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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

DECEMBER 17th – THIRD SUNDAY
JANUARY 28th – FOURTH SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 25th – FOURTH SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

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

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

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

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

EDITORS BULLETIN

BOARD

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

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

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Editor reserves the right to approve and/or edit any articles submitted prior to publication.



OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

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



BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE

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

FROM THE PREZ:



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

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

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

Your Prez
Dave



Voice of the Veep



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

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

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

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

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

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



ANNUAL ELECTIONS

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

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

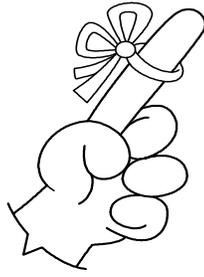
President shall also be public relations administrator and liaison between the Club and all other groups.

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

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

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

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



A REMINDER

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

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

and greeting everyone who came to this great event.

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

See you at the next meeting.

OH yes-MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

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Bits from Baby

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

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

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



RESCUE PROCEDURE

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



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

CHERYL BRATCHER	DEC. 1
LINDA WAGNER	DEC. 3
CAROL BURGESS-KRZESOWIAK	DEC.5
JEREMY EAMES	DEC. 7
JASON VOGT	DEC. 11
PATRICK BONSE	DEC. 13
KAREN RICHARD	DEC. 13
ANNETTE BALLARD	DEC. 14
ELIZABETH GLADSON	DEC. 17
TRACEY TRESSLER	DEC. 17
LAKELY MOESTA	DEC. 22
SHERYL KRASNOW	JAN. 1
TOM POKRYFKY	JAN. 9
MICHELE MONSON	JAN. 17
CHARLES DIXON	JAN. 18
MARY-ELLEN WILSON	JAN. 25
KEN LAWRENCE	JAN. 26
LOVEY QUESNEL	JAN. 27
ANN STEFFY	JAN. 30
SANDRA KEMPISTY	JAN. 31



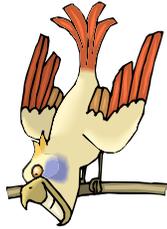
Guardians for Animals Raffle Tickets

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

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

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

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



ODDS AND ENDS

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

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Out and About with Pookie

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

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

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

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

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

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



BLAH, BLAH AND BLAH 2017!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE

THE

RESCUE RANGERS

SOMEWHERE OUT OF LEFT FIELD IN
BELLVILLE

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

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

Stay tuned for our next thrilling adventure Saving Charlie!!



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



RESCUE UPDATE

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

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

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

THANK YOU



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

Cheers

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

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

Captain Morgan



Fishing for Tuna

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

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

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

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

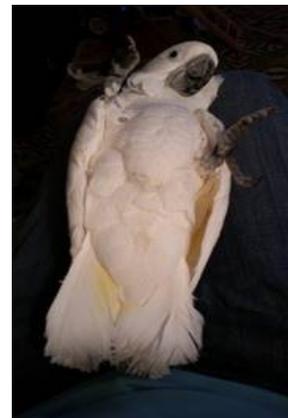
Rainbow Feathers rescued Too-Too from the last person that had adopted him and she felt terrible at the time because she thought she had failed him. She had many birds at her home (finches) and because of

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

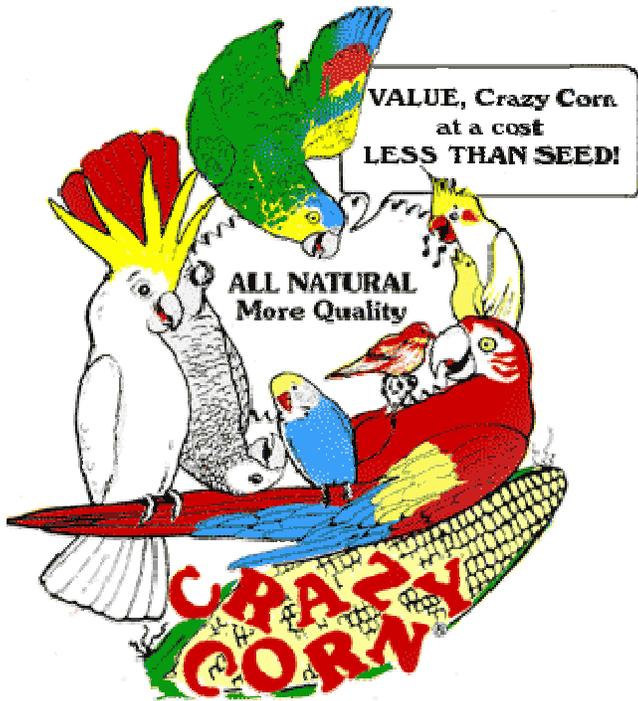
Tuna is now in his forever home with the Cockatoo Whisperer and is one of the sweetest and most loving birds we have ever seen. He is gentle with everyone he meets, including young children and seniors. Yes, he still screams; Yes, he still chews wood like a wood chipper and yes, he is still dustier than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

That's just what they do because he's a

Cockatoo.



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SPECIAL BREEDER PRICING



Upcoming Events

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EVENTS

As of
December 5th 2017

*******2018*******

April 27th 2018
 Fri

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

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

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

everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

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



Bloodwork is important in a post-purchase veterinary exam

By Don J. Harris, DVM

All too often, a bird owner with a recently purchased bird either does not take the bird to a veterinarian for examination, or if they do, the most important part of this exam is not preformed. What is crucial in a post-purchase evaluation is the bloodwork. Because birds are great at hiding physical signs of illness, blood testing is mandatory in assessing the health of avian patients. The veterinarian may scrutinize a bird and look for any physical abnormalities, but even the healthiest looking birds can be hiding disease. Sometimes, blood tests are the only way to accurately uncover hidden health problems. Many illnesses display no external signs until the end when the bird is at death’s door. By then, it is often too late to resolve the problem.

Most problems can be addressed if detected early, and bloodwork is the key to early detection. Bird owners should ask that blood tests be performed on their bird, even if the veterinarian doesn’t suggest it. In fact, if a veterinarian doesn’t discuss lab tests in the

face of avian illness, another veterinarian should be sought. If the results are negative, the owner will have peace of mind knowing the bird is healthy. If the results suggest a problem, action can be taken to treat the condition. Bloodwork can also provide a baseline that can be helpful in future evaluations of your bird.

I recently became aware of a pet owner who took her bird to a veterinarian for a post-purchase exam. The veterinarian checked over the bird, did a culture of the bird’s throat and vent, and recommended bloodwork. The new bird owner decided not to do the blood tests. Everything appeared okay—until the bird died two days later. A necropsy showed the bird had *Aspergillus* fungus throughout its abdomen. Had the new owner consented to blood tests for her bird, the fungus would have been detected. Possible conditions or diseases that may be diagnosed through a complete blood analysis include:

- Infections
- Parasites
- Reproductivity
- Malnutrition
- Metabolic disorders such as liver or kidney disease
- Vitamin deficiencies such as Vitamin A deficiency

Bloodwork is the veterinarian’s first and most important tool in evaluating patients. It is an internal view of the bird’s overall health. Depending on the results of the initial bloodwork, other diagnostic tests may be warranted to fully diagnose the extent or the cause of any abnormality



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A Cracked Christmas Carol
By Dave Carol

WE NEED A LITTLE CLEANING

(SUNG TO THE TUNE WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS)

Roll out the vacuum
We need to clean before
More bird food falls again
Rehang the stockings because the bird has
put them
Back on the floor now
For we need a little cleaning
Right this very minute
Bird gunk on the window
Bird poop on the spinet
Yes, we need a little cleaning

Right this very minute
Need a little cleaning now
Go hide the fruitcake so the parrot won't try
to eat it all
Hey where he go now
Better look inside the Christmas tree now
Because he's been so quiet I start to worry
Better find him fast we've got to hurry
For I've grown a little sleepy
Grown a little tired
I need a cup of coffee
To get a little wired
And I've got so much to do now
Before the holidays are here now
We need a little cleaning now!
(My apologies to the original)

Frosted windowpane
Parrots screaming inside
There's a Cockatoo in the tree
Oh that gray is gone he's going to find
Things, things that he doesn't need
It's that time of year when the world falls in
love
Every song if you can hear seems to say
Merry Christmas may your New Year
dreams come true
And this song of mine as the parrots dine
wishes you and yours
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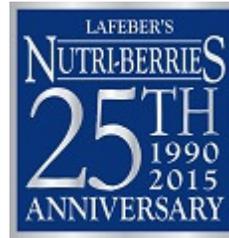
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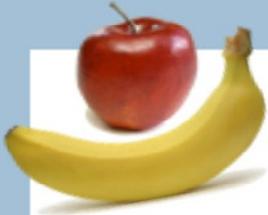
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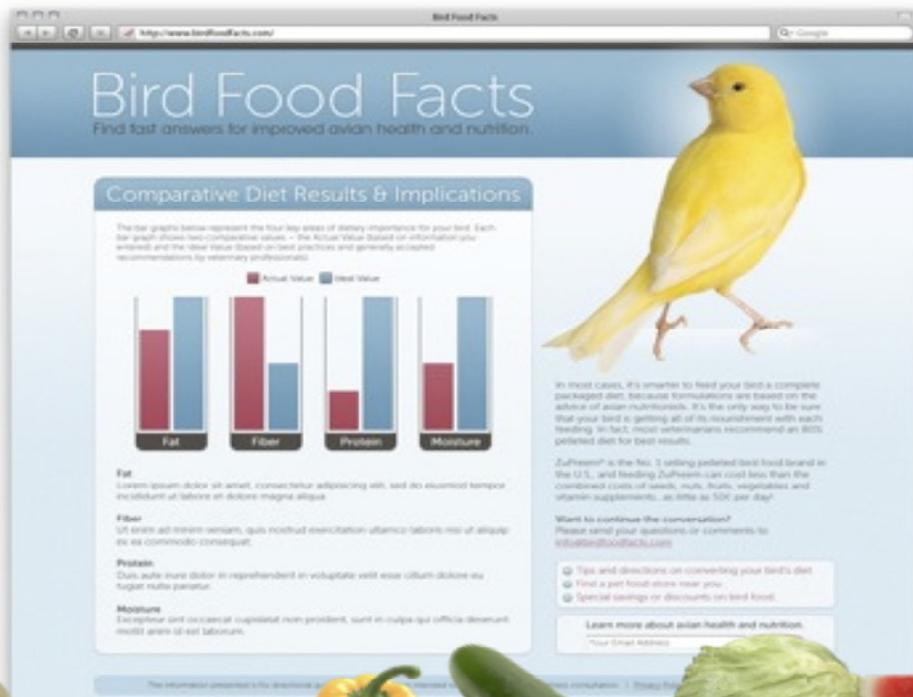


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