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Bird Droppings



UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

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

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

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

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

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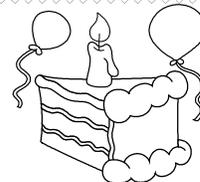
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

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

EDITORS BULLETIN

BOARD

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

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

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



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

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



OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

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

(Author unknown)

The above poem was submitted by club member Jim Lamb.

BIRD CLUB BETAQUETTE

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



CLUB WELFARE

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



FROM THE PREZ:



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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

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

Your Prez
Dave

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



Voice of the Veep

Happy New
Year! Happy New Year!
The Christmas meeting

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

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

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

I'll see you at the meeting
Your Veep

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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

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

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Out and About with Pookie

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

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

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

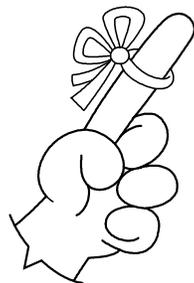
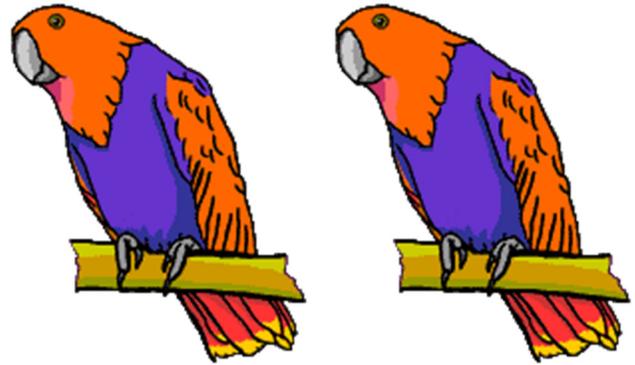
When I moved in with Steve he already lived with a Cockatiel named Squeakerdoodles and we were the only two birds in his household. When I was about three or four the size of our flock grew once again with the adoption of Sparky (CAG) and Misimo (Mexican Red Head Amazon.) they were both about a year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

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

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

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

See you at the meeting
Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

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

A REMINDER

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



ANNUAL ELECTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I NEED IT NOW!!!



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

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

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

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

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

SAFETY FIRST



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

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



Attention Kroger and Amazon Shoppers

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

Kroger Shoppers:

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

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

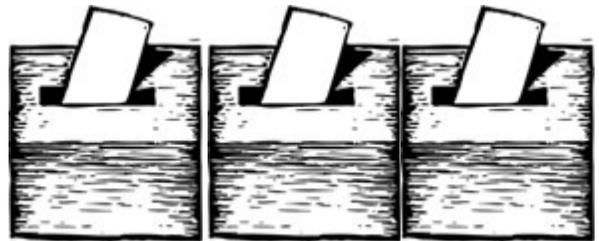
Once you have an account you click on the “EDIT KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS” tab and select Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue or our club’s NPO number “52206”. Once you have successfully registered you will see: Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue on the right side of the information page.

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

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

Amazon.com Shoppers:

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

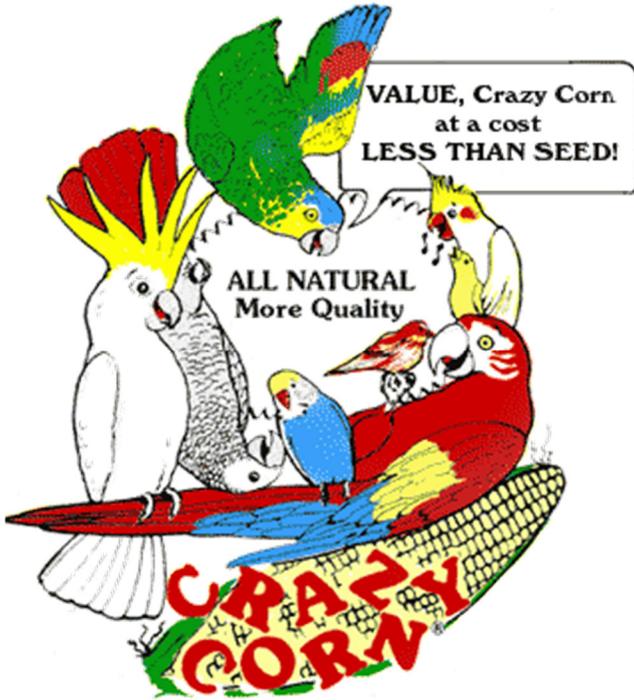


REMEMBER WE VOTE

THIS MONTH!

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SPECIAL BREEDER PRICING



UP COMING EVENTS

As of
Jan 7th 2017

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

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

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

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

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

May 2nd
Tuesday

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

Oct 28th
Sat

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

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

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

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



RESCUE UPDATE

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

Here is a brief recap of our latest adoptions:

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

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



Bits from Baby

**HAPPY 2017
EVERYONE!!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

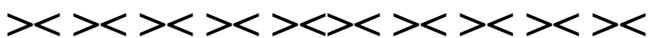
See you at the next meeting.

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

Well that's all for now.

See you all at the January meeting,
God Bless.

Your friend Baby,



*THE ADVENTURES OF
STEVE AND DAVE
the*

RESCUE RANGERS

IN
ONE CITY THREE BIRDS

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

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

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

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



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



By ZuPreem Staff

What's the best diet for your bird?

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

Feeding a variety of foods does not guarantee good nutrition

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

Seed diets can lead to obesity

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

Home prepared diets are not necessarily healthy

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

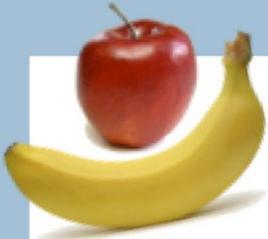
Supplement sparingly with fruits and vegetables

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

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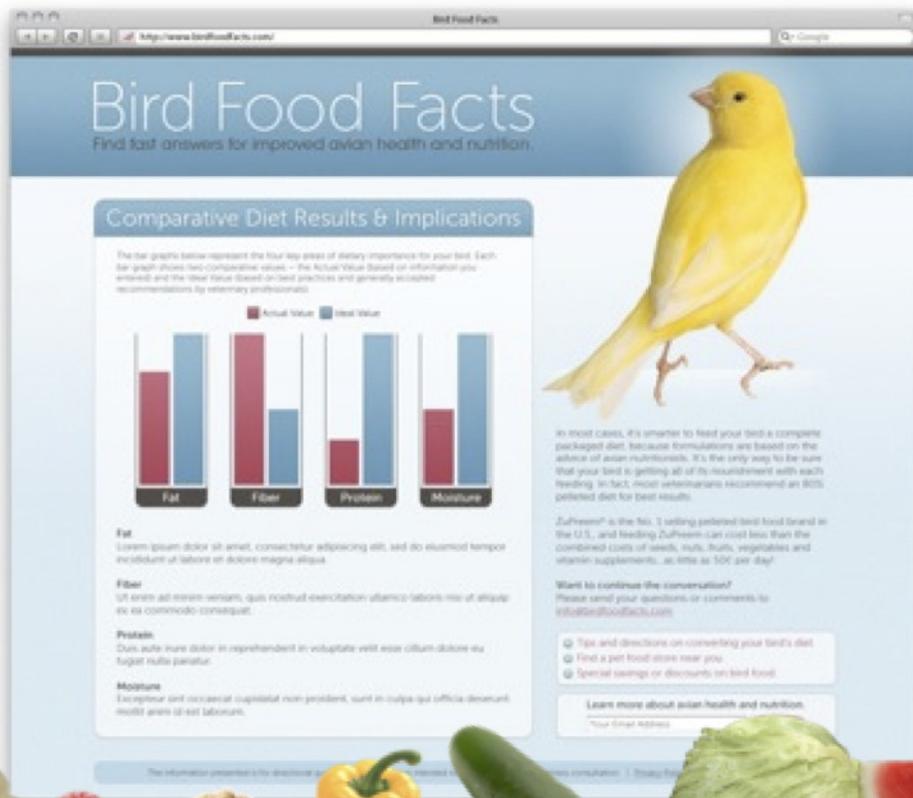
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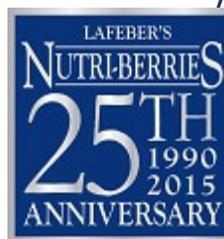
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