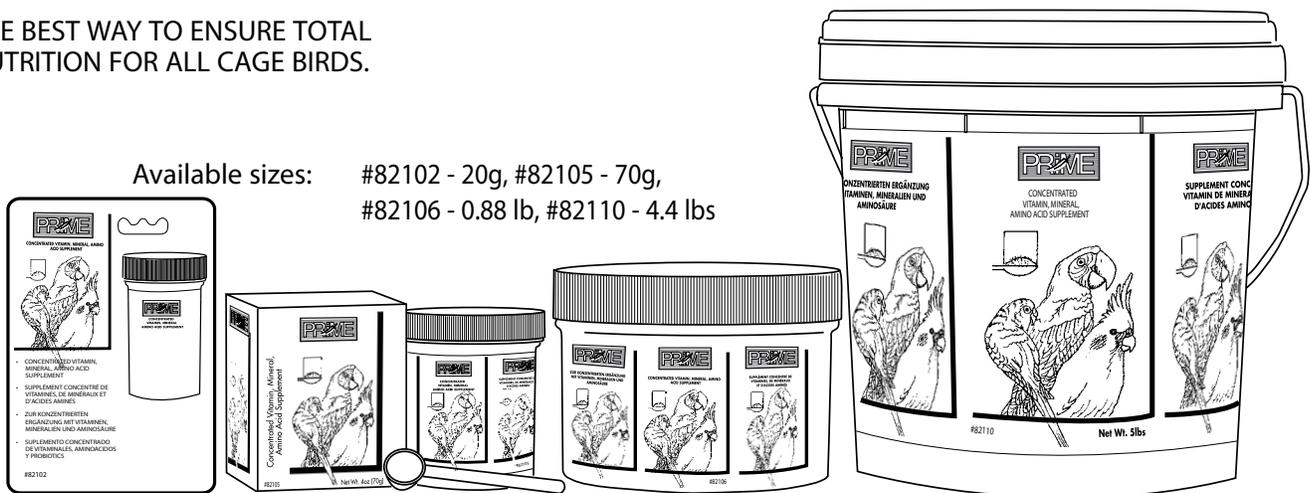


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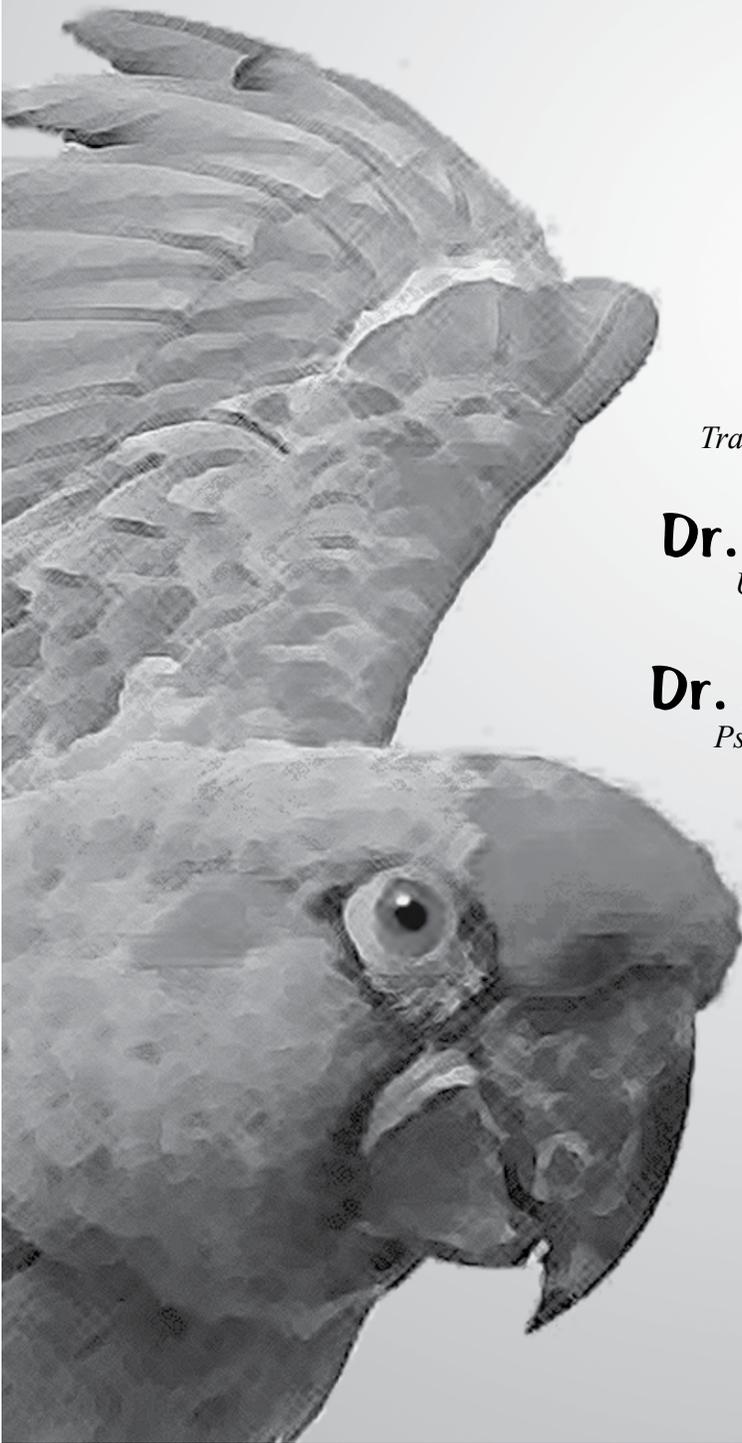
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MELANIE ALLEN

Melanie Allen got her start with Parrots in the 1980's when she purchased her first parrot, a yellow-naped amazon-who suffered from chronic health issues that stemmed from poor nutrition and inadequate care. For Allen, that bird was the beginning of a long standing relationship with all that encompasses parrots including a drive to educate avian enthusiasts on good quality pet care, responsible captive breeding program, avian medicine as well as legislative and conservational issues.



Allen has worked for Rolf C. Hagen (USA) Corp. as the avian product specialist since 1997. Today, she works closely with aviculturists, retail stores, and companion pet owners and attends many U.S. "Avi-Industry" conventions, including the American Federation of Avicultural, Avicultural Society of America, and Parrot

Festival on behalf of Hagen and the Hagen Avicultural Research Institute (HARI). Allen also serves as president of Florida Federation of Aviculture, Inc. , as well as a Board Member for National Parrot Rescue & Preservation Foundation.

COMPANION BIRD OWNER-SELF ASSESSMENT



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issues that challenge our parrots. Nutrition for all parrots whether they are wild or captive is a matter of science. And, it's also a matter of lifestyle!

Learn how to tell if you're doing it right!



ALYCIA ANTHEUNISSE

Owner, Cedar Hill Birds and AvianPRO

Alycia Antheunisse has always had animals in her life. She was born into a ranching family and lived on a 500 acre sheep and cattle ranch until she was 22 years old. Working with her grandfather every day taught her the respect of animals, common sense, and a deeply rooted work ethic that keeps her grounded in what is now one of the largest and most respected exotic bird businesses in the world. In 1996 Alycia reconnected with her now husband Eric Antheunisse and founder of Cedar Hill Birds. Together they have built a business that circles the globe and encompasses all aspects of aviculture.

Today, Alycia is instrumental in all aspects of handrearing: from nestbox to perch, public and resale. Although she tends to be more involved with the public, education, etc, Alycia does enjoy the breeding aspect of aviculture as well. Together she and Eric work daily to provide their flock with the proper diet, environment, and enrichment that leads to consistent and strong production in what would be considered a commercial setting. Streamlining their operation has proven beneficial for all species, conures to macaws, lorries to cockatoos.

Alycia is the driving force for Cedar Hill's sister company, Avian Pro. AvianPRO is a culmination of 30years experience with diets and products used within the business now being offered to the general public. In addition to parrot pellets, lory diets, and supplies, Alycia has aquired the company TEAKS Tea4Beaks partnering with Jason Crean. Together, Alycia and Jason are working diligently to create new tea blends, zoo animal blends and insectivorous diets to supply a demand in the market. Under the guidance of biologist Mr. Crean, Dr. Karen Becker, and zoological curators Alycia strives to provide premium diets and holistic options for bird and animal lovers worldwide.

Currently Alycia is President of the Exotic Animal Foundation, a 501c organization with a passion for teaching about the amazing world of aviculture. Alycia is joined by her daughter Ashle and together they visit schools and other gatherings bringing birds and tortoises for all to touch, experience and learn about. Together Alycia and Ashle share their passion with others sharing why aviculture is an amazing science and art.

In addition Alycia is the Director of Aviculture for Isabella's Aviary, LLC located in Seattle Washington. As Director of Aviculture she is in charge of all aspects of avian care. She works with the other board members to develop protocols on all aspects of bird care, write care sheets for newly adopted birds, develop FAQ sheets, etc. Alycia is responsible for directing the organizations breeding activities, including when and if this is appropriate to add or remove birds from the breeding program. Alycia frequently collaborates with other departments to ensure all presented information related to care is consistent and appropriate. Alycia continues to work with national and international avian clubs to spur interest between the avicultural community and Isabella's Aviary Alliance, LLC. In addition, she is helping to develop and maintain active sponsorship relationships within the community, and serve as the official spokeswoman when needed.

Alycia enjoys public speaking and is a strong advocate for aviculture at every speaking engagement she delivers. She understands the importance of congruence within the industry and works diligently to bring ALL aviculturists together for one cause: the right to breed animals and keep the industry intact for the future.



LEGISLATION 101

Learn to protect your rights as a pet owner and why ordinances, laws and new rules affect us as well as responsible breeders, brokers, handlers and trainers. We need to stand up and make our voices heard not only for the present but also for the future. Leave feeling empowered and with a game plan!

JASON CREAN

Jason Crean, MA, MS is a degreed biologist and avid aviculturist, specializing in the propagation of green aracaris and white-backed mousebirds, President of The Avicultural Society of Chicagoland, and moderates the Holistic Avian Care group on Facebook. Crean often speaks to avicultural groups across the country and acts as consultant to zoos and other institutions, including the Chicago Nature Museum and Wildlife Genetics lab at Loyola Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois. He also runs a live animal education program that does free interactive programs for a host of different audiences.

Crean is also a biology instructor at the high school and university level. He is also a curriculum designer and instructor in the Education Department at Brookfield Zoo. Crean has been awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching by President Obama in 2009, the 2010 High School Science Teacher of the Year by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as awards from the National Science Teachers Association, the National Association of Biology Teachers, the Illinois Science Teachers Association, among others. He has authored several curricula, including the award-winning “Zoo Genetics” curriculum (www.xy-zoo.com) and “Harry PotterBiology” curriculum (harrypotterbiology.com). He was also recently awarded the “Teacher of Distinction” award by the Golden Apple Foundation. He serves as Vice-President for the Illinois Science Teachers Association, Vice-President for the Illinois Association of Biology Teachers, and sits on the Board for the Association of Presidential awardees in Science Teaching and the National Science Advisory Panel on the national College Board.



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possible in an effort to satisfy all of the bird’s individual needs. Food in its raw, whole form is the best, most efficient way

to cover all of the bases. This talk will focus on recommendations given to zoos and private aviculturists for which the presenter consults, which includes providing whole food supplementation in a variety of ways.



BARBARA HEIDENREICH

Professional Animal Trainer Barbara's Force Free Animal Training
Websites: www.BarbarasFFAT.com and www.GoodBirdInc.com

In 1982 Barbara Heidenreich secured her first job working with animals in a veterinary hospital. After exploring different animal related jobs and receiving her degree in Zoology from UC Davis in 1990, Barbara started her career as an animal trainer in a zoological park. She has been a professional trainer ever since.

Barbara provides consulting services to zoos, nature centers and other animal facilities. She lectures regularly to the veterinary community and is an adjunct clinical instructor at Texas A & M University, Veterinary Medicine and Biological Sciences. Barbara is a former president of the International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators (www.IAATE.org) and served on the Board of Directors from 1997-2009. She volunteers her expertise to support conservation projects, The Kakapo Recovery Program and the Bird Endowment. In her career she has trained animals, trained staff, lectured and/or presented shows at over 40 facilities around the world.

Barbara has been a featured speaker on animal training in over twenty countries and has been published in nine languages. Barbara teaches learning theory as described by the science of behavior analysis. She is also passionate about teaching excellent animal training practical application skills. Barbara is thrilled to have had the opportunity to train thousands of animals, from rats to rhinos. This experience makes Barbara's expertise truly unmatched. This hands-on practice with so many different individual animals has been invaluable to helping her provide caregivers the tools they need to solve behavior problems and have a great relationship with the animals in their lives based on trust. Her goal is to leave behind a legacy of kindness to animals by sharing her expertise.



TRAINING ANIMALS TO COOPERATE IN MEDICAL CARE AND OVERCOMING FEAR RESPONSES

The field of animal training is evolving. Animal industry professionals have recognized the measurable benefits the application of science based training technology provides for the health and welfare of avian and exotic species kept as companion animals and for species exhibited in zoos. With an emphasis on positive reinforcement training strategies, avian, exotic and zoo animals are frequently being trained to cooperate in veterinary procedures and preventative care.



This noncoercive approach allows caregivers to successfully attend to the animal's health, reduces stress and supports a positive welfare state for the patient. This presentation will explain the application of science based training technology to train desired medical behaviors. It will also feature extensive video examples of many different avian, exotic and zoo species trained to cooperate in veterinary procedures.



DR. SHARMAN HOPPE'S, DVM

ABVP-Avian (Department of Small Animal Clinical Sciences, Texas A& M University)

Dr. Sharman Hoppes is a Clinical Associate Professor in the zoological medicine service at Texas A & M University (TAMU). Dr. Hoppes earned her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Oklahoma



State University in 1993. Prior to that she worked as a registered nurse for 10 years caring for human patients. She completed an avian medicine and surgery residency in 1999 at North Carolina State University and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners in avian practice in 2000. She is a Past-President (2012-2013) of the Association of Avian Veterinarians, and is also an active member of the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians, the Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians and the American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior. Dr. Hoppes joined TAMU in 2006 and her research interests include avian analgesia and Avian Bornavirus in parrots through her work at the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center and exotic and avian behavior and enrichment. She is married, has 2 beautiful step daughters and has 4 dogs, 3 cats, 3 rats and 14 pet birds.

UPDATE OF CURRENT RESEARCH

SCHUBOT EXOTIC BIRD HEALTH CENTER

(From ABV to the Tambopata Research Center)

Texas A&M University and the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center are currently collaborating on many areas of avian health and medical care. We have been involved in the study of Avian bornavirus and proventricular dilatation disease since 2005 and are currently looking at development of a vaccine, the role of anti-ganglioside antibodies in the diagnosis of the disease, treatment options, transmission studies and the epidemiology of ABV in wild birds.

After completing the genome project on the Scarlet macaw, we are continuing to look at the genome of several other birds; including the blue and gold macaw, the Hyacinth macaw and the whooping crane. Texas A&M and the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center continue to support and are actively involved in the Tambopata Research Center's Conservation projects. We continue to obtain clinical pathology data on wild adult and juvenile macaws, monitor growth rates of Scarlet macaw chicks and monitor clay lick activity of numerous species of parrots. Much of our activities are not only to support keeping stable numbers of wild parrots in the rainforest but also to obtain data from wild parrots that will help us provide better care and nutrition of captive bred parrots.

Texas A&M University also has a close relationship with the Wildlife Center of Houston. We assist with injured wild life care, providing advanced medical treatments, imaging and surgery for complicated or critical cases. We also are active in local and national oil spill response training. The Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center is also committed to providing an improved quality of life for research birds. We provide regular enrichment for our birds and provide ongoing positive reinforcement training to our large parrots with the goal that they willingly participate in their veterinary care and medical treatments vs being netted and forced. We work closely with Barbara Heidenreich a professional bird trainer to meet these goals. Texas A&M University and the Schubot Exotic Bird Health Center are committed to improving the life of birds in captivity and maintaining birds in the wild.

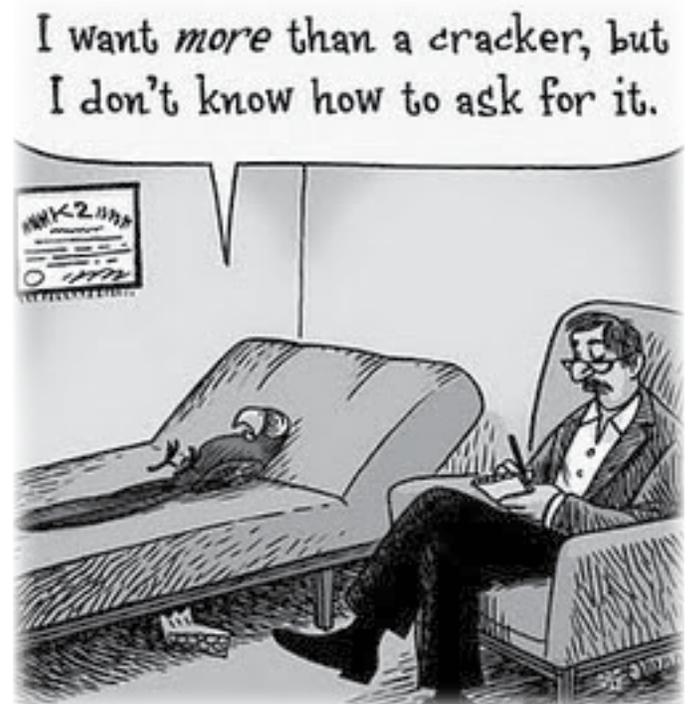
DR. ALICIA MCLAUGHLIN, DVM

Dr. Alicia McLaughlin, DVM, is an associate veterinarian at the Center for Bird and Exotic Animal Medicine in Bothell, WA. She achieved her veterinary degree from Oklahoma State University, and is currently working towards board certification as a specialist in avian medicine. She has a passion for providing exceptional quality medical services and compassionate care to her patients and their families. In her spare time, Dr. McLaughlin enjoys relaxing with her husband in the great outdoors and providing environmental enrichment for her furred, feathered, and scaly pets.



PSITTACINE PSYCHOTHERAPY AN INTRODUCTION TO PARROT BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

Behavior problems are a very common cause of animals being re-homed, relinquished to a shelter, or euthanized. Psittacine birds in particular display a high percentage of undesirable behaviors in captive environments. Some of these behaviors are manifested due to inappropriate husbandry; others can be traced back to physiologic abnormalities, past emotional trauma, abnormal human-animal bonds, etc. In many cases, these behaviors are unintentionally reinforced by owners, leading to escalating conflicts. This presentation will review basic behavioral concepts, common misunderstandings, veterinary approach/involvement in treatment, development of a behavioral treatment plan, and management of outcomes.



ADRIANNE MOCK

Adrienne literally grew up surrounded by a variety of animals, including Doberman Pinchers her family raised, various cats, 2 squirrel monkeys, tortoises, squirrels, small birds rescued from 'certain death by cat', geese and ducks, snakes (well, ONE snake...that lasted until her mom found it in HER bedroom...) and more.

When she moved to CA to attend college at UCSD she found herself 'petless' for the first time –and promptly purchased her first parrot . He was a Congo African Grey named Captain. He lived in the dorms with her, and became very popular among the staff and students.

While still a student, she met her soon-to-be husband Guy, and quickly introduced him to the world of birds. After Captain, there was a cockatiel, a Noble Macaw, and a beautiful umbrella cockatoo hen named Emma... who was unable to remain with them for long, as she unfortunately was only interested in rearranging Adrienne's face. At that time there was not much information on the use of Applied Behavior, positive reinforcement, or training to work with a bird that was simply too dangerous. Emma ended up with a couple that she fell in love with though... and Adrienne still thinks of her a lot.

After Emma Corky, a 6-month old umbrella cockatoo joined the family, then Angel , a 10-month old bare-eye cockatoo, both still with us (Corky is now 14, Angel is 30!). Guy and Adrienne joined a local parrot rehabilitation and rehoming organization, and added to the parrot flock – another umbrella cockatoo Sydney (now 30 years old and Corky's mate), 2 mollucan cockatoos now 22 years old , a blue and gold macaw, an African grey and more, including a small flock of zebra finches. Adrienne and Guy continue to work with birds and their owners on the topics of training, behavior modification, aviary building, nutrition and more.

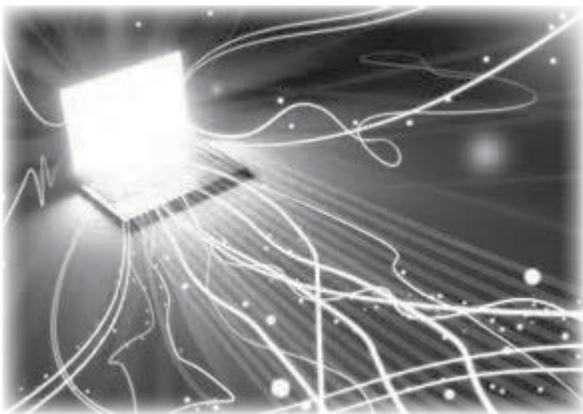
Adrienne has spoken on topics including "Bird Behavior and Body Language", "Training", "Environmental Enrichment," "Birds in the Classroom" , How to get your birds to eat new foods, and other topics for various bird clubs both locally in Southern California as well as in Las Vegas, Utah and Arizona, and for the American Federation of Aviculture and the Avicultural Society of America.

She is a member of the American Federation of Aviculture, Avicultural Society of America, International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators; San Diego Bird Breeders, San Diego Finch and Softbill Society, Hookbill Hobbyists as well as several online groups and organizations.

Adrienne is one of the tutors helping other bird owners on Dr. Susan Friedman's Parrot Behavior Analysis Solutions (PBAS) list, and is active on 2 bird clicker training lists as well as several pet bird yahoo and Facebook groups , plus the National pet-law list at yahoo groups –and is always interested in helping birds STAY in their homes.



ALL I KNOW ABOUT MY BIRDS I LEARNED ON THE INTERNET



The internet is a great resource – you can find nearly ANYTHING there. Using it wisely and sorting out the useful, relevant and factual information can be a bit difficult at times. Anyone can become an 'instant expert' online, and it is important to be able to figure out what information is correct, what is hype, misinformation or just plain wrong. Keeping birds (parrots, softbills, finches, canaries or 'other') is not easy – there are probably as many ways to keep birds successfully as there are... birds. With a little bit of humor, this presentation will discuss your 3 best friends online, using search terms effectively, and uncover some of the myths and facts that are 'out there' , all in the hopes of helping current and potential bird owners with their birds.

CAROLINE STAHALA

Caroline Stahala's research interest includes population and behavioral ecology of avian species for their future conservation. She holds a Master's degree from North Carolina State University and is currently completing a dissertation at Florida State University. Her long term research has focused on the ecology and behavior of the birds in the Bahamas, particularly the Bahama Parrot (*Amazona leucocephala bahamensis*). Currently she is based out of Panama City, Florida working for Audubon Florida as the Florida panhandle program manager.



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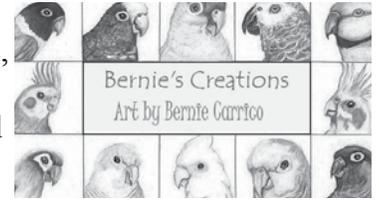
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Parrot Festival Questions & Answers

We would like to take the time to answer some of the most common questions or comments we receive on our annual attendee survey. We rely on the comments provided by attendees and vendors to help us choose topics and speakers, decide what changes should be made, and generally continue to develop Parrot Festival into a conference with appeal to all types of aviculturists.

Q: Why do you make announcements before each speaker and take up some of their lecture time?

A: We never use a speaker's time to make announcements. The speakers are asked to give a 60-minute lecture, including Q&A time, which is scheduled within a 75-minute slot. We do add a note at the top of the weekend schedule reminding everyone that the first 15 minutes of the time slot is for announcements and door prizes. This gives everyone a chance to come into the ballroom and get settled so that the speaker will be able to begin as soon as he or she is introduced. In most cases, we do not use the entire 15 minutes, so the speaker actually gets extra time to talk or answer questions.

Q: Why are there so many "commercial plugs" for the vendors before the lectures or during the auctions/raffle?

A: We rely on donations from businesses and individuals to keep Registration Fees low. We would appreciate everybody's patience while we take the time to thank our sponsors. Without the revenue made from the auctions and raffle, the costs of producing Parrot Festival would be passed on to the attendees through higher Registration Fees.

Q: Why is there only one microphone for the speakers to share at the Forums?

A: Because only one person should be speaking at a time. When you have several people on a panel, and each person has a mike, it can easily turn into a situation where people are talking over each other. With a "pass the mike" format, each panelist gets a chance to express his or her ideas without being interrupted. The moderator is on the other mike to make sure that all of the panelists get a chance to speak.

Q: Why was there a schedule change? I missed a speaker because they spoke at a different time/on a different day.

A: Schedule changes are only made when absolutely necessary, and usually at the request of a speaker. Schedule changes are usually caused by travel related issues. Because we make the schedule so early, flight changes can occur, inbound or outbound, that forces us to change a speaker's time or day with another. We announce and publicly post changes as soon as we know them.

Q: I have requested the same speaker every year, yet they have not appeared at Parrot Festival and you seem to have the same speakers year after year.

A: There can be many reasons why you have not seen your favorite speaker at Parrot Festival. We have invited some speakers that have had a scheduling conflict that has prevented them from accepting. We offer the same speaker package to all potential speakers; however, some speakers have a standard speaking fee that is much higher than what we can afford to pay. There are other speakers we would like to invite, but they may come from

an area where the airfare would be too expensive. We welcome and appreciate individuals and/or businesses offering to sponsor the speaker by paying the extra costs.

Q: Why is the ballroom too hot or too cold?

A: When you have a large group of people, it is impossible to keep the temperature at a level that is comfortable to everyone. We typically keep the ballroom on the cooler side because it is easier to warm up by putting on a sweater than it is to cool down if it gets too hot and stuffy in the ballroom. Also, sometimes a speaker may request a certain temperature.

Q: Why do I see some of the same items in the raffle each year?

A: Sometimes we get several of the same item, and we may choose to only put out one each year. Some people donate the same things every year. Sometimes we have unclaimed raffle prizes that are put back out the next year. We make every attempt to get a raffle prize to you if you have to leave before the drawing on Sunday, but sometimes the phone number that was provided no longer works, and sometimes the winner does not respond or is not willing to pay shipping costs. Raffle policies are posted at Registration and on many of the raffle tables.

Q: I have suggested a new vendor, but I was told that you were not accepting anymore vendors in that category. Why don't you replace some of the old vendors to give a new vendor a chance?

A: We rely on our vendors to help make Parrot Festival a success. We have a strong loyalty to our regular vendors, and we would not consider replacing a vendor who has always followed our strict vendor guidelines and has always provided quality products or services to our attendees. We do limit the number of vendors who sell certain products so that we can continue to offer a wide variety of vendors for you to shop with. Although this may mean that some vendors will never have a chance to have a booth at Parrot Festival, those vendors are always welcome to advertise in our program book, have their advertising included in the registration packets, or donate something in order to show attendees an example of their products.

Q: Why do some of the vendors bid on their own donated items at the Auction?

A: Vendors are NOT bidding on the items they have donated. Many of our vendors are pet bird owners or breeders, and all of them love birds. They have just as much right to bid on auction items as anybody else, their bids are legitimate, and they do have to pay if they are the high bidder. NPRPF & Parrot Festival staff members also often bid, and they too must follow the same auction rules as anybody. High bids on the silent auction sheets are highlighted before the sheets are picked up so that nobody can bid once the sheets have been collected.

Q: Why do some people win so much at the raffle? Why do the volunteers or staff win so much at the raffle?

A: Everybody pays the same price for raffle tickets, no matter who they are. Many people have a designated amount that they plan to donate to NPRPF each year, and they choose to donate this money by buying raffle tickets.

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NA10	2010	Antinoff, Dr. Natalie	<i>Obesity in Birds, Causes and Consequences</i>
NA11	2011	Antinoff, Dr. Natalie	<i>When is a Feather Picker Not Really a Feather Picker</i>
NA12	2012	Antinoff, Dr. Natalie	<i>Avian First Aid</i>
NA13	2013	Antinoff, Dr. Natalie	<i>Feathers and Flight</i>
CB10	2010	Biro, Chris	<i>Indoor Flight Training</i>
JB10	2010	Birmingham, Josee	<i>Versatile living quarters & lifestyle for your parrot. How this can benefit a long lasting relationship with your avian companion</i>
JBR11	2011	Brisco, VMD, Dipl ABVP, Jeleen	<i>Government Regulations for the Animal Welfare Act and Birds. How it could affect you!</i>
SC11	2011	Clubb, Dr. Susan	<i>Feather Damaging Behavior in Parrots</i>
JC13	2013	Crean, Jason	<i>Tea for Toos & Other Birds, Too</i>
KC11	2011	Csaky, Kashmir	<i>Understanding Reinforcement and Punishment</i>
SE11	2011	Echols, Dr. Scott	<i>Avian Enrichment</i>
WF11	2011	Frey, Dr. Walt	<i>How the Proper Habitat Leads to Happy Parrots; Planted Aviaries</i>
DG13	2013	Goodrich, Debbie	<i>Parrot Gone Wild: A Show for Parrot Lovers</i>
BH10	2010	Heidenreich, Barbara	<i>Addressing Behavior Problems</i>
BH11	2011	Heidenreich, Barbara	<i>A Good Start to A Good Bird – How to Raise and Train a Great Companion Parrot</i>
SH10	2010	Hoppes, Dr. Sharman	<i>Update on PDD at Texas A&M University</i>
RJ11	2011	Jordan, Rick	<i>Aviculture: Is there a future?</i>
LJ11	2011	Joyner, Dr. LoraKim	<i>Compassionate Conservation</i>
JP10	2010	Pattison, Jean	<i>The African Species</i>
DP11	2011	Phalen, Dr David	1) <i>The University of Sydney Wildlife Health and Conservation Centre.</i> 2) <i>Conservation of Australian Parrots – Can we save them all?</i>
PH12	2012	Photos	<i>Photograph Array by Dennis King</i>
PH13	2013	Photos	<i>Photograph Array by Dennis King</i>
PR12	2012	Program	<i>Full program with speaker notes on DVD.</i>
PR13	2013	Program	<i>Full program with speaker notes on DVD</i>
QA10	2010	Q&A Forum	<i>All About Parrots. Q & A Forum: All speakers and guests.</i>
QA11	2011	Q&A Forum	<i>All About Parrots. Q & A Forum: All speakers and guests.</i>
QA12	2012	Q&A Forum	<i>All About Parrots. Q & A Forum: All speakers and guests.</i>
QA13	2013	Q&A Forum	<i>All About Parrots. Q & A Forum: All speakers and guests</i>
MS13	2013	Schmit, Matt	<i>Colors by the Numbers</i>
DMS13	2013	Shelton, Dr. Melissa	<i>Avian Aromatherapy</i>
RS10	2010	Shewokis, Robin	<i>Enriching Your Parrot's Life</i>
RS13	2013	Shewokis, Robin	<i>Living the Enriched Life</i>
DS12	2012	Sigmon, Daniel	<i>"Replacing America's Parrot: Thoughts on the ecological dilemmas presented by the Carolina Conure and the Quaker Parrot."</i>
CS12	2012	Simmons, Chris	<i>Compounding Avian Medicines</i>
MST13	2013	Stafford, Dr. Mark	<i>What Makes Parrots So Damn Special</i>
RV12	2012	Valentin, Ricardo	<i>PR-DNER Puerto Rican Parrot Project at Rio Abajo Forest Reserve: Breeding the Puerto Rican Parrot, a minimalist approach.</i>
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