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## *Bird Droppings*



### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

JULY 31<sup>st</sup> – Fifth Sunday – **PICNIC**  
AUG. 26, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> – **Ypsilanti Heritage Festival**  
SEPT. 25<sup>th</sup> – 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

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](mailto:sweettweeters@comcast.net)

## EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Susan Dixon is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to her at: [susanhdixon@hotmail.com](mailto:susanhdixon@hotmail.com).

Members are encouraged to submit interesting, bird-related articles to the newsletter for the benefit of our club members.

Articles and/or pictures copied from other publications must be accompanied with written permission from original publication and author. This needs to be provided to the editor along with the article and/or picture.

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

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 Potluck

We have decided to stop soliciting for snack volunteers for our meetings and make the format a potluck venue. The reasoning for this is twofold; there have been very few members signing up for snacks and many members just bring dishes and desserts without signing up. So from now on our meetings will be a potluck fair, YUM!!



## 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.
- ❖ **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR BIRD BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**



## CLUB WELFARE

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

## OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Sadly we must report the passing of yet another feathered member of our club.

Phoenix the Green Wing Macaw who owned The Greenwoods crossed over the rainbow bridge this month. Those of you that were regulars at our meetings, Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and the Pet Expo might remember Phoenix with The Greenwoods.

To Phoenix we say farewell and forever may you fly free on the far side of the rainbow bridge. You will always be loved and remembered.

## From the Prez:

Summer has arrived with a vengeance and a little rain would be welcome around these parts lately. Still can you believe that it is July already and our bird fair is just a pleasant memory. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who helped make this one of most successful fairs ever your help was appreciated more than you ever know. We even got out before 5 PM that was a first and we are all paid up for next year so that's one thing less we have to worry about. Also thanks for all who participated in the bag-it-bingo as usual I ended up with nothing but it sure was fun trying. Oh well better luck next year. Now we turn our sights on the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival now at the end of August. We need all the help we can get especially on Friday morning for the set up and Saturday for pictures and crowd mingling then Sunday for more crowd mingling, pictures and the teardown. As always I have no worries because you guys always come through and make these events a success. We also cannot forget about our picnic on July 31<sup>st</sup> the club will provide all the hotdogs and hamburgers you just need to bring a dish to pass. It is at the same place Garden City Park on the corner of Merriman and Cherry Hill roads behind the Garden City post Office in the big pavilion. So come on out and have a good time sit relax and eat then eat some more it is a fun day for all. These events are made possible because of you the best members in the world we could not do this without you guys and your ideas and your help you make these events the success they are. So as we look toward the future and it looks bright, let's just keep doing



things the way we always have because when we do that we can't go wrong. I've said this before and I will always say this **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!!**

Your Prez,  
Dave

## Voice of the Veep



Hello everyone and yes, this is truly me writing the entire column for the first

time this year.

Allow me to begin with a brief recap of all my issues both health related and computer related. In mid-January I had a detached retina in my left eye; this resulted in three surgeries over the past six months. The second issue was a major computer crash that resulted in my having to format my computer and load Windows 10 ® and a new version of Office. I'm still completely baffled with the simple process of sending e-mail and using Word among other things. With any luck and Tammy's help there won't be any more re-runs or skips in my columns.

How about our bird fair! WOW! It was a great success and that was because of all of you, our members. We had the help we needed to unload the truck, set-up the hall, set-up the raffles, take admissions and get venders in and out. The helpers in the morning and after the fair did an awesome job.

This month is our annual picnic it's on July 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 that's the fifth Sunday in July; the picnic is going to be in Garden City Park on the corner of Merriman Rd. and Cherry Hill under the large pavilion. The

club is supplying the hot dogs and hamburgers, but if you are able bring a dish or desert to share. I will be bringing a cooler of water but if you desire something else to drink you have to bring your own. There will not be any nail or wing trimming at the picnic because we are outside and do not want any accidental fly offs. It must be stressed that we will be outside and unless your bird(s) has clipped wings or will allow you to put a harness on them please do not bring them. I do not want to be a witness to someone's bird flying off.

See you at the picnic

Steve



## Out and About with Pookie

Yes, it truly is me; this is not a previously issued column but one that was written just a few days ago. Allow me to present everyone with a brief recap of my tribulations over the past six months; Steve was infected with the dreaded Cockamaw virus which has resulted in an excessive amount of issues with his health and with his judgment. Health-wise, he has lost any usable vision in his left eye; judgment-wise he no longer has any common sense remaining. Steve has committed some of the most egregious errors in judgment that we, (the African Greys) have ever had to suffer. The humiliation of having to admit that our Steve, the staunchest supporter of Grey rights, not only has held and conspired with Cockatoos he has invited an Umbrella Cockatoo to move into our African Grey

sanctuary. Yes, you read what I said correctly! Its official we now have an Umbrella Cockatoo (named Rickey) living in our front room. A real living, screaming, wood chewing, screaming, singing, screaming, talking, screaming, screaming,  
**SCREAMING!!!!!!!** Cockatoo.

Sorry about that little outburst that was very undignified of me to lose my composure at the end of the last paragraph. On behalf of all seven of the Greys and Misimo (MRH Amazon) in our home I would like to be first to welcome Ricky into our "Grey" household as we attempt to convert him to behave in a proper fashion. Lessons however are proceeding slowly at best and we are all having guarded optimism that our newest resident will learn by example. By that what I mean is that Mr. Rickey can achieve greater success for attention and treats if he behaves in a more civilized and contrite manner.

Unfortunately, what he has learned over his lifetime is that the way for him to achieve what he desires is by voicing exceptionally loud opinions accented with toe chasing followed by finger and arm bites. We are all maintaining a positive attitude that he will learn that if he behaves in a more Greyish fashion he will attain more attention and treats. It may not be possible but we will continue to try. I'll keep you posted.

Steve however is an entirely different story; I was always under the impression that companion humans were mildly intelligent. Steve is doing his utmost best to prove that theory incorrect. After two hip surgeries, three eye surgeries and an issue with the roof of our home (something about the shingles getting on his face,) he has completely forgotten all of his training

concerning driving with us in the car. We are re-teaching him about sharing French Fries along with car perch riding and shoulder sitting and with any luck our lives will be normalized soon. With any luck we will all be getting “out and about” in the future.

Chirps and Squawks

Pookie



## DAFFYNITIONS

I call them this because they are way too crazy to be anything else. Yes, these are things people requested from the rescue.

Man’s bird – A bird that is large for some macho moron who wants people to fawn over (mainly women) as he walks around with it on their shoulder.

Showstopper – A bird that will make people say wow even though they know nothing about the bird the bird it has to be big and flashy.

Chatterbox – A bird that will talk when they want it to impress their friends and it doesn’t matter what kind as long as it talks.

Quiet Cockatoo – No such thing!

Calmness – A trait that many birds do not possess and it has to be under **ALL** situations.

Not naked – meaning it has to be in perfect feather.

Junk Bird – Referring to Parakeets because of their low cost and small size if they get tired of them they can just open the door and let them go.

A colorful Bird – It must have more than just green as its main color.

A Clean Type Bird – A bird that does not throw seed and water all over the place. Once again there is no such thing.

Look at Birds – Birds they don’t have to interact with just watch without the chance of getting bit.

An in Between bird – Meaning not big but not small but somewhere in between.

Finally

A Perfect Bird – A bird that does not scream, bite, make a mess or is demanding in any way shape or form, it must talk and obey their owners. If anyone finds one please let me know I think my guys are perfect just the way they are!





## The Parrot Who Owns Me

“There is no such thing as owning a parrot. You can’t have a parrot as a pet; a dog, certainly, a cat, maybe, but a parrot, never. Quite the contrary, you are the pet, and parrots vary in their ability to make good masters. Be warned....being owned by a parrot is not for the faint of heart!”

Dr. Joanna Burger, Distinguished Professor of Biology, Rutgers University



### Avast ye Mates CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well I am so confused I don’t know which way is up, it seems that I am second rate around here. Let me explain this. So my pet humans Tammy and Dave agreed with someone else’s pet humans that he (Chief) could stay with us for about a week while they took a vacation. It is kind of like a summer camp for a bird so he roomed with me for that time period. This was not before being introduced to Bluebell the good looking chick in the other room. Well, she was a shameless flirt when she saw Chief and immediately began making eyes at him and him the same. It was quite a sight and it

was making Max a little nauseous, he told me it was just disgusting to see how she carried on. This did not set well with me he was moving in on my territory and she had only met him and was going gaga over him. Why don’t I ever get that reaction from her all I get is this aloof stay away from me attitude. Oh, but when Chief strolls in she gets all stupid and gooey around him acting like a boy crazy school girl. It really hurts one’s feelings I mean what does he have that I haven’t got would someone please tell me. I think I am suave, good looking and charming so what’s the deal here. Please do not tell me there are other fish in the sea we are not fish and I do not like to fish period. So from now on they will just have to get **MY** approval before they arrange sleepovers and who knows maybe I’ll find that cute chick and make her jealous, no I am not jealous just confused. So next time, if there is a next time they had better run it by me before letting some interloper muscle in on my turf.

Cheers  
Captain Morgan

### THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE THE RESQUE RANGERS IN NO LOVE IN HOWELL

They usually say love is in the air but not in this case in fact it came in a cage but this was not love as we know it not at all it was far from it. It was pure meanness and I do

mean pure. This little bird came from Howell Michigan and if you haven't figured it out already it is a Lovebird a female to be exact. Now she is a normal green Lovebird but she is the typical female in desperate need of an exorcism. That is why she was being turned into the rescue for the fact that she could probably take on any Pitbull and win. Do not let the fact that she is only 3-4 inches in length and weighs just ounces fool you she would make any type of fighter (boxer, MMA, Karate or cage fighter) tremble in fear. When they got her (not knowing it was a girl) she was sweet and loving but then something happened and the hormones took over and she became evil, wicked, mean and nasty. Now this is typical of female Lovebirds and Ranger Dave having raised Lovebirds was all too familiar with this behavior. So they went to put her in a carrier and fought a valiant fight and the Rangers came out victorious with no bloodshed. Now having the attitude, she has she still resides with Ranger Dave and is still breathing fire and brimstone every time he cleans or feeds and waters her but he has dealt with this before and will continue to do so. So she has a nice cage and toys and delights in playing get the Ranger with Ranger Dave. A couple of times she has been successful but not too often and she will reside with him until she is called home in another 8-10 years. Still there are more birds out there that are sweeter that need to be rescued and they will continue to answer the call because they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!**

Stay tuned to this channel for our next thrilling adventure An Umbrella in Milan!!!



## **BITS from BABY**

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

I was not at the last meeting because there was too much going on that day. I received a message from my two pals Sparky and J.B. who reported on the meeting through Birdie Gram.

At June's meeting it looked like everyone had a great time playing Bag It Bingo last month. It's a crazy game the non-feathered member love to play. We had Fifty-one people and Thirty-one birds in attendance. There were Forty-two members and Nine Guests and of the Birds we had Seven African Grays, Six Macaws, Six Cockatoos and Twelve other types of Parrots in attendance.

We started this year off slow with the bird programs but now they're coming in hot and heavy and that's not counting the indoor and outdoor events for the rest of the year. We must be doing something good that makes us in such demand that more new places call every year. I like to think that we are making more people happy when we do our shows for both the elderly and young ones. I know it makes me and the Rainbow Club Members happy to see all the smiles on everyone's faces.

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

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# RESCUE UPDATE

Last month we had several bird adoptions: Sherlock the Quaker, Ginger the Nanday, Tambo the Blue & Gold and not to be forgotten a little Parakeet named Colorful Story, all went to their new, forever homes with food, cage and toys, thanks to you, our generous members. Your donations and support of our monthly raffles enable us to do this.

We are always in need of members who are willing to foster rescued birds. The duties of a foster parent are four fold:

1. Quarantine the bird from your own flock (in case the rescued bird has an illness that it could pass to your own birds).
2. Convert the rescued bird to a healthy (pelleted) diet along with fruits and veggies.
3. Be willing to take the rescued bird to our rescue vet: Roose Animal Hospital. (The vet bills and pellets will be paid for by the club.)
4. Be willing to have prospective new owners come to your home to meet the bird when it's ready for adoption to see how they interact with it. A portion of the decision as to whether the bird is going to the correct home will be up to the foster parronts. This is because you will have the best judgment of the bird's personality and how it interacts with people.

Once again, a great big thank you to all of our club members for their support of the monthly club raffles and donations of food and toys. It is your participation that

funds our rescue and allows us to send the adopted birds to their new homes with cages, food and toys. Our rescue could not do this without you.

## **\*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 cannot 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:

MATTHEW WISE	AUG. 1
KEITH PLAGENS	AUG. 3
LEO FENNELLY	AUG. 7
JEAN JEDRZEJEK	AUG. 9
KATHE COTE	AUG. 14
MARILYNN STACEY	AUG. 15
LINDA MCCARTHY	AUG. 17
TERRY SULLIVAN	AUG. 19
SUSAN JENISON	AUG. 20
ALLYSON SCHRIEFER	AUG. 30
JORDYN SCHRIEFER	AUG. 30
CHERYL BURNISKY	AUG. 31



**UP COMING**  
**EVENTS**  
**As of**  
**July 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**

July 18<sup>th</sup> **2 PROGRAMS !**  
 Mon. Jewish Community Center  
 Shalom Street Museum  
 6600 West Maple Road  
 West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
 Set-up 8:40 am  
 1<sup>st</sup> Show Runs from 9:40 - 10:40 am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Show Runs from 10:50 - 11:50 am

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 Set-up 8:40 am  
 1<sup>st</sup> Show Runs from 9:40 - 10:40 am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Show Runs from 10:50 - 11:50 am

July 24<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
 Sun. Waltonwoods at Twelve Oaks  
 (Independent)  
 27475 Huron Circle  
 Novi, MI 48377  
 1:00 PM Set-up  
 2:00 PM Start

\*\*\*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*\*\*\*

July 27<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
 Wed. Oakmont Sterling  
 41155 Pond View Dr.  
 Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
 1:00 PM Set-up  
 2:00 PM Start

July 29<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
 Fri. American House Stone  
 3741 Adams Rd.  
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
 12:30 PM Set-up  
 1:30 PM Start

July 31<sup>st</sup> CLUB PICNIC  
 Sun. GARDEN CITY PARK  
 MAIN PAVILION  
 10:00 AM TO ???

\*\*\*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*\*\*\*

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Adult Daycare  
 Tues. The Oaks Adult Daycare  
 2500 S. Main St.  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
 12:30 PM Set-up  
 1:00 PM Start

\*\*\*NOTE ONLY 1/2 HOUR SET-UP\*\*\*

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> School Program  
 Thurs Leonard School  
 4401 Tallman Dr.  
 Troy, MI 48085  
 1:30 PM Set-up  
 2:30 PM Start

Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
 Fri. American House Stone  
 3470 Carpenter Rd.  
 Ypsilanti, MI 48197  
 1:30 PM Set-up  
 2:30 PM Start

Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> Senior Show  
Mon. University Living  
2865 S. Main St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
1:30 PM Set-up  
2:30 PM Start

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
Sat. Huron Woods  
Towsley Health Bldg.  
5361 McAuley Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
1:30 PM Set-up  
2:30 PM Start

### Ypsilanti Heritage Festival

Riverside Park  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Noon to 8:00 PM  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM to 8:00 PM  
Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
More details will be posted  
as they become available  
\*\*\*Our Club Has a Booth at This Event\*\*\*

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Motor City Bird Breeders  
Sat. Bird Fair  
\$3.00 Admission 10 AM to 4 PM  
876 Horace Brown Dr.  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
\*\*NOTE: We **DO NOT** Have a Booth\*\*  
\*\*at This Event\*\*

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
Wed. Independence Village  
White Lake  
935 Union Lake Road  
White Lake, MI 48386  
12:15 PM Set-up  
1:15 PM Start

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Guardians for Animals  
Sat. & Sun. Pet Expo  
Madison Place  
876 Horace Brown Drive  
Madison Heights, MI 48071  
Sat Times 10 AM to 5 PM  
Sun Times 11 AM to 4 PM

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE DATE CHANGE\*\*\*\*\*

We hopefully will be setting up on Friday  
like last year

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Society of Canary and Finch  
Breeders Bird Fair  
\$3.00 Adm. 9AM to 3 PM  
Livonia Elks Lodge #2246  
31117 Plymouth Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48150  
\*\*\*Our Club Has a Booth at This Event\*\*\*

### PET EXPO

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 8pm  
Nov. 12<sup>st</sup> 10am to 8pm  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 10am to 5pm

### Suburban Collection Showplace

46100 Grand River  
Novi, MI 48374

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
Tues. Caretel Inns of Brighton  
1014 E. Grand River Ave.  
Brighton, MI 48116  
1:30 PM Set-up  
2:30 PM Start

**We will be setting up on Thursday  
Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> most likely around 9:00 am.  
Please remember no birds will be allowed  
through the front door.**

\*\*\*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).

We want everyone to be aware that when you see the line following the event listed:

\*\*\*Our Club Has a Booth at This Event\*\*\*

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. Don’t let this stop you from joining us though. We will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



## DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC!

It has been moved to this month, on the Fifth Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, this is our annual picnic at Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman. Enter the park from Cherry Hill and follow the road around until you see

Dave and Tammy at the large pavilion at the east end by the restrooms.

The Club is providing the meat, buns, condiments and all paper products & utensils. Everyone is to bring items to pass and your own beverage. (There will be a cooler with water and ice.) We recommend that you leave your pets at home unless they are used to being outside in the wind and weather. Wings' **MUST** be clipped and smaller lighter birds should stay home. We don't want any accidental fly offs. The picnic is from 10ish until we're tired of each other's company.



## Rambling with Rambo

There has not been much going on around here. The Rainbow Feathers meeting was rather good. Listen up you humans; you are really slacking off on the food lately. The past few meetings, the selection of food has been pretty poor. There has been mostly things we birds cannot eat. Sure we love the pizza crust. But, we also like the pasta, and fruit salad. Those orange melons are yummy.

Other than a few educational shows, we have not been doing much. There was this one show in Bloomfield Hills. Daddy went past in probably 12 times. Well, it turns out that the name of the place is not on the sign. The sign has the name of the other Senior Home in the same complex. And the numbers are very hard to see.

Now listen Michael. If Steve can find the place, you certainly can. Steve is still suffering from the effects of Cockatooitis. We all warned him about this. That Cockatoo dust gets in you, and never let's go.

There was one very special show we did. This was down at a school. Turns out, Michael's grandson goes to this school. He has never met Daddy's majestic Macaws. Even Michael's grandson's mother, did not know about Packo.

He is afraid of birds. So everyone had to be careful to not get too close to him.

Knowing he is afraid of us, Daddy did not put us too close. Now Michael knows I am always good around children. And Packo being so big would really scare him.

There was another event we did. This was the Critter Care Fair. This was a real short event. It was only 4 hours. The day started cold and rainy.

The day actually turned out good. The weather was a little chilly, and cloudy. So it was not hot outside. The people that attended with us were, Charles and Susan, Steve, Miss Celeste and her friend Amanda. Amanda seems to be really nice. There was free donuts there.

There was one thing that happened there. I was sitting on Daddy's knee. Well, Miss Celeste walked by, a little too close. I reached out and bit her arm. Well, guess I was a little over excited from being there.

Well everyone. I will not be at the Rainbow Feathers Bird Fair. Daddy said there will be too much going on. He will be too busy to watch, and feed me. Can you believe it? He will not have time for me.

Time to say good bye for this time. Everyone have fun, (try to) be good, and never forget, Macaws Rule. Rambo



### **Pondering with Packo**

Not much going on around my kingdom. With this nice weather, Daddy did

take me outside. He did not do this until after our May Rainbow Feathers meeting.

Michael told both myself, and Rambo, your wings sure are growing back fast this year. I have needed to get my wings trimmed at every meeting. And naturally, I keep my nails real sharp for everyone. I was working on them before we left the meeting.

At the May meeting, things went well. Hey get this. I let a new person hold me. I let them hold me for about 3 seconds. Then I flew back to Daddy. When other people tried to hold me, I ran behind Daddy.

However, the person I did let hold me was a Macaw lover. They were not afraid of my beak. Well naturally. Macaw lovers are very special people.

There was one very special Educational Event I went to. Miss Tammy was really impressed I was there. Well of course. I wanted to be at this one.

See we did this event at a school. Daddy's grandson goes to this school. He has never met either Rambo, or myself. Since he is afraid of birds, everyone was careful to not get too close.

Though this was a little awkward when Daddy hugged Josiah goodbye. See I was on Daddy's left shoulder. I did not want to get down. So when Michel went to hug Josiah, he had to lean his right arm was forward, and keep his left shoulder was back. However, Josiah was happy we all came to see him.

And speaking about shows, and Educational Events, I am getting good about other people holding me. Usually Daddy is busy showing Rambo. So Dave gets to show me. Then sometimes he hands me off to Susan Dixon.

Now people. If one of those pretty Yellow Collar Macaws would show up, Daddy could show both Rambo, and myself.

I still get car-sick every time we go out. One good thing I have learned is this. When we go for a ride, I am not going to see the vet.

Well I'm about talked out for now. Time for a nap.

Until next time, love you all, and see you soon, Packo.

## How to find an avian veterinarian



By Don J. Harris, DVM

One of the first responsibilities you have as a pet owner is obtaining quality medical care for your bird. The process of finding a qualified veterinarian,

who is educated, trained and experienced in treating birds, is often more difficult than you initially might think. Perseverance and some good common sense on your part can result in finding a veterinarian who is skilled in treating your bird. Here are some methods you can use.

### Yellow Pages

While this may be the easiest method, an ad in the yellow pages does not necessarily qualify the practitioner to treat your bird. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) allows the term "specialist" by only those veterinarians who have fulfilled certain defined criteria in that specialty. Beyond that, yellow page ads can reflect marketing skills more than veterinary competence.

### Association Rosters

Many pet owners check association rosters for qualified veterinarians. For example, the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) is a veterinary certifying organization that requires its members to prove competence in order to

belong. Within ABVP, there is the "Avian Practice" category of specialization. Veterinarians who complete this certification process are recognized by the AVMA as true specialists. These individuals are identified by the title ABVP, Avian Practice, DVM behind their names. Generally, bird owners can trust these practitioners to provide competent care for their birds.

### Pet Suppliers' Recommendations

Pet retail stores or breeders will often recommend a veterinarian they work with on a regular basis. Their recommendations may be based on positive experiences with this particular veterinarian's care and treatment. On the other hand, pet suppliers occasionally have relationships with veterinarians based on discounted services in exchange for referrals. While this business relationship is not in itself bad, bird owners should be advised to verify the veterinarian's credentials.

### Word-of-Mouth Recommendations

This is one of the best ways of finding a competent avian veterinarian. If a veterinarian's own clients are making recommendations, there must be a reason why. Unfortunately, these personal recommendations are not always available, especially if you recently moved into the area and don't know anyone to ask.

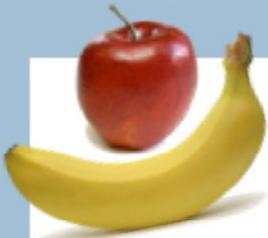
### Colleague Recommendations

This is probably the best and most consistently reliable method, but it demands a little sleuthing on your part. Here are the steps you can follow:

- Identify and call veterinarians in the yellow pages who DO NOT claim to be avian specialists.
- Call to ask if they will see your bird. If they agree, thank them and move on.
- If they decline, ask whom they would recommend.
- Continue this process until you get enough answers to form a consensus. The veterinarian whose name was recommended the most often is the veterinarian most recognized by his colleagues for competence with exotic birds.

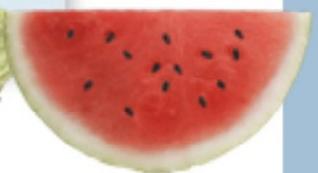
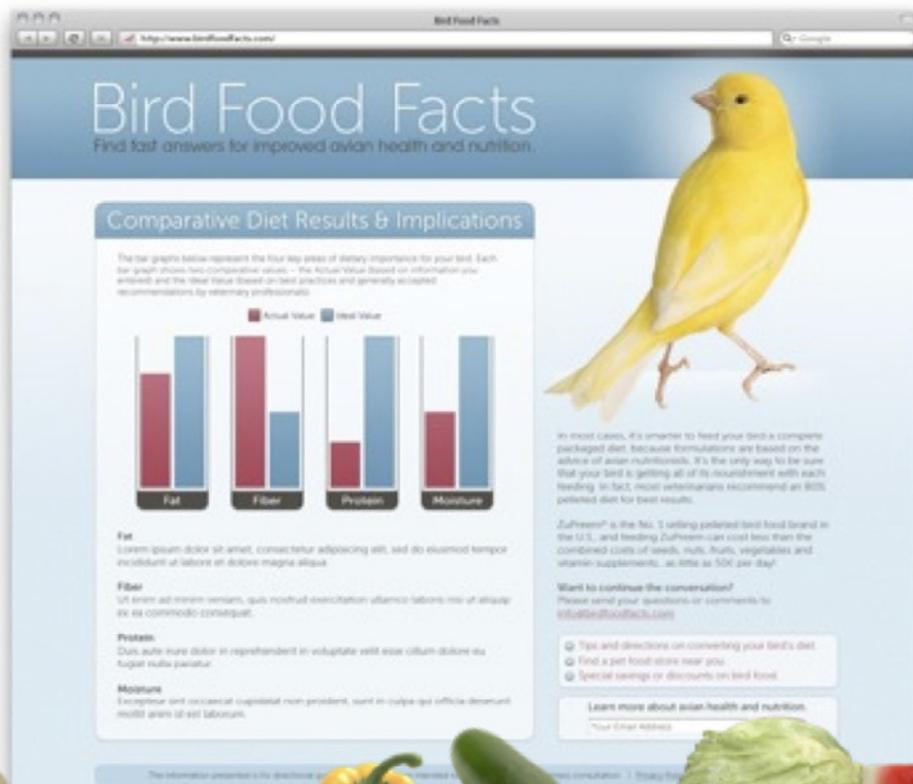
Congratulations! Through hard work and some common sense, you may have found just the right veterinarian for you and your bird.

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## **Birch Run, MI 48415**

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## **Dearborn, MI 48124**

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(Dr. Schacht)

## **Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

Jeffrey Animal Hospital  
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## **Highland, MI 48357**

Highland Veterinary Hospital  
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## **Plymouth, MI 48170**

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Five Mile Animal Hospital  
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