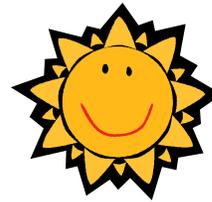
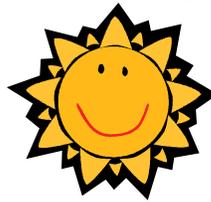
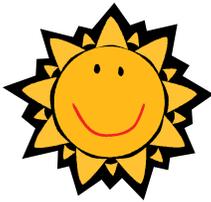




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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

AUGUST 26TH, 27TH, & 28TH YPSILANTI
HERITAGE FESTIVAL

SEPT. 25th ----- Fourth Sunday

OCT. 23rd----- 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
- Yearly Pet Expo
- 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

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Monthly Potluck

Early last year, 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.

FROM THE PREZ:



Can you believe how fast summer is going it is time for the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival already and that will be three days of insanity so I am praying for good weather that weekend. As most of you know it has been a scorching hot dry summer but we had an absolutely perfect day for the picnic. So much good food and fun I always enjoy them. A very hearty thank you to all who attended about seventy through the day and the food was great. I had someone ask me why do you do this. What do you get out of it? I can honestly say I get more than anyone will ever know. Friends, fun, I am constantly meeting new people and the reactions of those we do the programs for says it all. Animals seem to have a sort of magic that can bring out the wonder in all of us we find our inner nine year old and the world is full of sights and sounds and it's like we are seeing them for the first time. Parrots even more so because we are taking a piece of exotic faraway places right to the people and

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.



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.

putting it in their hands. We give people a chance to see something that many times you do not see in zoos. They cannot say thank you enough and are thoroughly mesmerized by our feathered charges. So I will stay committed to this wonderful thing we have started and will watch it grow. This however could not be without you, you are the pieces of the puzzle that complete the picture and make it possible to do what we do. You impress people at all the events with your friendliness and joy for what you do. People are also impressed by the camaraderie that they see it draws them to us and everyone has a good time. So I look forward to the event season starting with the Heritage Festival in August and going through the Pet Expo in November get ready and hang on this ride is just starting but with you guys it is always fun because **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!**

**Until Next Time
Your Prez
Dave**



Voice of the Veep

Well, It's happened I have allowed an alien to move into my home. This isn't a person from another country this is actually a being that comes from another planet and galaxy. Yes, I'm referring to Ricky the Umbrella Cockatoo. All of you know him as the cute and cuddly white bird Celeste generally brings to the meetings but

don't allow yourselves to be fooled. He possesses multiple personalities, runs like a rabbit, hops like a kangaroo and screams like a banshee. To be honest I don't know what a banshee is but I know they are supposed to scream and there can't possibly anything on this planet that can scream like a Cockatoo. He also has the mechanical ability of an engineer. He can disassemble his cage, remove nuts and bolts, pick locks and remove the bottom grate and tray out of his cage. Since he has been residing here he has escaped numerous times in the middle of the night walked under my bed and screamed so loud that I bolted upright thinking I had a nightmare. The first time this happened I got out of bed, walked toward the door and he shot out from under it and attacked my feet. Running away was my only defense and after four or five laps through my home with Ricky hot on my heels, literally! He was finally corralled and I managed to return him back to his cage. If you have a desire to change your life adopt a Cockatoo. Stay tuned because I'm sure there will be more stories to come.

August is a busy month for us not only are there many senior shows but we also have the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival on the 26th, 27th and the 28th of August. We will definitely need help setting up at 8:00am on the morning of the 26th but that isn't all. This festival is an outdoor event and is one of our largest fundraisers; the crowd is enormous. Help is needed watching birds, taking pictures, chatting with people and talking about our club & rescue.

Remember to keep your eyes on the upcoming events page on the web site for the latest updates of events and shows that our club will be at, or you can always call me if you don't have internet access. We have also created a new Facebook® page titled "Rainbow Feathers Bird Club & Rescue" this page has rapidly become a source for people to post lost and found parrots and general information about their own birds. It's now over the one-hundred likes count so if you're on Facebook® go to our page and like us.

**Your Veep
Steve**



Ypsilanti Heritage Festival

As most of you know we are putting up a pop-up at the three-day festival. This will be our seventh year doing this multi-day outdoor event under a pop-up. We have two spaces this year one for us to meet and greet the public. The second is for a quiet spot for the birds. Even if you didn't sign up to help, come to the festival and visit our booth. It's sure to be a good time. Anyone who would like more information about where our pop-up will be or details about where to park feel free to call Steve at 734-513-0030

The festival runs from Aug. 26th to Aug. 28th noon till 8:30PM on Friday, 10AM till 8:30PM on Sat, and 11AM till 6PM on Sun.

SEE YOU THERE!



Out and About with Pookie

Hello everyone, this past month has been quite eventful to say the least and I am pleased to add that Steve's re-training is proceeding well. We've been to the art fairs in Plymouth & Farmington, Farmer's markets in Northville & Plymouth there is no doubt that Steve's rehab may be near completion.

For the most part Steve's recovery from his bout with the Cockamaw virus (please read my articles from March and April 2016) has been successful except for some strange behavioral Quirks. This is not a reference toward the fact that Steve, a staunch and stalwart Grey supporter, has allowed and welcomed an Umbrella Cockatoo into our home. Although that fact alone is terrible enough what I'm referring to is; Steve has started to run through our

room and the kitchen in the dark, in the middle of the night? Occasionally Rickey joins him by either following or leading Steve through the room. This is not a casual stroll but their process does involve many different steps. Usually the first pass is Steve coming from the kitchen through our room and into the bathroom. Followed by Rickey puffed up, screaming and running like a velociraptor. A second pass might be Rickey first followed by Steve waving a rope perch along the ground like he expected him to step-up. The most common thing we see is Steve first, dancing and hopping as if he were on hot coals followed by Rickey puffed up and screaming biting at Steve's feet. This by far seems to be Steve's favorite new exercise. Speaking for all of us he is welcome to engage in any banter with the Cockatoo he enjoys. We Greys are far too sophisticated to do things like running in circles dancing and screaming. What is truly not understood is why these bouts of enthusiasm and desire from Steve to exercise with Rickey always happen in the middle of the night?

During the day he appears to be the same Steve that snuggles on the couch with me, takes us to the park, senior shows, farmer's markets, car rides and schools. During the night time when it's dark and hard to see is when the abnormal behavioral quirks from the Cockamaw virus manifests itself. We usually hear a slight shuffling noise followed by Steve bent over and walking with a crooked limp. The shouts and blood curdling screams begin followed by thumps and bang and an occasional crash Steve then appears from the kitchen limping and hopping with Rickey hot after him

biting at his toes into the front room they both spryly dash which is then followed by more crashing and screaming. Over the course of this strange aerobic exercise the direction of travel changes the location of the crashing and screaming changes. It goes on in the bedroom, bathroom, computer room sometime Steve is chasing Rickey and sometime vis-a-versa. Regardless exercise and movement is beneficial for Steve's health. There is no doubt that this story will continue to evolve.

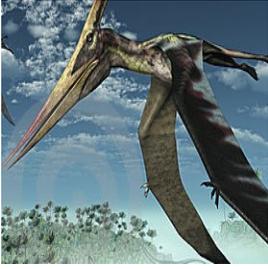
Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



CAGE FOR SALE!!



We have a brand new Stainless Steel Cathedral Cage 48" x 32" x 62"H, overall size 58" X 42" X74" H bar spacing 1.25". (This cage was from Foster & Smith) With the exterior add on Feed cups for sale. It was purchased several years ago from Peaceful Valley and never used it, one latch needs work asking \$800.00 for it. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Tammy Carol at 734-422-5981



THEY ARE ALIVE!!!!!!

Anthropologists have been theorizing about the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago for my entire life. Was it a meteor or an asteroid that struck the earth? Was it a super volcano that erupted and poisoned the atmosphere? They couldn't have been more wrong. Please don't become upset, I was seduced by the hype that they were extinct also. However, an epiphany occurred to me the other day approximately two months after a new feathered resident moved into my home.

His name is (withheld by request) and there is no doubt in my mind that he is directly descended from the flying dinosaurs most commonly known as pterosaurs. Specifically, he is a direct descended from pterodactyls. Don't be deceived by the false hype that he is a parrot called an Umbrella Cockatoo I am convinced he is a direct descendent of flying dinosaurs. All you have to do listen his voice and watch the way he behaves. Umbrella Cockatoos can scream incessantly, run across the floor like Velociraptors, leap great distances to gain access to anything they want. (Especially shoulders, ears, necks, glasses and necklaces.) They can destroy wood like a wood chipper, pick locks with their toe nails, undo nuts and bolts and pounce from an elevated position onto your back. They are also most assuredly bi-polar at any given moment they can be cute and cuddly then in

a flash try to remove your fingers and toes to eat them.

To anyone who is considering an Umbrella Cockatoo as a pet be forewarned, once your new pet moves into your home your life will never be the same. There will be great enjoyment followed by blood and screaming.

Anonymous

Editor's Note: The above article does not reflect feelings or opinions of Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue or Bird Droppings.



Rambling with Rambo

The month has only been a little interesting. We had some interesting shows. At the shows, I only bit Daddy a few times. Mostly, I was very good. I talked every time Daddy asked me to. Last month, we did several shows with children. Sometimes two groups in one day. Not I'm not afraid to tell you this. I don't like little kids. The older ones are ok. The older ones can even be fun. But Daddy enjoys all the shows. I sure wish Packo didn't get car sick. I would really like him to go to more shows with me. Except for meetings. He is still scared of all the noise. He hogs MY shoulder time. Michael has been really slacking off on the attention department. He is constantly tapping on that little thing he carries EVERYWHERE. This is really frustrating. Listen up buster. "When we are together,

your job it to give me your full attention. Not be conversing with someone else.” Otherwise, he has been very good. Except when he went away for 2 days. Mommy does not give me the attention I deserve. So don’t make this going away stuff a habit. I have really enjoyed being with all Daddy’s friends. There are so many more new club members. All of them are really nice people.

Have you guys seen the new bird? That really nice family with the Cape Parrot, and the male Ekkie. They now have a Great Billed Parrot. I don’t know if they are a boy or girl. This unusual bird has beautiful colors. And that thing has the Biggest Red Beak you ever seen on a bird smaller than a Macaw. I think their beak is bigger than Georgia’s.

Well, this is going to be a short article this month. There is really not much to say. However, I really would like some people to show up at the meeting. I really miss seeing you. As always, Try to Be Good, Have F, and never forget, Macaws Rule. Rambo.



We deal with many types of phone calls some are sincere and true and some just leave you wondering what planet are they

from? This one is from the planet insanity.

A woman calls me up and says that they lost their Sun Conure; they (this woman

and her husband) think it has flown away. You see they put the bird out on the deck outside because it was in her words SO NOISY. The problem is that they forgot about it and left it out all night. When they got up the next morning they realized what they had done and went out to find the cage knocked over and the bird gone. She was so disappointed, not because it was gone mind you but because the colors went so well with their southwest inspired room. I was really trying hard to keep it together until I heard that and then I became a little angry and said that this was a living creature not furniture. I also asked why they got this bird without researching it before they got it. She said I did not have to be so rude that she was just trying to see if anyone had found it and hung up. Well the next day she calls and tells me that they had indeed found the bird or what was left of the bird by the back fence and proceeded to ask if we had any in the rescue. I totally lost it and said to her “are you insane” there is no way we would ever adopt a bird to you they are more than furniture and should not be bought because the match a room. She then says “well what do I do with its cage?” I told her put a cactus in it that should match your room just as well and it will be harder for you to kill. She became annoyed with me and said she would have to look elsewhere to find another one and hung up. Just the fact she was going to get another one made me cringe but I am hoping she thinks about the noise and opts for the cactus instead!

because they really loved the bird but because of this illness they had to give this bird up but they had no choice. So with the cage loaded up and the bird in a mostly escape proof carrier they were off. This former owner was so pleased to hear that this Cockatoo found a home. It certainly was not hard with his over the top laugh out loud behavior and great personality he would soon find his new home. To this day he is loving the good life being spoiled rotten which is always a big win for all involved. Still there are calls constantly and they even thought about putting up a spotlight like Batman but figured that it would be constantly on, (not such a good idea) so to the phone they will stick. Stick they do for the calls never stop but they can handle it for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Watch your mailbox for the next exciting installment Orange is the New Wing Color!

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Greetings from Fluffy

(NOT) I should say Captain Morgan. I honestly do not understand those crazy pet humans especially the one named Steve, owned by Pookie, Sparky and J.B. Where ever he got Fluffy from is beyond me. I mean Fluffy is the kind of name you would

give a cat and I am certainly no cat. He is ruining my reputation making me look, well, like a sissy and this needs to stop. My pet human isn't helping any either he finds this amusing, really what is wrong with you I mean I don't go blabbing about your washing malfunction forcing you to wear pink and lavender boxers do I! Oops I think I just did. Anyway, this has got to stop I do not look anything close to being fluffy and isn't that the name you would give to a girl cat I don't think even a boy cat would be tolerant of that. Also while I am on my soapbox why do people think just because we are found in tropical climates we LOOOOVE the heat. I for one hate being that warm for too long I like the air conditioning and all of my friends feel the same way. So I am hoping that the weather for the Heritage Festival event isn't hot and we have a good weekend. Now back to Fluffy I am instructing all of my bird friends to poop on Steve any time a reference is made about me. Maybe if he is covered in bird poop he'll get the message but we are dealing with a human and they never seem to learn!

Cheers
Captain Morgan

PONDERIN' WITH PACKO



Can you believe it is August already? And was it a HOT ONE. I cannot believe that I

have lived with Michael this long already. I am really getting comfortable around Michael, and Mommy. She is still afraid of me. I'm a good bird. I just act tough some times.

Here is my newest activity. I will NOT let Mommy, and Daddy, talk from room to room. I insist on having Daddy all to myself. Well, I do share him with Rambo. And I will NOT let Daddy talk into that little box he carries everywhere. He can tap on it all he wants, but DO NOT talk into it. I will scream so loud you have to leave the room. Also, that other long skinny box. Don't talk into it. Same as that tapper box. If you are talking, I will scream.

Another thing I have been doing is this. Daddy bought me this long ladder. He hooked it to the side of my cage. Well, I have only walked up it one time. Daddy put me on it, and made me walk up it.

However, on the front of my cage, the bars go up and down. So I slide down them until I almost reach the floor. I have not gone all the way to the floor yet. But I have made my way over to that ladder.

I go under this thing to look at it. I'm not sure how it works. So I will keep exploring until I do figure it out. Look like it will be easy for me to chew up this thing.

Daddy has been picking me up more at home lately. He walks around the house

with me. Once he took me outside, without my travel box. "Dude, you are still not getting that harness thing on me."

Packo



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

DANIELLE MILLER	SEPT. 1
KATHLEEN GUCWA	SEPT 2
JULIE KAMINSKI	SEPT. 8
BRIAN PLAGENS	SEPT. 9
WILL SOPHA	SEPT. 10
MATT COPIJA	SEPT. 17
JEFF COTE	SEPT. 23
SHERYL COPIJA	SEPT. 23
CELESTE MARKEY	SEPT. 25
KATHY MOUNSEY	SEPT. 25
ROBERT MEGGISON	SEPT. 26
MARY PERVA	SEPT. 27
JENNIFER NICHOLSON-FARIS	SEPT. 29
AMY HANSON	SEPT. ?

CLUB T-SHIRTS



Good news! Tracy Hilka who is Bella

Embroidery is now going to make our club shirts. The price for t-shirts, including our logo embroidered on it, is \$10.00 for sm. to xl and \$12.50 for 2xl to 5xl. These are Gildan brand #8000 50/50 t-shirts, there are lots of colors.

What you do is go to her website.

www.sportswearcollection.com/bellaemb

Then type Gildan in the search box (this will put you on the Gildan page).

Look down the page and find Gildan

DryBlend 50/50 T-shirts #8000

Click on the icon and this will open the page with all the colors and sizes.

Choose your size and color(s) and add it to your Cart.

On the cart page there is a place for comments when you place your order, in this box tell Tracy you would like your shirt embroidered with the

Rainbow Feathers Bird Club Logo

When she receives your order she will send you a PayPal® invoice

In a short time, you will receive your new club shirt in the mail.

If you don't have internet access or a PayPal® account you can contact me, Steve Plafchan and we'll figure out a solution to get you a shirt.

She has many items available (hats, tote bags, etc.) that she can put our logo on if you wish. She has given us a catalog full of things you can order, all the prices are retail and she receives a wholesale price so you will have to talk to her about pricing. (IE prices will be less than what's listed in the catalog.)



RESCUE UPDATE

There were two adoptions this past month. A Lovebird and a Sunday Conure. Both of these birds went to their new homes with a good health report from the vet, and were on a pellet food diet.

Our thanks again go out to all of our club members for making the rescue the success it is. We couldn't do it without your assistance, donations and participation in our monthly raffles. Thank You Thank You Thank You



UP COMING
EVENTS

As of
August 10th 2016

Aug 16th Senior Show
Tues The Oaks Adult Day
 2500 S. Main St.
 Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Set-up 12:30 pm (note 1/2 hour set-up)
 Start 1:00 pm

Aug 18th School Show
Thurs. Leonard School
 4401 Tallman Dr.
 Troy, MI 48085
 Set-up 1:30 pm
 Start 2:30 pm,

Aug 19th Senior Show
Fri American House Carpenter
 3470 Carpenter Road
 Ypsilanti, MI 48197
 Set-up 1:30 pm
 Start 2:30 pm,

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

Aug 24th Senior Show
Wed American House East II
 18760 13 Mile Road
 Roseville, MI 48066
 Set-up 12:00 pm
 Start 1:00 pm

 Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
Aug 26th Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 28th 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
More Details will be posted as they become
available

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

Sept. 10th 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****

Sept 14th Senior Show
Wed Presbyterian Village of Westland
 32115 Cherry Hill Rd.
 Westland, MI 48186
 Set-up 1:30 pm
 Start 2:30 pm

Sept 17th Senior Show
Sat Waltonwoods at University-Assisted
3250 Walton Blvd.
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Set-up 12:30 pm
Start 1:30 pm

October 12th Senior Show
Wed Brookdale Brighton
833 East Grand River
Brighton, MI 48116
Set-up 12:30pm,
Start 1:30 pm

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

Oct 15th Guardians for Animals
Sat Pet Expo
Oct 16th Madison Place
Sun. 876 Horace Brown Drive
Madison Heights, MI 48071
Sat. Times 8:00AM to 5:00PM
Sun Times 11:00AM to 4:00PM

Sept 23rd Senior Show
Fri American House Riverview
20300 Fort Street
Riverview, MI 48193
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm,

We hopefully will be setting up on Friday
like last year

Oct 19th Senior Show
Wed. Independence Village
of Brighton
7700 Nemco Way
Brighton, MI 48116
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

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

PET EXPO
Nov. 11th 2pm to 8pm
Nov. 12st 10am to 8pm
Nov. 13th 10am to 5pm

Sept 27th Senior Show
Tues Oakmont Parkway
36725 Utica Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374

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.

How to manage your bird’s excessive territoriality



By Liz Wilson, CVT

In the wild, a parrot’s territorial instinct is extremely strong, because he must protect his territory from invasion. You may also see

this territoriality in action in your companion bird. When your bird drives everyone away from his turf, he is exhibiting excessive territoriality, and if unchecked, this behavior can become a serious problem that threatens your bird’s future as a companion animal.

Some bird enthusiasts feel parrots should be allowed to be territorial around their cages, but most behavior consultants disagree. It is also not fair to assume that your bird must be at your every beck and call, coming out for interaction whenever it suits your schedule. Just as children are allowed privacy in their own rooms, parrots should have the right to decline human interaction. Experienced caretakers recognize this through careful observation of psittacine body language, and they respect a bird’s privacy by not approaching during these times.

Excessively territorial companion parrots act like they outrank everyone in their flocks. To resolve this misunderstanding, you should establish nonaggressive controls by patterning your bird to respond to simple commands like “up” and “down.” Daily training sessions should happen in a neutral room, or in an area the bird doesn’t consider his own, and on a neutral perch such as the back of a chair. Once the bird is responding to commands, you can start moving the training perch slowly out of the

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neutral area and into the area of your bird's cage. By moving a few inches at a time and then working again on the commands, you can make certain your bird responds correctly. Then, praise him for his good behavior. Once in view of your bird's cage, training may become more difficult, but with patience and consistency, most birds will respond again to the commands. When the cage is finally reached, you can step the bird into it with the "down" command, then immediately pick it up with the "up" command. Repeating this several times will teach your parrot that the commands also work in and around his cage. Repeat this process on the cage top and on any other of your bird's favorite hangouts. Once your bird is trained, and he wants out of his cage, he must step onto the hand when you say "up." Do not just open the cage door and let him come out on his own, or he might conclude that he is in control again. Continue to use the commands every day, to remind him that the rules are still in force. By following these easy training techniques and handling your parrot in a firm, loving, unaggressive and consistent manner, you can keep control of your headstrong bundle of feathers and maintain a mutually loving relationship.

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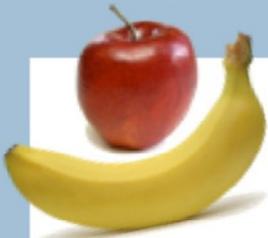
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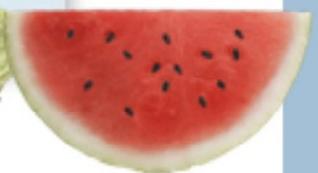
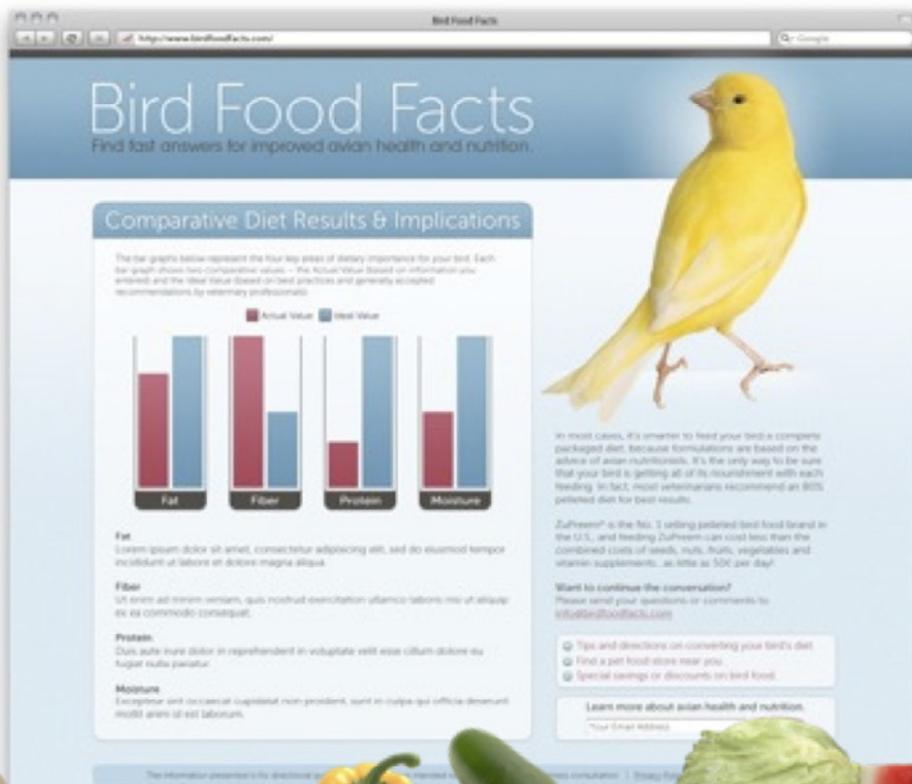
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33788 Woodward Avenue
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(248) 642-2050

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2745 East Grand River Avenue
(517) 546-5714

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