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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

JANUARY 24th ---- FOURTH SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 28th – FOURTH SUNDAY
MARCH 20th ----- THIRD SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

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

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

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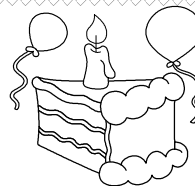
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

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

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

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 bringing 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.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Sadly we must report the passing of yet two more feathered members of our club.

Susan Jenison lost her two Parakeets last month, Bluebonnet and Leprechaun. We offer our sympathies to her and bid a sad farewell to Bluebonnet and Leprechaun. May you always fly free on the far side of the rainbow bridge.

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

(Author unknown)

The above poem was submitted by club member Jim Lamb.



FROM THE PREZ:



Well I am typing this on New Year's Eve and I can't help but think of all the things that we did as a club it just boggles my mind. We did several events like the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival, the Novi Pet Expo and a new one the Garden City Flea Circus (the flea circus we will be doing again). We were a HUGE hit at them all. Also all the programs we did and we continue to get new ones all the time. Plus all of our regular things we do bag-it-bingo, the picnic and our Christmas meeting which was a lot of fun. The other amazing thing is our flock keeps growing and we keep adding new members to the roster. It is truly you the members that make this club the incredible thing it is, you have taken our philosophy that this is your club to heart and have truly made it just that. From your many ideas to your work at the programs and events it

shows through. In fact it shows so much that the public notices what a "together" group we are and this is from an actual comment made at the pet expo. They see us not only working our tail feathers off but see us having fun doing it. Whether it be a certain crazy person dressing up like a pirate or one of our members making beautiful and delicious bird cookies to the picture staging and our interaction with the people something special always comes out. The best example was at the pet expo when a man in a wheel chair with his caretaker came to our booth and we went and let him hold the birds (he needed help to steady his hands) his caretaker actually started to cry. I ask her if she was alright and she said that everywhere they go he is treated like what is wrong with him is it contagious and people back away from him. We just went right to him and without any fear took his hands and let him hold the birds and we got him to smile and that meant so much to her. That comment says volumes about our group and makes me proud to be part of it. So as we go into 2016 I see nothing but good things for our club because we keep going in the right direction and that is up! So to all of the members of Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and I know that next one will be even better because **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!**

Your Prez
Dave

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



Voice of the Veep

Thank you everyone for your concerns and well wishes. To anybody who didn't know why I didn't participate in December's newsletter it's because I was in the hospital with a case of shingles on the left side of my face. It started on the week before Thanksgiving and put me in the hospital the weekend after. I spent a week in isolation in the hospital then continued my recovery at home. Yes, I did receive a Shingles vaccination over a year ago. All the doctors told me it was a good thing that I had done so because my affliction was milder that it would have been had I not received it? Milder? It put me in the hospital for a week and I still have nerve damage on my face that may last a long time.

The Christmas meeting last month was fabulous from the delicious food to the annual Christmas raffle it was tons of fun. I want to thank everybody in the club for their participation in our Christmas raffle and all the meeting raffles throughout the year. This is the most generous way you can help support our rescue and assist our club in paying vet bills and all of you have succeeded in accomplishing this in a big way. Thank you to everyone for the support. Another way we generate monies for supporting the rescue is to stage senior programs at nursing homes, assisted living and independent living facilities throughout the year. The year 2015 was the busiest year for shows and events we have ever had; however that being said, this year 2016 could very easily exceed last year. I encourage everyone to join us at a show, even if you don't bring your own bird, they

are a lot of fun and we can always use the help. Check the Up-coming Events page on the website or in the newsletter to see the dates and times of the show schedule. If you have any questions about attending an event please feel free to call me (Steve) at 734-513-0030 for more information.

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

I'll see you at the meeting
Your Veep

Avast ye Mates

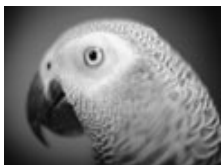


CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well hello everyone I am fresh from that New Years Eve party that Pookie, Sparky and J.B. throw every year and it was epic. Those knock out drops J.B. gave Steve his pet human really did the trick although he did wake up to find out someone (or shall I say bird) gave him a makeover! The Smokey eye look is not for him, not at all. Anyway, the music was pumpin' and we all got up to dance to Uptown Funk and I even

taught everybody to do the Macawrena. Corky and Piccolo really amazed us with some incredible hip-hop moves but not to be out done Lola, Georgia and Ruby pulled off some sweet moves themselves. New best friends Tuna and Zoe were just having a ball as they watched all the goings on. It was Rambo who really got things into high gear when he spiked the punch then everybody was rockin. I am glad we set up designated flyers to get everybody home safe before the punch got spiked! Yes everyone was having a blast Mr. Finnegan and Zoe the Meyers Parrot (gets confusing when there are two birds with the same name) sang an amazing duet of Ain't No Mountain High Enough followed by Merlin, Max and me singing Proud Mary. And at midnight we all sang that Auld Lang something song. All good things have to come to an end and it was time to call it a night (besides the knockout drops would be wearing off soon) so we had to bid adieu until next year. So to all my feathered and non-feathered friends a very Happy New Year may all your wishes come true!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Out and About with Pookie

First I must offer my apologies for not submitting my article last month even though my reasons for missing the deadline are quite legitimate.

As all of you may recall we Greys in this household have been very concerned about Steve and his growing tendencies to accept and cavort with various Cockatoos. At first we thought it was because he had been possessed by the evil spirit of a Cockatoo so we performed a "Cockatooism" (similar to an exorcism); obviously this didn't work. We then consulted a specialist and realized that he had been bitten by an afflicted Cockatoo and had contracted a rare illness that is transmitted by the Cockamaw germ. Most companion humans are immune to this affliction and simply develop affections for Cockatoos and Macaws. There is however a rare and sometimes violent reaction to this germ by African Grey lovers; which is what occurred with Steve.

It started in November about a week prior to Thanksgiving, Steve developed a minor rash on the left side of his nose. Rapidly expanding from a small spot the rash encroached across the left side of his face and into his teeth. Then it spread down his nose to his chin and across his left eye to the temple above his ear. The effects of his love of Greys with this evil Cockamaw bug were absolutely devastating. The rash began blistering and oozing a sickening yellow gook and his face started to swell up. When his eye swelled shut the other companion humans around him decided to take him to a hospital. We tried to convince the humans that a sufficient dose of Grey love and affection had been administered and would take

about a week to cure him. However to the emergency room Steve was taken where they rapidly diagnosed that he had some fictional ailment called “shingles”. I didn’t even try to correct or inform the humans that shingles are found on the roofs of houses. I’m sure all of you know how stubborn humans can be, so we Greys simply kept our beaks shut and let the human doctors think they solved the problem.

Well, making a long story short Steve spent a week in the hospital and since he has returned he’s better but still suffering a few residual effects from his bout with Cockamaw birdamiteus. The worst of which is he seems to be gaining a tolerance of Cockatoos and the willingness to accept an Umbrella Cockatoo into our home to visit and even made an offer for one to stay here with us. YEACH! We’re actively trying to dissuade him of this awful idea but only time will tell.

See you at the meeting
Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



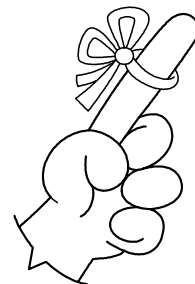
Hi Everyone,

I work to help people establish the kind of connection the natural world I have. I work through birds. I also volunteer to help financially disadvantaged clients. I have been an IAATE member for several years, and last year I attended the annual

conference. It was very constructive, and it has affected my outreach both in how I work with birds and with people. I hope to get even better by attending the 2016 conference. The cost remaining for the four days is \$700. With some major unexpected expenses, I will not be able to make it without some help, though I will be paying the lion’s share on my own. Every little bit helps. It seems as though everyone has a tight budget these days, so if you cannot contribute anything, please consider sharing this post with friends on Facebook. The URL link to my FundMe.com page is

<https://www.fundme.com/en/projects/22490-Helping-Share-the-Magic-in-Nature-Through-Birds>

Thanks.
Craig Perdue
734-262-0998



A REMINDER

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



Rambling with Rambo

Well all my feathered, and non-feathered friends, it has certainly been a month to remember. The Novi Pet

Expo was wonderful. Though, it was a little stressful being behind those big dogs. The first day I was really chilling. The next two, seems like all us birds were worked up. Most of the excitement happened on Saturday. This was the day Captain Jack Sparrow (Dave Carol) visited us. This was great entertainment for everyone. Dave will have to do this more often. His costume was Great.

The real excitement (according to me) was first thing in the morning. See before Michael first opened my travel box, I could hear them dogs again. So I was a little worked up already. Wouldn't you know it! Upon leaving my box, Michael walked past the tables, out to see everyone. Who do you think crosses behind us? Yup my favorite person, Miss Tammy. Now she was just out of reach. I had to release my frustration somehow. I grabbed onto and slid over the back of Daddy's neck. My beak has become really sharp again. I cut him good. I gave him a nice bloody cut. But he still loves me. Those crazy humans.

Then at hour, or so, later, we had the Zoe' attack. This was actually funny, if you were not in the middle of it. See I was on Michael's left shoulder. Well, Miss Tammy asked Daddy to take Corky, and Ruby to the picture station. I did not get upset then. Funny thing, I like when Michael has other birds on him.

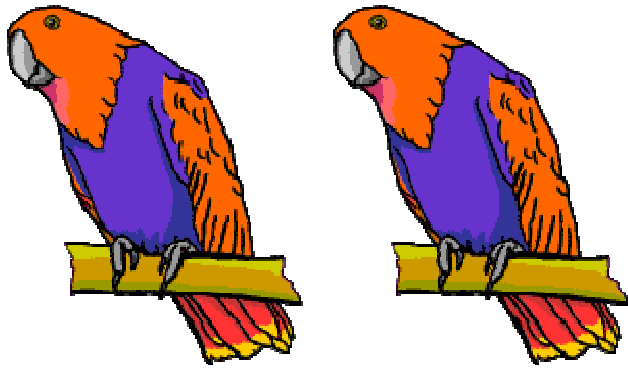
So there we are, 3 birds on Michael. It seems Ruby was in a mood. She ran up Daddy's arm, across his back right towards

me. This did not bother me. Everyone knows Macaws are superior fighters. Back off Ruby. Michael freaked out. He already had a big cut on his neck. He did not want a bird battle back there.

So Michael is putting Corky on someone. Corky does not want to go. What is it with these Ekkies today? As Daddy gets Corky down, he is reaching across his back, keeping myself, and Ruby apart. Then it happened. His right forearm went in front of Zoe. Yup, Zoe grabbed and chomped. However, he only got a small piece of skin. He was really chewing, but Michael's sleeve was loose. Zoe let go. There was a better target. Yup Daddy's finger. Zoe struck and crunched. Michael said, "I could feel Cockatoo beak touching both sides of my finger bone. Zoe was hanging on, and grinding for all he was worth." Luckily, our own Cockatoo Whisperer was there to save the finger. That was exciting.

Here is the last item about the Expo I want to tell you about. You remember when I reported on the Ypsilanti Heritage Event. I told you there was a romance blossoming. Well it has happened. Yup the happy couple were wearing matching I'm His, and I'm Hers, bright neon yellow/green shirts. They looked happy together. That is it for this all for now friends.

**So as always,
Be Good, Have Fun
Remember
Macaws rule,
Rambo.**



Pondering With Packo:

Well fans, as you know I'm still having trust issues, with Michael picking me up. Well, the issue is leaving my cage. This is my house, my kingdom, and special place. I don't want to leave it. Appears to me every time someone takes me out of here, I end up going to the Vet's office. And you know what that means? Yeah! It means that person in the white coat sticks a needle in my leg, then cuts my nails. Oh I hate when that happens. Doing my nails does not hurt. It's just the indignity of this procedure. Then I have to sharpen them up again.

Rambo was telling me all about the excitement at the Novi Pet Expo. He told me the noise of the dogs had all the birds worked up. Rambo told me he had a hard time behaving. I for sure would have been too upset to stay there.

Daddy really tried to get Mommy to bring me out for only one hour. Daddy told her he would put me in my travel box for her. She would not have to touch me. I can leave my

travel box, and climb into my cage by myself. After all us Macaws excel at climbing. She still would not do this for me. So since I don't get around, I have to entertain myself. However, with a superior Macaw brain, that is no problem. After all Michael keeps me in treats, and toys. What more could a birdy want. And both Mommy, and Daddy, are always telling me how pretty, and good I am.

Michael has been really trying to get me to come out of my cage on command. Excuse me. Nobody can command a bird (especially a Macaw) to do anything. If a Macaw does not want to do something, they are not going to do it.

When he tries to get me out with his hand, I respond with a warning bite; well usually. I do sometimes show him I mean real business with this beak of mine. And he knows when a serious bite is coming. Then he does not push me.

I have let him get me up on that rope thing once. But I was too slick for him. I let him get me almost out of the cage. I jumped and grabbed the cage door. No getting me out this time.

This morning I was outside (my cage) yelling and running around. I'm tired now. Think I have come up with a tag line for my column.

Life is good when you have a pet human.

Enjoy it my friends.

Packo.

That is about all for now.

Packo



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

ALICIA GONZALEZ	FEB. 2
CINDY BOLTON	FEB. 17
DAN ERNST	FEB. 19
DEBBIE JAMIESON	FEB. 20
JIM LAMB	FEB. 22
CHRISTINA FECKO	FEB. 23
DIANE SILAS	FEB. 24
NANCY SULLIVAN	FEB. 25



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.



2015 IN REVIEW

2015 was quite a year and here are some of the things that made it so very interesting.

We had 58 calls looking for birds that had escaped including 2 Blue and Gold Macaws, 3 Sun Conures, 5 Umbrella Cockatoos, 2 Goffin Cockatoos and several other parrots.

We adopted several birds that seemed destined to be in the rescue a long time and some that had.

We adopted many Parakeets and Cockatiels to senior facilities.

We became a feature at the Novi Pet Expo.

We did a new adoption event The Garden City Flea Circus.

We broke a record for donations at the Novi Pet Expo.

We did several new programs last year.

At the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo a bird (Tuna) won the pet trick contest.

Steve put us all on Santa's nice list by giving him a free picture at the Novi Pet Expo.

We broke down our set-up at the Heritage Festival in record time as severe storms rolled in (and nothing got but us).

Most important, we welcomed many new members to our flock so our bird club family just keeps growing. I know we **REALLY LIKE** that!!!

SAFETY FIRST



It is so beautiful to see a bird in flight in the wild but at a club meeting not so much.

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

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



Attention Kroger and Amazon Shoppers

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

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

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

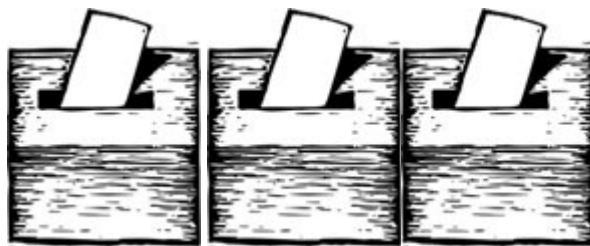
Once you have an account you click on the “EDIT KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS” tab and select Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue or our club’s NPO number “52206”. Once you have successfully registered you will see: Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue on the right side of the information page.

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

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

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SPECIAL BREEDER PRICING



UP COMING EVENTS

As of
January 9th 2016

February 27th 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****

March 11th Senior Show
American House Troy
2300 Grand Haven Drive
Troy, MI 48083
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Start

July 7th Bird Show
Farmington Community Library
23500 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

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

*****Our Club Has a Booth at This Event*****
following or "Educational Show" preceding
an event listing it means we are attending

the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don't let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



RESCUE UPDATE

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

Here is a brief recap of our latest adoptions:

Rita: a B&G Macaw and 3 Parakeets were adopted last month.

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



Bits from Baby

HAPPY 2016
EVERYONE!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all my feathered and non-
feathered members, this is
your roving reporter Baby with
the latest and greatest news.

The December meeting was a great Christmas party for all who attended. We all had a fun time together as always. There were fifty-three people that attended of which forty-six were members and seven guests. Four of the guests joined our flock. We must be doing something right do you think?

We had twenty-four feathered members of which there were six African Greys, three Cockatoos and three Macaws, plus twelve other parrots in attendance.

Last year was another busy year for the club between programs and events there had to be over forty I think. I'd like to thank everyone who helped out to make it a wonderful year. We already have some programs set for this year when the weather gets a little warmer. For now we can take a break for a couple of months.

See you all at the January meeting,

God Bless.

Your friend Baby,

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THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE
THE
RESCUE RANGERS
IN
TWO KEETS IN TAYLOR

The story you are about to read is one that is all too familiar and it always ends with the same outcome and still people never learn. This day has the Rangers heading out to Taylor Michigan to rescue two very sad Parakeets (Budgies to us bird savvy people). It seems that these birds were bought as a gift for two youngsters who really, really wanted them and promised to do all the work of feeding, cleaning and basically taking care of the birds. The parents thought that this would be a great tool to teach them responsibility so off to the big box pet store for two Parakeets and all the fixin's. Fast forward two years and the shine has gone out of having these birds; the kids are now getting involved in other things, (that's what happens as kids get older) and now the birds were more of a hassle and just in the way. The Parakeet's soon were put into an upstairs bedroom being just fed and watered but little else. That is when the Rangers

were called to rescue these poor little guys from their solitary life. They arrived and the birds were brought down from the room probably for the first time in a long time and they were fortunately two males (yay, no eggs or oops babies). Then the real reason comes out for the removal of the birds, the kids wanted a puppy and could not get one until the birds went somewhere else. The kicker was they originally tried to sell these two birds unsuccessfully and a rescue was their last resort. First the birds and now a puppy some people never learn. So with the birds all safely in the carrier and all the stuff that came with them loaded up they were off to a better place. It wasn't long before they found a home together being very pretty little birds made it that much easier. This kind of thing happens way too often especially at Christmas time no thought is made to whether the animal is truly wanted just bought out of desperation for lack of a better idea for a gift (hey gift cards are a much better desperation gift). So with the New Year upon us we will see more of this kind of thing but they will be ready to rescue these poor unwanted gifts for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

The Ranger would like to take this opportunity to wish all of their fans a Happy New Year and invite you to come along with them on their next adventure Small Parrot Huge Attitude!



imbalances. Many of these diets lack important nutrients birds need to maintain their health. Often they are not balanced, providing too much of this vitamin or nutrient, or not enough of another.

Seed diets can lead to obesity

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

Home prepared diets are not necessarily healthy

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

Supplement sparingly with fruits and vegetables

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

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



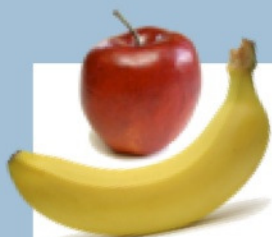
By ZuPreem Staff

What's the best diet for your bird?

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

Feeding a variety of foods does not guarantee good nutrition

Bird owners feed their birds a wide variety of foods ranging from seeds to home-prepared foods to commercial diets. Unfortunately, feeding a variety of foods does not always prevent nutritional



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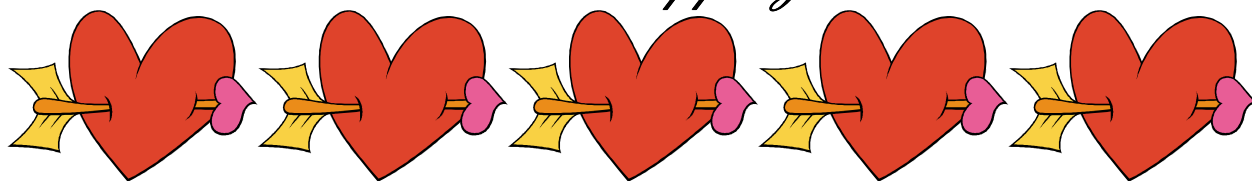
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FEBRUARY 28th – FOURTH SUNDAY

MARCH 20th – THIRD SUNDAY

APRIL 24th – 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
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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 Steve at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com.

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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.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

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.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



From the prez:



I certainly had a lot of fun at the January meeting and we welcomed some new members to boot. Plus we had more than enough food so it was very good and the weather cooperated for a change and was bright and sunny, cold but bright and sunny

none the less. We even adopted three birds at the meeting a Quaker, a Parrotlet and a Cockatiel. The problem is that the rescues never stop coming in as of this news letter we have picked up 5 Macaws, 2 Greenwings, 2 Blue and Golds and one Scarlett that gave me a parting gift before he went to his new home, (didn't like the Cockatoos and freaked out around baby) so I got bit and this does qualify as a bite because I was bleeding very very well. Band aids and super glue really work wonders. In any event we are looking forward to a busy event season and who knows what new things we will be asked to attend. I am hoping and praying that we are all happy and **HEALTHY** this year the emphasis on healthy no more surgeries for a while. There is something that draws people to us be at an event or at the meetings that is not hard to understand we are a very friendly bunch. One bird adopter was not going to stay long but was having such a good time he stayed for the whole meeting. Another couple had so much fun the joined right there on the spot. This is what I like to see it speaks to the kind of club we are and this is how we stay all the time. Steve would have been so happy with the meeting but was absent because his left retina decided to detach itself from his eye so he was healing after emergency surgery and we hope to see him back this month. We really did miss you Steve and because of that the African Grays got trounced as far as numbers go. So as we dive headlong from winter to spring to summer stay tuned for the upcoming events and we will keep you posted about anything new. As always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**
Your prez
Dave



VOICE OF THE VEEP

Unfortunately Steve was unable to attend last month's meeting, so we don't have a From the Veep this month.

But this is just a reminder about the shows Tammy is receiving requests and is now starting to schedule them at an increasing rate. I will do my best to keep the Upcoming Events page on our website with each and every show that is scheduled the day that the booking is confirmed. If you are ever interested knowing when the next event or show is go to <http://www.rfbirdclub.com> then click on the upcoming events tab. A second option would be to call me at home 734-513-0030 if I'm not home leave a message and I will answer you as soon as I can. The shows and events are a lot of fun so you should consider joining us. You don't have to bring your bird if you don't want to please consider joining us just to see the delight on the people's faces. We can always use help with our birds while the show is being presented.

Well, try to stay warm and dry and I hope the weather cooperates for our meeting this month.

Your Veep
Steve



Out and About With Pookie

ZOE'S PLACE

Hi there I am Zoe the Moluccan Cockatoo and this month I am hijacking Out and About with Pookie because I need to clear some things up. There is a nasty rumor going around that I just chomp people for no other reason than the sheer joy of doing it. WELL I NEVER!!!!!! Oh I am so mad I could just scream (well I do anyway but hey I'm a Cockatoo). I need to set the record straight. At the pet expo I was being set up for a picture with an adoring human when this human arm happened to come my way so I did the polite thing and stepped up. Little did I know that this would get me in a real pickle. It seems humans wear these things they call shirts and some of them have long sleeves well this was a long sleeved one and it made the arm very unstable and I began to slide backwards. I certainly did not want to hit the floor so I grabbed this sleeve thing on this shirt thing and heard a very strange sound coming from the owner of this shirt thing. Well grabbing this sleeve thingamabob did me no good what so ever but here came my salvation a short pinky colored thing. So I grabbed on to this pinky colored thing to save myself from ending up on the icky floor. That is when I heard an even louder high pitched sound and somehow I ended up with Auntie Celeste right as rain again. Whew! What a relief to avoid going on that gross floor. I mean I am a perfect lady and took the assistance that was presented to me to avoid a nasty fall. So I did not randomly chomp, bite, or otherwise inflict

pain on anyone I was in peril and took this human up on their offer of safety from falling. If I really would bite someone they would certainly remember it for a loooooong time. After all a lady does not do such crass and poor mannered things. Thank you for letting me set the record straight!

Zoe

THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE THE *RESCUE RANGERS*

IN SMALL PARROT HUGE ATTITUDE

This month's adventure takes the Rangers to a place in Michigan called Ray Township it was a little bit of a drive but the weather was nice so it would be a pleasant trip. The type of bird they would be picking up was a Meyers Parrot named Big Bird. So they entered the house and found Big Bird playing in his cage which had been placed on the floor in anticipation of their arrival. There he sat an adorable ball of feathers with the typical turquoise and gray markings with a splotch of yellow on the head look so sweet and innocent. Well the rangers soon found out that look's, especially in this case can and were deceiving. Big Bird came out of his cage and stepped up onto Ranger Dave's hand with no problems what so ever. Then with the speed of an Indy race car and the precision of a surgeon began to open Ranger Dave's fingers up making them a bloody mess. Big Bird then jumped off of Ranger Dave's hand and Ranger Steve decided to give him a chance and had him step up. You could almost hear the evil

laughter coming from this small parrot as he began filleting Ranger Steve's fingers into blood red pulp (OOOH THE CARNAGE TELL ME WHEN ITS OVER!!!!).it's over good. So Big Bird was now safely quadruple locked in the carrier and triple covered for the Rangers safety. Now they needed a band aid or three and to their shock, in a house with kids there were NO band aids, seriously!! So with bird in hand and hands wrapped in paper towels bloodily they made their way back to home base and a big box of band aids. Looking oh so sweet in the carrier he tried to get one of them to pick him up again but they were not going through that again and to Big Birds dismay he was wrapped in a towel and placed in a cage. Well there is a bird for everyone and one person met this little buzz saw in a parrots clothing and they both fell hard for each other and a perfect match was made, much to the relief of Ranger Steve and Dave's fingers. Oh well lesson learned and now they carry all sorts of band aids with them just in case, you never know. One thing they do know is that there are still more birds waiting in the wings (pun intended) to be picked up and find their forever homes and they will do this because they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!!!**

Stay glued to your mailbox for the next exciting installment The Winged Terror!!!!



WAIT, WHOA, WHAT?

We are always getting phone calls that inquire about adopting a bird but some just leave wondering which direction is up and which is down. This is one of those. A woman calls up looking to adopt a bird but she has some specific if not mind boggling requirements. She starts out wanting a BIG bird not really specific but a big bird. Then it turns into a big colorful bird. Then it becomes a big colorful bird that talks. Well as she proceeds it now is a big colorful bird that talks and is very friendly, nothing that will eat her (her words). Next she wants to see what we have so she can pick out what she thinks she might like. All this time I can't get a word in edgewise she is talking at the speed of light and not slowing down. Finally I am able to tell her we don't let them peruse the rescue birds they have to tell us what they are specifically interested in. She replies "how will I know what I'll want, until I see it". I tell her we are not Kmart, Wal-Mart or Macy's we don't allow shopping. So I ask her what about a Cockatoo; could you possibly be interested in one of those to which she replies "No they're just too white I want colorful and it has to be big. So I ask about a Macaw and she says "A what?" So at this point I have already made up my mind she will get nothing from us. I asked her if she had any experience with parrots and she says no parrots only budgies and Cockatiels but a big bird can't be that much different so I'm going for it. We hung up with this woman being disappointed with our rescue for not having what she was looking for and me looking for the Excedrin Migraine. This call took over 45 minutes because she kept repeating herself over and

over again. Let's hope she never finds that big colorful bird and never calls us again!



RESCUE UPDATE



There were four adoptions last month one Quaker, a Cockatiel, a Parrotlet and a Scarlett Macaw. We are always in need of foster homes especially for smaller birds but be aware that finding homes and people willing to adopt smaller birds is very difficult so a foster offer could be for a long time

Our thanks go to all our members for your support in the rescue. It is because of your participation in our monthly raffle and your donations of food, cages, toys and money that we are able to accomplish this awesome feat. Thank you one and all and please keep up the great work.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to :

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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.)

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hello everyone I hope you are all doing well I am great but I am puzzled about one thing so I had to as Sparky, Pookie and J.B. what

happened to their pet human? It seems that he (Steve) had wheat is called a Detached Retina and had to see a special eye doctor called an Ophthalmologist. They were surprised when I knew what one was that is because my pet human has been going to one for years. So he had to have surgery to reattach this retina thing back to his eyeball. He also had to see a special surgeon to have it done which is something I just did not understand. Why pay the big bucks to have somebody do it when there is the obvious choice right in front of you. We hear our pet humans say with super glue and duct tape you can fix everything so why not the solution that is right in front of you face. Pookie and Sparky would have been more than willing to do it for just a few nuts I mean how hard can it be? You would use the gel type super glue so it wouldn't run all over the place and cover the area with some duct tape and a few weeks later you're all better. Of course there will probably be an issue with the eyebrow but hey in a few weeks it should grow back. Humans always complicate everything when the solutions are right in front of their noses. So I am keep a stash of super glue and duct tape just in case it should ever happen to my pet human. I know he will be so happy with all the money I can save him if this should ever happen to him. We are now looking for other applications of super glue and duct tape for future references. Humans will always puzzle but I like a good puzzle!

Cheers

Captain Morgan



Bits from Baby

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

January's meeting was a great big party again! There were seventy-five people there, of which fifty-eight were members and seventeen were guests and nine joined our flock.

We also had thirty-two feathered members of which four were African Grays, four Cockatoos and five Macaws, plus Nineteen other type Parrots in attendants.

Last year was a busy one but I think this year may be even bigger. We have almost half of March already booked for Bird Programs plus the calls keep coming in. Get you carriers packed for another great year of programs, events both indoor and outdoor. I'll have more info coming next month when I find out more of the details.

We also had our annual elections and I'm happy to say the same officers were re-elected.

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

As of
Feb 12th 2016

Feb 27th Society of Canary and Finch
Breeders
Bird Fair
\$3.00 Adm. 9AM to 3 PM
Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
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Our Club Has a Booth at This Event

March 8th Senior Show
American House Taylor
25250 Eureka Road
Taylor, MI 48180
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Start

March 11th Senior Show
American House Troy
2300 Grand Haven Drive
Troy, MI 48083
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Start

March 25th Senior Show
Glacier Hills Senior Living
1200 Earhart Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
9:30 AM Set-up
10:30 AM Start

April 5th Senior Show
Whitehall Convalescent of Novi
43455 W. 10 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

July 7th Bird Show
Farmington Community Library
23500 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

April 16th Senior Show
Huron Woods – Towsley Health Center
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

Sept. 10th 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

April 17th Senior Show
Westlake Health Campus
10735 Bogie Lake Road
Commerce Twp., MI 48382
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

Sept. 24th Senior Show
Huron Woods – Towsley Health Center
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

April 30th Motor City Bird Breeders
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. 24th Motor City Bird Breeders
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

May 15th Senior Show
Walton Woods at Twelve Oaks
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

June 12th Rainbow Feathers Bird Club
17th Annual Bird Fair
\$3.00 Adm. 10AM to 4PM
VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford, MI 48239
10:00AM to 4:00PM

****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:

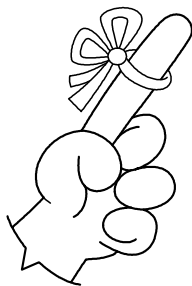
Our Club Has a Booth at This Event
following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending

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.

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**CANCELTATION CONFUSION **

A few of our scheduled events have been canceled at the last minute by the group staging the event. If you do not regularly participate in the shows but plan on attending please call Steve (734-513-0030) to make sure the event is still a go.



A REMINDER

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



Rambling with Rambo

There is not much going on around here. Packo, and I, are getting along real well.

We both squawk back and forth in the morning. We both scream until we get fed. Packo gets woken up first. I get to eat first. I enjoyed the meeting last month. Though I am really annoyed that Packo got all the attention. Well, it was his first meeting with Michael, and myself. Now I don't mind Packo sitting on Daddy. Listen up big boy, the Left Shoulder is Mine.

As always, I don't like getting my nails, and beak, trimmed. I will have them sharpened up again in short order.

So what else is going on? Not much. This cold weather is really getting to me. I hate being stuck at home. Daddy will not take me on any errands, with him.

Last week, he went to 2 different pet stores, without me. And I always miss doing the shows during the cold months. Oh and get this. I may have to share the spotlight with Packo, when we start doing shows again.

Packo, that is really pushing things.

Oh I really should not complain. Packo is a good bird. I am lucky to have him as a brother. Also, he is very lucky to have found Daddy. This was really good for both of them.

On to other things. Mommy has really been nice to me. She has been playing with me more. She has even been talking to Packo more.

Now mommy has been trying to pick me up. Can you imagine that? She must be getting brave. I've only lived here for 23 years.

However, I'm still not sure what she wants me to do. Usually, when she sticks her arm

out, it means she wants to play ‘Pull the Sleeve.’

I’ll close with this. Packo went to another meeting with me. He did much better this time. He rode in the car well. He came out for Daddy without a fight this time. Packo was a little nervous during the meeting. Can you believe it? He would not eat – even pizza – or drink anything. And then he had his nails done. That was too much for him. Daddy put him in his box to rest. Packo started barfing. He barfed all the way home. And did it stink. Well Daddy took us home. He put Packo to bed. He was asleep. Daddy and I hung out watching TV.

Well, as usual, I had a great time at the meeting. That pizza sure is good. How about that? From the first meeting, when I was scared to death. Now I have a great time. There I go Rambling on Again.

Remember Macaws rule,
Rambo



Pondering With Packo:

Well fans, as you know I’m still having trust issues, with Michael picking me up. Well,

the issue is leaving my cage. This is my house, my kingdom, and special place. I don’t want to leave it. Appears to me every time someone takes me out of here, I end up going to the Vet’s office. And you know what that means? Yeah! It means that person in the white coat sticks a needle in my leg, then cuts my nails. Oh I hate when that happens. Doing my nails does not hurt. It’s just the indignity of this procedure. Then I have to sharpen them up again.

Rambo was telling me all about the excitement at the Novi Pet Expo. He told me the noise of the dogs had all the birds worked up. Rambo told me he had a hard time behaving. I for sure would have been too upset to stay there.

Daddy really tried to get Mommy to bring me out for only one hour. Daddy told her he would put me in my travel box for her. She would not have to touch me. I can leave my travel box, and climb into my cage by myself. After all us Macaws excel at climbing. She still would not do this for me. So since I don’t get around, I have to entertain myself. However, with a superior Macaw brain, that is no problem. After all Michael keeps me in treats, and toys. What more could a birdy want. And both Mommy, and Daddy, are always telling me how pretty, and good I am.

Michael has been really trying to get me to come out of my cage on command. Excuse me. Nobody can command a bird (especially a Macaw) to do anything. If a Macaw does not want to do something, they are not going to do it.

When he tries to get me out with his hand, I respond with a warning bite; well usually. I do sometimes show him I mean real business with this beak of mine. And he knows when a serious bite is coming. Then he does not push me.

I have let him get me up on that rope thing once. But I was too slick for him. I let him get me almost out of the cage. I jumped and grabbed the cage door. No getting me out this time.

This morning I was outside (my cage) yelling and running around. I’m tired now. Think I have come up with a tag line for my column.

Life is good when you have a pet human.
Enjoy it my friends.
Packo.



Are you watching your bird's figure?

By ZuPreem Staff

Obesity is a common condition in companion birds and occurs when they consume more calories than they can expend over an extended period of time. Lack of flight activity and a diet rich in fatty seeds are common causes of obesity. Your bird could be obese if its body weight exceeds the normal body weight (within normal variation) for its species by 15 percent or more.

Here's how to tell if your bird is overweight

Take a minute to perform a quick home exam. Start by noticing your bird's stance. A wider than normal stance can be a sign of obesity. Next, check for a small roll of fat, a "double chin" visible under the beak. Also, look for small yellow or white fat deposits in the abdomen, along the flanks, inner thighs, upper breast and crop area. Finally, check for any bald patches where feather tracts may have separated due to fat under the skin.

You can also weigh your bird

To do this at home, use an electronic scale that measures in grams, not ounces, to detect small changes. Of course, the best way to be sure is to have your pet weighed and examined by your avian veterinarian.

Health risks associated with obesity

Obesity increases your bird's risk of developing many serious diseases including heart disease, liver disease, fatty tumor formation (lipomas) and respiratory distress during exercise

and play. Obesity is also associated with abnormal feathering, egg binding and infertility.

What you can do

If you suspect your bird may be obese, see your veterinarian for a complete and thorough physical examination as well as advice on how to change your bird's diet to a healthier one. Along with more exercise, converting your bird from a seed-based diet to a more nutritionally balanced extruded diet could be the answer. Remember that any weight-loss regimen for your bird should be done with your veterinarian's guidance.

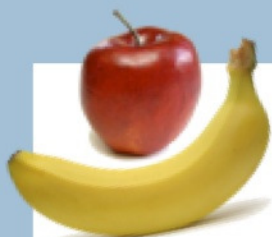
How does your bird weigh in?

The following table expresses approximate normal mature body weights for some bird species in terms of both the average weight and a range of acceptable variances (+/-) from the average.

Species	Average Weight (grams)	Variance (+/- grams)
Scarlet Macaw	1,001	151
Blue & Gold Macaw	1039	102
Military Macaw	925	57
Hyacinth Macaw	1355	95
Umbrella Cockatoo	403	57
Moluccan Cockatoo	577	71
Great Sulfur Crested Cockatoo	843	147
Citron Cockatoo	357	34
Grand Eclectus	432	40
African Grey	554	66
Blue-Fronted Amazon	432	51
Mexican Red-Headed Amazon	360	24
Yellow-Naped Amazon	596	85
Double Yellow-Headed Amazon	568	61
Budgerigar	30	*
Lovebird	45	*
Cockatule	1 80	*

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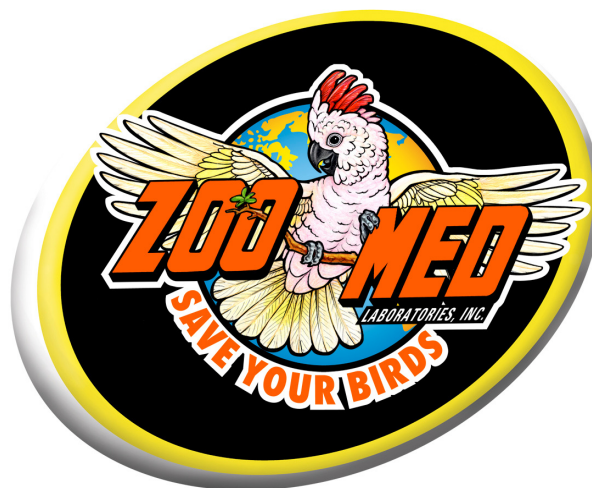


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March 20th — Third Sunday
April 24th ----- Fourth Sunday
May 22nd -----Fourth Sunday

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- Yearly Bird Fair
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MONTHLY SNACK LIST

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!!



CLUB WELFARE

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

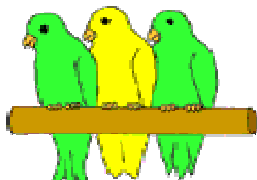
FROM THE PREZ:



Wasn't February's meeting awesome we had so many in members there and added a large number to our flock. I really like the fact that our flock keeps growing and everybody keeps having fun. That is the key

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.



to our club is to have fun we are all just a bunch of birdbrains but be glad birds are smart so we are in good company. It was also great to have Steve back after his eye adventure we missed his grays only rule (but do we really listen, naw). We are fast approaching our bird fair June is not as far off as we think and it will be here in no time so we need to be ready. If you can get anything that would be raffle worthy do not hesitate to get it and it does not have to be bird related. We have the donation letters at the meetings so if you know of anything get it. I also have to stress the rules about the kitchen where we meet no birds are allowed in the kitchen by order of the Health Department and this includes birds that can fly and are waiting to be clipped. They must remain in the carrier until they get clipped and can no longer fly. We want to keep meeting there and need to follow the rules set down by the state. Remember the March meeting is on the third Sunday March 20th because of Easter being the last Sunday so we hope to see you there. So as we go into the spring and summer seasons we never know who will be inviting us to do a new pet event so watch the upcoming events for new stuff. As always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!!**

Until Next Time
Your Prez
Dave



Voice of the Veep

The meeting in February was great with lots of members and guests. Firstly let me say thanks for re-electing me as VP and all the well wishes for me to get better. As I'm writing this I still need cataract surgery and another surgery to repair a wrinkle in my retina. Ergo, seeing since I can't see this column is going to be short and sweet.

Your VP
Steve



RESCUE UPDATE

We had three adoptions last month even though the weather was so cold. The birds that went to new homes were two Lesser Jardine's and a parakeet.

All of the birds we adopt go to their new homes with cages, toys, water bottles, and pellets. We are able to accomplish this because of the wonderful generosity of the members of this club. Your donations of supplies brought to the meetings and especially your participation in the monthly club raffles has allowed the rescue to send our adoptees to their new homes fully prepared. Thank you one and all. You should all be very proud of yourselves for this; our rescue couldn't do this without you.



OUT AND ABOUT WITH POOKIE

Things around our home have been quite chaotic the past two months so I must apologize for missing my article last month. What occurred is quite simple although it has been very devastating, I will do my best to explain.

If you read my column in January you know that Steve had been infected with the dreaded Cockamaw virus. This caused Steve to be hospitalized with birdamiteus. (The doctors claimed it was shingles on his face but we knew the true reason). Well, his affliction was far worse than even we had known because his health problems continued to become worse. January 13th Steve awoke on a Saturday morning blind in his left eye which caused him to go see an Ophthalmologist. It was determined he had a detached retina in his left eye. After seeing all the doctors and surgeons they determined that they could repair his eye and offered an opinion for the cause. **They are wrong, absolutely dead wrong.** Steve did this to himself about a week earlier.

This is what happened to Steve. Two of the symptoms of advanced stages of Cockamaw Birdamiteus are; Sudden

blindness along with the urge to adopt a Cockatoo! Early in January he brought an Umbrella Cockatoo into our home, we begged and pleaded for him to think about the foolishness of this move. We attempted to reason with him and explained it was because of the Cockamaw birdamiteus virus. It didn't help, he wouldn't listen. All seven of the African Greys in our home joined me in attempting to prevent his plunge into the depths of the dark side but his leap into the abyss occurred on the sixth day of January two thousand and sixteen. That morning there was a clatter and a clunk in the front room followed by a loud squawk, none of us could believe what was just heard! Was it a ghost? No! It was a Cockatoo and by the way our cages rattled when it screamed it was a big one. The noise we heard had to be either a Moluccan or an Umbrella but that notwithstanding the battle for supremacy and the control of Steve and the household has been set forth.

We will have to start retraining Steve, teach the new resident in our home the proper etiquette inside of a Grey household and that we rule the roost around here. Steve will probably learn quickly but I have my doubts about the Umbrella Cockatoo in the front room, after all they are a bit slow.

Until next month
Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



BIRD FAIR

Our annual bird fair is now going to be on Sunday June 12th and will be at the same location as last year. The location is VFW Post 345 at 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive) Redford, MI 48239.

We are not going to be able to set up for the fair the night before as we have in years past but we will be getting access to the hall about 6:00 AM. The tentative plan is load a U-Haul® truck the evening before with Cages and stuff at Steve's house. In the morning before the fair starts we will bring in all the cages, raffle items and supplies.

We will need as much help as we can get at 6:00 AM to cover tables, price cages, run electricity and set up the raffle. Hopefully this will mostly be finished by 7:00 AM when the vendors will start arriving. We need help holding doors open and assisting vendors move in at this time. They really appreciate this; it's something that rarely occurs for them at other fairs and keeps them coming back. During the fair we will need help at the admissions desk, assisting at the raffle, rescue tables. Another time when help is needed is after the fair doing the clean-up.

This is our rescue's largest fundraiser of the year, so please; one and all come and make this fair the success of past years. We have rented out a record number of tables this year with many first time vendors. Let's show them what a dynamic group we are by assisting them in every way possible.

Come on out and lend a hand even if you haven't signed up. You don't have to stay all day; any time you can help would be wonderful.

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hello everyone I hope all is going fine for you as it is for me but I do have one complaint, what is up with this crazy weather. It will be 60 one day then six inches of snow then back to 60 again. It is enough to give one a headache. It seems especially troubling to all of our pet humans they are constantly complaining about it. So I went to Stella (Mother Nature to you) and said what gives! She told me she has been moody lately and things just keep going up and down, I said yeah we can see that. So I asked her what really is the problem and it turns out that she deals with those same stupid people that we do. You know the ones that would rather get all their info off the internet and they believe it. Those people who think that there is enough world to go around forever and those we run into that think that Sparky, J.B. and I are being wasted by not breeding us. I wish they would just mind their own business I am very happy with the bachelor life I mean I have my friends and don't need the pressure to produce as some have put it. These people have offered big money for any of the three of us but our pet humans will not budge and say there is no amount of money that could buy us from them. I really like being priceless and if more potential parrot parents treated us the same that would be wonderful.

Many of my friends found homes with pet humans from that bird club my pet humans belong to and that is a wonderful thing. I mean if I hear one more time how I should be breeding from total strangers I think I will scream, (oh wait I do that already) Ok scratch that but really butt out. So if you see my or J.B. and Sparky's pet humans, in fact any of the pet humans that my bird club friends have give them three cheers because I'll bet you are priceless to them too.

Cheers
Captain Morgan



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.

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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.)



BITS from BABY

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

February's meeting almost broke the record for attendance, there were seventy-one people there, of which fifty-five were members and sixteen guests and nine joined our flock. I am happy to say that I was there this month and enjoyed see all the feathered and non-feathered friends that were there. I hope the weather calms down and gets nicer soon.

We also had forty-five feathered members of which nine were African Greys, nine Cockatoos and ten Macaws, plus seventeen other types of Parrots in attendance.

This year looks like it going to be as busy as last year. The programs are starting to come in faster than a year ago. We have fourteen already booked this year and we are just getting started. Hang on to your feathers guys we are in for lots of fun. That's not even counting events both indoors and outside like Ypsilanti's Festival and The Novi Pet Expo.

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

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

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ANDREW SULLIVAN	APR. 27



THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE
THE
RESCUE RANGERS

IN
THE WINGED TERROR

Today's adventure is taking the Rangers out to the lovely little city of Ann Arbor Michigan home of the Maize and Blue and lots and lots of Martini bars (no they did not go bar hopping they don't like Martini's). Anyway, there they would pick up their very first Cape Parrot. Now the house seemed to be normal enough nothing gave them a clue to what lurked inside this seemingly quiet abode. They entered and were taken to the kitchen, dining room area where they were greeted by the lady of the house. Strange they didn't see any bird as the lady talked about her virtues as though the bird was right there with them. Suddenly a head poke itself in the kitchen through the bi-fold doors and the husband in a loud voice forcefully asked where the bird was. She pointed up to the curtain rod well above their heads and there sat a beautiful Cape Parrot observing all the going's on below. The husband quickly shut the doors and said I'm not going in there and made a hasty exit. This was the Cape's cue and with a loud squawk began her aerial attack. She first flew at Ranger Steve with feet open like a raptor not a parrot with beak open and head butted him. This sent Ranger Steve ducking for cover under the first thing he could find which was the kitchen table. Next this Cape Parrot set her sights on Ranger Dave and from her Curtain rod vantage point began her attack narrowly missing his right ear. Now Ranger Dave was heading for a spot next to Ranger Steve under the same table

but Ranger Steve was too busy watching out for the bird and had to be forcefully moved over so Ranger Dave could also take cover. As they cowered under the table (don't judge, you guys haven't seen those big feet or huge sharp beak) the lady of the house reached up and exclaimed what a sweet bird she was she without as much as even a small peep put her in the carrier. It was now safe the attack was over and all could now breathe easier even the husband seemed to become 10 years younger when he knew he would no longer have to dodge the terror from the sky. So lucky Ranger Dave would be the one to foster this ball of feathers and beak but a miracle happened after the wing clipping (no repeats of the dive bombing incident) this bird took to Ranger Dave's wife Rangerette Tammy. It was love at first sight and the bird named Georgia had found her new home. Still to this day Rangerette Tammy is the only one who can handle Georgia and basically do anything to her Ranger Dave keeps his distance (Georgia still hates him but to be fair it's all other people but Rangerette Tammy). So this story had a happy ending and the winged terror has been somewhat tamed but the Rangers work is still not done and until there aren't any homeless cage bird they will keep doing what they do for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!!!**

Ranger fans stay tuned for our next thrilling episode
A Parakeet in Plymouth!

DO YOU HEAR YOURSELF?

We get all sorts of phone calls and then there are some that make you want ask that question, do you hear yourself? Apparently not these people.

A man called up and said he wanted a big bird to put in his window for all the neighbors to see. He wanted a big colorful one hopefully one of those red ones so as his neighbors passed his house they would see the bird in his window. When I explained that they needed to be interacted with and were not just ornaments. He replied that since they were much less work than a dog, he wanted a bird. I again explained they were as much work as any dog maybe more to which he said no they have everything they need in their cages. I told him they had to be handled and interacted to keep them nice. He wasn't interested he just wanted that show stopper for all his neighbors to see. Well we do not sell furniture so, no bird for this guy.

Another woman wanted one of those big white birds with the crest thingy's. So I said a Cockatoo? To which she replied Yeah one of those and then proceeded to give me a list of what she expected, quiet, not messy and it had to talk. So I asked her what kind of Cockatoo would you be interested in to which she replied "a white one". Well I tried to tell her they are all white which white bird do you want at this point she accused me of being a smart a... and then thought that adopting from us is not such a good idea and she would find her white bird elsewhere.

Another guy wanted a bird that was not to big but not too small not too loud or too messy and it had to be able to ride on his shoulder when he went out so all the girls could see him. Did we have any of those (now wait for it) in stock and when will we getting new shipment in if we don't have any right now.

The best we a gentleman who want a pirate bird, so after talking to him for about 10 minutes he told me what he wanted. One of those birds you always see in pirate

movies perched on the Captains shoulders. Well guy go play pirate somewhere else! These are just a few of the gems we get when we answer the phone and I am sure there will always be more!



UP COMING **EVENTS** **As of** **March 2nd 2015**

March 8th Senior Show
American House Taylor
25250 Eureka Road
Taylor, MI 48180
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Start

March 11th Senior Show
American House Troy
2300 Grand Haven Drive
Troy, MI 48083
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Start

March 25th Senior Show
Glacier Hills Senior Living
1200 Earhart Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
9:30 AM Set-up
10:30 AM Start

April 5th Senior Show
Whitehall Convalescent of Novi
43455 W. 10 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48375
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

May 9th Senior Show
The Village Rehabilitation Center
22600 W. Main St.
Armada, MI 48005
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

April 12th Senior Show
Independence Village Frankenmuth
255 Mayer Rd.
Frankenmuth, MI 48734
11:30 AM Set-up
12:30 PM Start

May 14th Senior Show
Maple Village
6257 Telegraph Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

April 16th Senior Show
Huron Woods – Towsley Health Center
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

May 15th Senior Show
Walton Woods at Twelve Oaks
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

April 17th Senior Show
Westlake Health Campus
10735 Bogie Lake Road
Commerce Twp., MI 48382
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

June 12th Rainbow Feathers Bird Club
19th Annual Bird Fair
\$3.00 Adm. 10AM to 4PM
VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford, MI 48239
10:00AM to 4:00PM

April 30th Motor City Bird Breeders
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

July 7th Bird Show
Farmington Community Library
23500 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

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

Sept. 10th 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

Sept. 24th Senior Show
Huron Woods – Towsley Health Center
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

Sept. 24th Motor City Bird Breeders
Bird Fair
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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.

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****CANCELATION CONFUSION ****

A few of our scheduled events have been canceled at the last minute by the group staging the event. If you do not regularly participate in the shows but plan on attending please call Steve (734-513-0030) to make sure the event is still a go.



PONDERIN' WITH PACKO

Things have been interesting for me. Many things have happened.

I’ve been attending the Rainbow Feathers meetings. Listen up Michael. I still have a real problem with you coming into my cage, and making me come out. And I really don’t like that box you put me into. And the ride is so bumpy. You know this makes me car sick. Once we are at the meeting, I’m ok being on Daddy.

At the January meeting something happened that I really, really didn’t like. First that man tried to put a towel around me. That was not going to happen. I took off. I landed on some big guy. I had never met this person. That was better than being toweled.

Oh it gets worse. After they caught me, they did these terrible things. First, they cut my nails. Then they filed the point off my beak. Oh then, the terrible indignity of getting my wings trimmed. Here I'm in this strange place. Then some people I never met torture me. Oh I was really upset by then. Michael held me for a while. He told me that I was a good boy. Well I was so upset. Then he said, "You need to rest for a bit. Go into your box for a while.

Luckily, I didn't get tortured at the February meeting. That one was much more fun, except for Michael catching me in my cage. Excuse me. This is MY private place.

Other than this excitement, I've been spending much time outside my cage. I've been squawking up a storm. Mommy is calling me Squawky Bird. Well, I want attention.

Something good happened this month. Both Rambo, and me, received some new toys. I destroyed some of my old ones. They were unfixable. Daddy has figured out that both we birds need toys that are a little smaller. We are Mini Macaws. So now Rambo gets Conure size toys. I get toys that are called Parrot toys. The macaw size ones are too big for me.

Other than this I'm getting along well with Rambo. In the morning we call each other. We do this until the food is served. I better stop here. You know me. I could ramble on all day.

Packo.

seems that I now have to share the spotlight with Packo. How dare he take attention from me.

I can share the glory with him. After all, we Macaws are the stars of the Rainbow Feathers meetings.

The meeting have been interesting lately. There has been many new people attending. And some we have not seen in a while are attending. Also, there have been some of our feathered friends showing up. We have not seen these buddies in quite a while. And the food has been really good.

Packo and I have been getting along very well. We have started a morning routine. Packo always gets up first. He starts squawking the second Daddy opens his curtains. Then after bringing in the newspaper, Michael gets me up.

Naturally, I have been calling Michael long before this. He does not get to sleep in. I want my breakfast. So I get fed first. We both squawk until the food is served.

Two interesting things happened this month. The first was this. Miss Lanah, and Alexandria, came over to see me. Daddy told me they came over to see him. We all know they came over to see us birds. I let her hold me. She didn't trust Packo enough to hold him. We were real good while they were here.

The second thing that happened was really special. Both myself, and Packo, got some New Toys, because Packo destroyed a few of his old ones. And Daddy bought a few extra toys. He is taking these apart, so we can share them. These will be fun.

Daddy tried to fix these. Packo did a good job on them. That worked out best for both of us.

The toy Daddy bought for me is great. It has a little bell on the end. I figured out how to tear it apart quickly. Well, Michael fixed that part. I can't get the clapper out



Rambling with Rambo

Well, Things have been rather slow around here. One thing that has me frosted is this. It

now. But I figured out how to remove the whole bell. I can remove it faster than he can put it back on. It is so fun having him come in every few minutes. Oh, since the bell is small, I can really throw it. I try to throw it way under my cage, or under that chair. Well, I better stop here. As always, (Try to) Be Good, Have Fun, and remember Macaws Rule.

Rambo.



How to tell if your bird is sick

By Don J. Harris, DVM

Birds in the wild instinctively hide illness in an attempt to avoid predators that prey on sick or injured birds. Pet birds are also just as effective in hiding illness as their wild counterparts, and it is up to bird owners to recognize subtle behavioral and physical signs that may indicate their birds are sick.

Behavioral signs may include:

- Sleeping later in the morning than usual
- Sleeping more during the day
- Irritability
- Unusually compliant or passive
- Sitting on the bottom of the cage
- Picking at food and/or not eating at usual times
- Eating less overall
- Vocalizing less
- A change in the voice or hoarseness
- Different breathing pattern
- Making unusual sounds when breathing

Physical signs may include:

- Coughing or sneezing
- Discharge from nostrils (nares)
- Matted eyes
- Eyes are dull and closing excessively
- Matted feathers on the face and head
- Diarrhea
- Black stools
- A change in the white part of the droppings to another color such as red, yellow or green
- Weight loss—can you feel or see the breastbone?
- Unusual swellings, especially around the eyes
- Irregular discoloration of the feathers
- Feathers are “fluffed up”
- Random or generalized loss of feathers
- Scaling or crusting of skin
- Increased temperature of feet or beak

Any of the signs listed above, or any other unusual signs, may indicate your bird is sick. You should take immediate action by making an appointment with your avian veterinarian. Waiting even one day to resolve the problem can jeopardize the long-term outcome of your bird's health.

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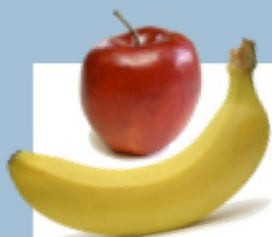
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

APRIL 24th -----Fourth Sunday
MAY 22nd -----Third Sunday
JUNE 12th -----BIRD FAIR
JUNE 26th -----Fourth Sunday

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
- Periodic Service projects
- Field Trips
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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 weekend of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff Livonia, MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com

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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.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

We have decided to stop soliciting for snack volunteers for our meetings and make the format a potluck venue. The reasoning for this is two fold; there have been very few members signing up for snacks and many members just bring dishes and deserts 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.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



FROM THE PREZ:



Wow we had another great meeting and I noticed that more than a few of you were sweating very profusely, could it have been Brent's 20 alarm chili I'll bet it was. You guys liked it because I saw a few of you go back for seconds. It is great that our flock keeps growing and that is a good thing we welcome all the new members to our flock of birdbrains. Before I forget to

tell you they have thrown us a curve ball and moved the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival to the last weekend in August so we had to move the picnic to July 31st and the Novi Pet Expo is now two weeks before Thanksgiving instead of just one but we will keep you posted on these changes. I am so glad that we are flexible and can change things when we need to. Also our bird fair is quickly approaching and it looks like it will sell out again this year so remember to mark June 12th in your calendar as a save the date. If it seems like we are busy we are with events and programs it is like we are running at 100 miles an hour but this is what we do so we should be used to it. I am just glad for all the enthusiasm that everyone brings to the club and what a great time everyone has even those attending for the first time that's what we want. Our goal is to make everyone feel welcome and make this an island of birds and fun even though things in our lives can make us crazy. So I look forward toward seeing you guys at the April meeting and we will have all the information on all the events we are involved in. As always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!**

Until Next Time
Your Prez
Dave



Voice of the Veep

Two months away! Our annual bird fair is next month on Sunday June 12th.

I'm hoping all of you are as excited as I am. The fair is at the same venue in Redford and we're going to need as much assistance from all of you to make it a success. In case anyone isn't sure the address is: VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road (I-96 service

drive) Redford, MI 48239. On Saturday, the night before the fair, at my house we will be loading a U-Haul ® truck with used cages, raffle prizes and anything else that needs to go to the hall. We will probably be at my house about 6:00-7:00 pm to start the loading.

The real work starts at 6:00AM on Sunday when we have to unload the truck, set up for the raffle, cover tables, run extension cords, set-up used cages and play stands and put lawn signs up around the neighborhood. At 7:00AM the real work starts because we have to start helping vendors bring in their wares and be on hand to help anyone who needs help. One area of help that we fell short at last year was after the fair. We lost all our help! I know it's a long day but please, we still need help after the fair helping vendors load and clearing out of the hall.

Saturday June 11th is also going to be a busy day for us. We are attending the Garden City Flea Circus being held in the Kroger parking lot at Ford Rd. and Middle Belt. This is an event with rescues, vendors, food & snacks and rescued pets of all types up for adoption. The set-up is between 8:00am and 9:00am; the event runs from 10:00am until 3:00pm. We will be setting up our pop-up in the morning and taking it down after the flea circus ends then head to my house to load the truck. If you're a newer member of the club this event would be an awesome opportunity for you to join us at an open event. Don't worry about bringing one of your own birds because there will be plenty of our birds there that you can assist with.

Your Veep
Steve



MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION

As you know we are approaching a very busy season of both outdoor and indoor events, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and the All American Family Pet Expo to name two of many events that we will be attending. Along with doing these events comes something that we have become accustom to and that is drawing huge crowds. With that being said there are certain rules that must be followed to insure that birds do not go missing and the owner does not have heart failure wondering where that bird is. So I would like to pass on to you the rules of etiquette for doing high traffic events. If you have someone else's bird other than your own always follow these rules. First let the owner of the bird know that you have that bird so they know where and who the bird is with. Second stay within eyesight of the bird's owner. We love the fact that many of us can handle each other's bird and it gives the owner peace of mind when they can see where their bird is. Third and most important never ever hand a bird to someone and then walk away. With the huge crowds we attract it would be very easy for someone to steal a bird if you take your eyes off of it for even a few seconds. Fourth, always take the bird back from the person you have handed it to and never let them hand it to someone else. Finally, return the bird either back to the owner or its time out stand, if

you put it on the stand let the owner know that you have done so. This will help avoid the owner having panic attacks and keep everyone happy, relaxed and the event fun for all!



BUT YOU'RE A RESCUE AREN'T YOU?

Many times we get rescue calls but they don't involve anything even remotely resembling a bird so here are some of the best.

A man calls and asks if we can take his 3 year old Iguana complete with cage and everything to quote him "it creeps his fiancé out".

Another need us to take a year old German Sheppard because it has too much energy for them.

One woman calls and wants us to take her Ferret because she didn't realize you had to get it shots just like a dog plus it kind of smells.

One man called and asked if we take large fish he had two Oscar in his fish tank that had gotten way too big.

Another guy calls pleading we take his Sugar Gliders because they are extremely mean and he is tired of getting bitten by them.

A woman called us to take her cat because it keeps killing her finches. Really!

The best one happened when a woman called asking us to take her Golden Retriever and its 5 puppies that were about 4 weeks old. She didn't want to turn them over to the Humane Society because she feared they would kill the puppies. I assured her they have transfer partners that would take mom and her babies until they were ready to be adopted.

The common factor is all of these calls ended with "but you're a rescue aren't you" cage birds yes, but things with fins fur and scales sorry but no.



Rescue update

The rescue continued to have success on placing foster birds in new homes. This past month

we placed fourteen rescued parrots in new forever homes. (5) Finches; (2) Cockatiels, Sunshine and Grayson; (1) Meyers Parrot, Zoe; (1) unnamed Parakeet; (4) Macaws, Boca and Murdock, (Greenwings), McGee a Blue & Gold, Sapphire a Scarlet and Keekers a Sun Conure.

We also rescued a number of gently used cages which will be available at our bird fair in June. If you are interested be sure to stop by "Honest Steve's Used Cages" table at the fair

As is standard for our adopted birds they went to their new homes with cages, toys and food. We are only able to do this because of you, our members.

We want to thank all of our club members for your generous participation in our monthly raffles and your donations of toys and food. It is you, the members that enable us to send our rescued birds to their new adopted homes fully outfitted with cages, food, and toys. Your generosity also allows us to pay for vet care if needed and have made our rescue the success that it is. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Attention Kroger Shoppers

We received a note from Kroger that anyone in the club that signed up for the community rewards program must reenroll 4/1 thru 5/1 for the May 1st start. All members **do** need to re-enroll between **April 1st 2015 and May 1st 2015** for the May 1st start of the program.

- To re-enroll on-line they just simply go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- click "sign in"
- enter their email and password
- click "enroll now"

- put in the NPO number or part of the organizations name
- check the correct group
- click “enroll”

Once completed they are then enrolled for the charity earnings during May 1st 2015 to April 30th 2016.

If someone re-enrolls after May 1st they will only earn from the day they enrolled until April 30th 2016.

If it is the first time a member is enrolling they will be prompted to register their Kroger card into the program.

Anyone having an issue with their email address or password can call 1-800-KROGERS for customer service.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

PAT GREENWOOD	MAY 2
JOSEPH FONTANA	MAY 5
MICHAEL GYARMATI	MAY 5
MICHAEL SCHAAP	MAY 9
JIM KAMINSKI	MAY 11
DAVE CAROL	MAY 13
SUE GOVIN	MAY 13
DALE DOMEIER	MAY 15
LANCE KNUDSON	MAY 16
RANDY BRATCHER	MAY 20
KRIS MLAK	MAY 21
ANTHONY MEGGISON	MAY 24



Out and About with Pookie

Well, Steve's recovery and retraining from his bout with the Cockamaw virus is continuing although the retraining is doing better than the recovery. First I'll talk about his recovery issues.

If you recall last month's article, one of the more severe side effects of the Cockamaw virus (aside from the desire to hold, handle and keep a Cockatoo in our home) are the medical side effects; the worse of which is blindness. Yes, because of his handling and snuggling with Cockatoos prior to his body creating antibodies to fend off the virus Steve went blind in his left eye. After undergoing laser surgery to reattach his retina his vision has somewhat recovered; however, there are at least two more surgeries possibly as many as four to go yet. By the time this article goes to print he will have had cataract removal surgery in his left eye. If that is successful, then he will have to have additional laser retinal surgery in his left eye followed by cataract removal in his right eye. Oh, and before I forget he also must squeeze in some oral surgery. I haven't mentioned teeth prior to this time because we are parrots and we don't have to worry about teeth, we have beaks. Problems with a human's teeth are also a rare side effect of contracting the Cockamaw virus; they become soft and brittle and have a tendency to break and fall out. I will do my best to keep everybody apprised of how Steve is coping with his medical issues.

We also have another plan of action; we have enlisted the help of an expert in the hazards and recovery of having the Cockamaw virus. His name is Doctor Max

or Maxine (we're not sure) and he is proficient in assisting with the recovery of humans that have this affliction. According to Dr. Max the best thing to do is increase Steve's exposure African Grey affection. So we had Dr. Max move into the back room by Steve's computer so regardless of what he is doing there is a grey nearby. We have African Grey parrots in the family room and in the computer room spreading grey dust throughout the entire house. Hopefully his exposure grey dust all day long every day will wean him off of the desire to handle Cockatoos. He will still have to undergo surgeries to correct the blindness and dental problems but with any luck maintaining a close proximity to a true grey all day every day will assist Steve in his recovery and place the Cockamaw virus into remission. I will do my best to keep everyone abreast of his progress.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well I guess there are some people who think just because Sparky, J.B. and I are as he put it great specimens and we are of breeding age we should get a mate and make babies. He says that we are being wasted I think it is he who is wasted! This guy I feel is well nuts if he thinks for one minute that we are going to give up our great life to be spreading our DNA all over the place he has another thing coming! Sparky J.B. and I are

perfectly happy with the way we have our pet humans trained to get us the stuff we want. My pet human always makes sure there are plenty of those raw Cashews at his disposal for my enjoyment and I know that Pookie, Sparky and J.B. also have their pet human trained in the same manner. So why would we want to give all this up to be moms and dads? I think our pet humans have the right idea let someone else do it and I certainly second that. Still I know we are magnificent specimens and would make some mighty fine looking babies but I am not ready for all that responsibility and sharing my home with another well I think the bachelor life suits me just fine. So I think I will be staying single a long, long, time but that's OK by me. So do not look for me getting hitched in like forever! Oh good here is my pet human now yeah they are right there, yes, SCORE got my Cashews now I am one happy camper good training works every time!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



BIRD FAIR

Our annual bird fair is now going to be on Sunday June 12th and will be at the same location as last year. The location is VFW Post 345 at 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive) Redford, MI 48239. We will be getting access to the hall about 6:00 AM. The tentative plan is load a U-Haul® truck the evening before with Cages and stuff at Steve's house. In the morning before the fair starts we

will bring in all the cages, raffle items and supplies.

We will need as much help as we can get at 6:00 AM to cover tables, price cages, run electricity and set up the raffle. Hopefully this will mostly be finished by 7:00 AM when the vendors will start arriving. We need help holding doors open and assisting vendors move in at this time. They really appreciate this; it's something that rarely occurs for them at other fairs and keeps them coming back. During the fair we will need help at the admissions desk, assisting at the raffle, rescue, and bake sale tables. Another time when help is needed is after the fair doing the clean-up.

This is our rescue's largest fundraiser of the year, so please; one and all come and make this fair the success of past years. We have rented out a record number of tables this year with many first time vendors. Let's show them what a dynamic group we are by assisting them in every way possible.

Come on out and lend a hand even if you haven't signed up. You don't have to stay all day; any time you can help would be wonderful.



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 our website www.rfbirdclub.com and click on the tab "RF GEAR" or to her website.

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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
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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
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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.)

BITS from BABY



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

March's meeting had fifty-nine people there, which fifty-two were members and seven guests and two joined our flock. I am happy to say that I was there this month and enjoyed seeing all the feathered and non-feathered friends that were there.

We also had thirty-three feathered members of which nine were African Grays, [Which made Steve happy] eight Macaws and three Cockatoos, plus thirteen other type Parrots in attendance.

This year looks like it is going to be as busy as last year if not even more! We had three programs already in March and six booked for April, Plus nine more to go this year as of when this Newsletter came out, and we are just getting started. Hang on to your feathers guys we are in for lots of fun this year. That's not even counting events both indoor and outside like Ypsilanti's Heritage Festival and the Novi Pet Expo.

If you have never done one of the Bird Programs before, come and join us and see how much fun they are!

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

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THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE THE

RESCUE RANGERS

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A PARAKEET IN PLYMOUTH

This month's adventure takes us to Plymouth Michigan to confront an all too familiar story. It is one that is played out over and over again and sadly will continue to do so. It involves a child and a Parakeet. While there is nothing wrong with that it is the combination that eventually causes trouble down the road. So our heroes fly off to Plymouth to rescue this sad little bird that was basically tossed away as the child became interested in other things as most kids do. The Parakeet that this child begged her parents to buy her soon became a burden as the child expanded their interest into soccer and other things. This meant the bird began to live a life in solitude for the child didn't have time for him anymore but his fortunes were about to change. Enter the Rescue Rangers and soon he was off to a new life but little did he know just how much it would change. He would soon find himself with others of his kind in a huge playground of a cage and he would be lonely no more. Still our story does not stop there this Parakeet and two of his buddies would soon find themselves at a senior community being doted on by the residents who were more than happy to have them. He and his buddies would live the life he always dreamed of being wanted by not one but a whole community of new friends. This indeed is a happy ending but there are still

more birds like him out there and our heroes will not stop until they have all found their forever home for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay glued to your mailboxes for our next exciting installment Not Feeling the Love in Howell



UP COMING **EVENTS** **As of** **April 10th, 2016**

April 12th Senior Show
Independence Village Frankenmuth
255 Mayer Rd.
Frankenmuth, MI 48734
11:30 AM Set-up
12:30 PM Start

April 16th Senior Show
Huron Woods – Towsley Health Center
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

April 17th Senior Show
Westlake Health Campus
10735 Bogie Lake Road
Commerce Twp., MI 48382
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

April 26th Senior Show
Brighton Gardens
15870 Haggerty Rd.
Plymouth, MI 48170
1:00 PM set-up
2:00 PM Show

April 30th Motor City Bird Breeders
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

May 9th Senior Show
The Village Rehabilitation Center
22600 W. Main St.
Armada, MI 48005
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

May 12th Senior Show
Lourdes Nursing Home
2300 Watkins Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

May 14th Senior Show
Maple Village
6257 Telegraph Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

May 15th Senior Show
Walton Woods at Twelve Oaks
(Assisted Living)
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

June 24th Senior Show
The Village Assisted Living
(building on right when pulling in driveway)
22600 West Main St.
Armada, MI 48005
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

June 2nd Senior Show
Caretel Inns of Brighton
1014 East Grand River
Brighton, MI 48116
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

July 7th Bird Show
Farmington Community Library
23500 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

June 9th Senior Show
St. Joseph Care Center for the
Felician Sisters
36800 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

July 12th Bird Show
River Rouge Public Library
221 Burke
River Rouge, MI 48218
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Show

June 11th Garden City Flea Circus
Parking Lot at the Corner of
Middlebelt & Ford Road
Starts at 10 AM til 3 PM
Set up is between 8 & 9am
We will be setting up a pop-up
This is an outdoor event

July 24th Senior Show
Waltonwoods at Twelve Oaks
(Independent)
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start
****NOTE DATE CHANGE****

June 12th Rainbow Feathers Bird Club
19th Annual Bird Fair
\$3.00 Adm. 10AM to 4PM
VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford, MI 48239
10:00AM to 4:00PM

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

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

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

July 31st CLUB PICNIC
GARDEN CITY PARK
MAIN PAVILION
10:00 AM TO ???
*****NOTE DATE CHANGE*****

Sept. 24th Senior Show
Huron Woods – Towsley Health Center
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

Aug 3rd Senior Show
Independence Village White Lake
935 Union Lake Road
White Lake, MI 48386
12:15 PM Set-up
1:15 PM Start

Oct. 1st Motor City Bird Breeders
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

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
Riverside Park

Aug 26th Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 10:00AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 28th 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 15th & 16th
Guardians for Animals
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
We hopefully will be setting up on Friday
like last year

Sept. 10th 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

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.

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****CANCELTATION CONFUSION ****

A few of our scheduled events have been canceled at the last minute by the group staging the event. If you do not regularly participate in the shows but plan on attending please call Steve (734-513-0030) to make sure the event is still a go.



Rambling with Rambo

Finally spring is here. I can get outside again. I can go for walks, and sit out back with Daddy. All winter, Daddy has been talking about getting a stroller for us birds. He tells me it is this chair, with big soft wheels. We can ride in this thing while Daddy walks around the neighborhood. He said this way we can go for longer walks. He said, there will be water, and food, cups in there.

Having this stroller thing, will be fun. When I get tired, thirsty, or hungry (when am I not hungry), I can get in this thing. There I can have a snack.

He said the one he wants for us is really nice, and expensive. Well naturally. We birds deserve only the best of everything. Besides, he always get us birds something nice, instead of a ‘toy’ for himself. I don’t understand this latest thing he wants. All I know is Mommy is not happy about it. She is thankful us birds use up his money first. Well of course, we should come first.

I heard that Packo was real good at that meeting I would not go to.

I have to agree with him. Every time we go there, someone always does something to us. Sometimes, we get our wings trimmed, or nails cut, or our beak filed down. Daddy told me this. He said, “Rambo, now that we will be going outside, you are going to have your wings trimmed at every meeting.

I will not like that. But, he knows I’m not wearing that harness thing.

Other than this, there has not been much going on around here. Show season is here. So I’m getting out more. And Daddy always takes me on other adventures. And now with the warm weather, I can go see the girls at the bank, Subway, and Taco Bell. “Yummy”.

Here is another thing. Daddy has been having a hard time finding our food at the stores. He knows we will only eat certain flavors. Last month, Daddy tried to give us a different flavor of bird balls (Nutra Berries). You can’t fool us.

Now I will eat Almost anything. Packo will not. He threw his out on the floor.

Well friends, I will see you at the next meeting. I also hope to see some new faces at our Educational Shows.

As always, Have Fun,

Be Good and Remember
Macaws Rule Rambo



PONDERIN' WITH PACKO

Welcome all my fine feathered, and non-feathered friends. Seems like spring is here now. Actually, it was here a short time ago. But you know how it takes a little while to write these things.

Let me tell you has been happening. Daddy has been making me come out of my house. He has been taking me places, and making me sit with him.

I did not get car sick on the way to, and from, the last meeting. So I am getting better riding in the car. I even rode nice. The last few times before that, I squawked the whole time. This time I rode real nice for him.

Look you people, I have a real problem with these meetings. Every time I go there, someone does something to me. Last time they trimmed my wings and nails. Well, I didn't get so upset as to get sick over it, and barf. When I get home, I have to sharpen my nails all over again.

He had me come to the last meeting with him. For some reason Rambo really did not want to go. Daddy made him go this time. I still have not been to one of those shows he takes Rambo to. Give me some time yet.

By time you read this, I may have been outside. Daddy keeps talking about it. We will see if he can get that harness thing on my. All winter long, he has been talking about getting a stroller for us birds. Thankfully, he does not have the money for the one he wants. Nothing but the best for us ever pampered birds. He insists on getting one with nice big soft tires. He does not want us bumping around on one those cheap strollers.

Otherwise, there have been a few things happening around here. Rambo keeps getting into things. The other day mommy was going past his cage. He reached out and grabbed her sweater. She did not notice, and kept walking. Rambo went flying to the ground. That was funny. He just walked over to his ladder and climbed up it.

Mommy has been talking to me several times a day. The other day, while Daddy was holding me, he took me into Mommy's room. Man, is there lots of cool stuff to get into in there.

Packo.





10 steps to a better relationship with your parrot

By Liz Wilson,CVT

1) Ensure your companion bird is healthy by doing annual check-ups and routine diagnostics with your experienced avian veterinarian. Since birds hide the obvious signs of illness, allowing basic annual testing is critical to the early detection of medical problems.

2) Ensure your companion bird is consuming a good diet. This is critical to the proper functioning of its immune system and increases its potential for a healthy life, as well as eliminating nutrition-based problem behaviors, such as some cases of feather destruction

3) Ensure your companion bird lives in a sufficiently large cage, allowing it lots of room for exuberant wing-flapping exercise and energetic play; allow it daily out-of-cage time on play stations other than just the cage to minimize territorial behaviors. Encouraging healthy exercise can decrease problem behaviors like excessive screaming, since a tired parrot is a quiet parrot.

4) Establish controls with your parrot by lovingly teaching it to respond to the simple commands of Up and Down, and setting clear and consistent limits on its behavior. By teaching manners and setting boundaries, parrots can become better companions.

5) Give your parrot quality interaction daily, no matter how busy your life gets...even if for just

10-15 minutes of one on one time. Psittacines are biologically wild animals, and won't retain their "tameless" without daily contact with people

6) Make your companion bird a member of the family, since it is a flock animal and extremely social. Single birds should not be housed in rooms by themselves.

7) Socialize your parrot to family and trusted friends, thereby teaching it to adapt to the society in which it lives. It should be comfortable interacting with and being handled by other people. Do not allow it to become over-bonded to one person.

8) Assure your companion bird gets adequate rest, with 10-12 hours of dark, uninterrupted sleep time nightly. Sleep deprivation often leads to problem behaviors like biting, excessive screaming and feather destruction.

9) Establish trust with your companion bird by teaching it that it is safe with you. Consistency is critical to establishing trust, as your parrot learns what to expect from you and what you expect from it.

10) Accept your parrot for what it is, not what you want it to be. No matter how well trained it is, a healthy parrot may still be noisy messy and destructive because it's a parrot!

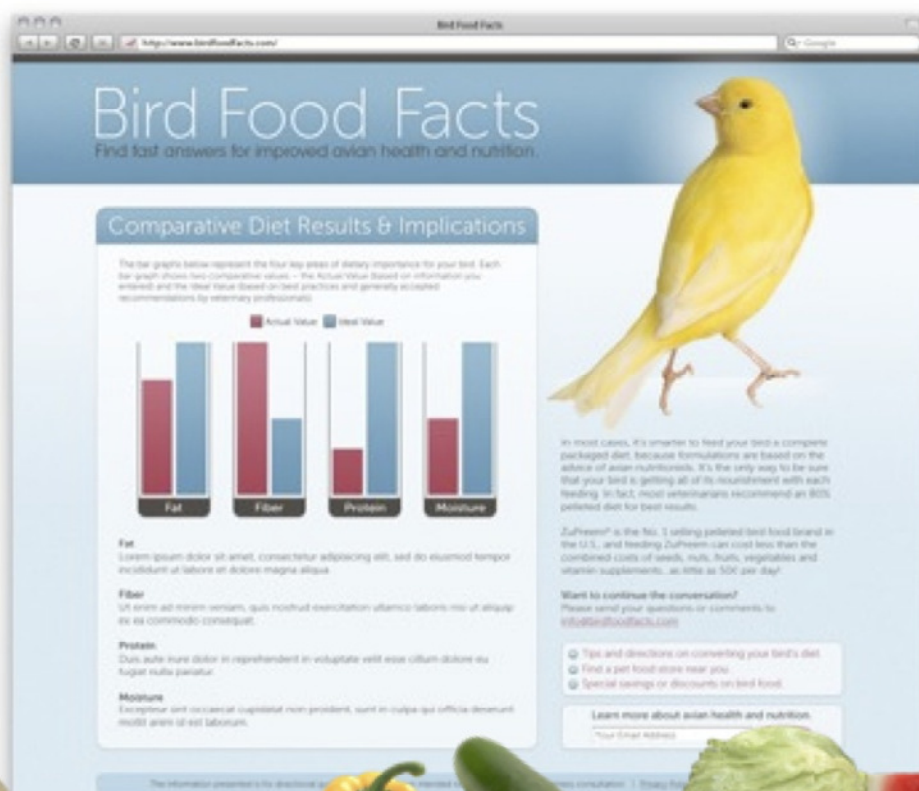
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

MAY 22nd –Fourth Sunday
JUNE 12th – Bird Fair
JUNE 26th –Fourth Sunday
JULY 31st – Fifth Sunday Picnic

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

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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

Susan Dixon is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st weekend of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to her at: susanhdixon@hotmail.com or 8529 Sandy Crest Drive, White Lake, MI 48386.

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.

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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.



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.

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.**

From the Prez:



Oh my goodness time is flying and our bird fair is only a month away, I can't believe it. That is why this meeting is so important we are finalizing everything for the fair. We ask that you come and see what is going on. There is also the Garden City Flea Circus the day before but we will have more info on that at the meeting. We need help bright and early (the doors will be open at 6 AM) to get the vendors in and set up also to help unload the U-Haul of the used cages that usually sell before the fair opens. The vendors start arriving around 7 AM so it is all hands on deck. Also we need help setting up the first raffle so we can sell tickets as soon as the

fair opens. The throughout the day to help set up the other raffles we always have three. Then at the end to help the vendors get packed up and ready to head home. This is something we do and the vendors love it because it gives them some time to relax before the fair opens. I never worry about getting because you guys always prove how awesome you are but the most important thing is to have fun like we always do. So let's get ready to get the last details hammered out for the fair and as always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Your Prez,

Dave



Voice of the Veep

One month away! Our annual bird fair is next month on Sunday, June 12th.

I'm hoping all of you are as excited as I am. The fair is at the same venue in Redford, and we're going to need much assistance from all of you to make it a success. In case anyone isn't sure, the address is: VFW Post 345, 27345 Schoolcraft Road (I-96 service drive) Redford, MI 48239. At my house on Saturday, the night before the fair, we will be loading a U-Haul® truck with used cages, raffle prizes and anything else that needs to go to the hall. We will probably be at my house about 6:30 pm to start the loading. The real work starts at 6:00AM on Sunday when we have to unload the truck, set up for the raffle, cover tables, run extension cords, set-up used cages and play stands, and put lawn signs up around the neighborhood. At 7:00AM the real work starts because we have to start helping

vendors bring in their wares and be on hand to help anyone who needs it. All the help we can muster is needed, especially on Sunday morning at the hall. So anyone that can lend a hand please plan on helping. Last year after the fair we ran very short of help. There were only three members assisting with the clean-up and clearing out of the hall. So we will need additional help when the fair ends. Our club has established a reputation of providing more assistance to the vendors than almost any other fair and that is a reputation we would like to keep and build upon in any way we can.

Your Veep,
Steve



BIRD FAIR

Our annual bird fair is going to be on Sunday June 12th and will be at the same location as last year. The address is VFW Post 345 at 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive) Redford, MI 48239.

We will be getting access to the hall at 6:00 AM Sunday. The tentative plan is load a U-Haul® truck the evening before with cages and stuff at Steve's house. In the morning before the fair starts we will bring in all the cages, raffle items and supplies.

We will need as much help as we can get at 6:00 AM to cover tables, price cages, run electricity and set up the raffle. Hopefully, this will mostly be done by 7:00 AM when the vendors will start arriving. We need help holding doors open and assisting vendors move in at this time. They really appreciate this. It's something that

rarely occurs for them at other fairs and keeps them coming back. During the fair we need help at the admission desk, assisting at the raffle and rescue tables. Another time when help is needed is after the fair doing the clean-up.

This is our rescue's largest fundraiser of the year. We have rented out a record number of tables this year with many first time vendors. Let's show them what a dynamic group we are by assisting them in every way possible.

Come on out and lend a hand even if you haven't signed up. You don't have to stay all day; any time you can help would be wonderful.

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Greetings I hope that everyone feathered and non-feathered are doing well I know I am. The season has gotten into full swing and the programs are coming fast and furious and of course we are a huge hit. Now I have seen that we are about to embark on our outdoor events and I am getting really excited about them. I guess it could be all the junk food we get to eat and what I mean by junk is carnival type food, you know what I mean. Plus we get to meet a gazillion people who will oohhh and aaahhh over us as it should be. Right now they are more focused on the bird fair that we never get to go to but they do that is not fair! Why call it a bird fair if we can't go and it is only for the pet humans in our lives call it something else then. I think while they are having their "fair" we should have

our own party and really make one to remember. Well there are other ways we can get even with them for leaving us home and I am sure our Blackbirdie 100's will be going off the charts with ideas. So to all my feathered friends watch squawker, featherbook and now instabird for more details.

Cheers

Captain Morgan



Out and About with Pookie

There were serious meetings and consultations with the physician, Dr. Maxine, about the complications that Steve is suffering because of his contracting the Cockamaw virus. It was decided that the most efficient course of action to spur his recovery would be to repair his physical injuries as best as they can be repaired then overwhelm the virus with a massive influx of African Grey love.

The first item on our agenda was getting Steve to the dentist where he had a tooth extracted that had been infected then he was sent to the Ophthalmologist where they removed the cataract in his left eye; successfully I might add. He is also scheduled to see (no pun intended) a retinal surgeon to schedule more laser surgery. More important that that I contacted all of the feathered members of our club to increase the attendance of African Greys at the meeting. This maneuver was a stellar success! Not only did we aid in Steve's recovery but the attendance of African Grey parrots far exceeded the count of any other

parrot genre at the meeting. The Macaw faction was our closest competitor but more significant than their count is the fact that the Cockatoo contingent was regulated to the rear of the flock.

Steve has also gained great energy since this time last year; his new bionic hips allow him to walk with ease and take us out and about with him. We have been to two farmer's markets and a few trips to the park this past month and just in case any of you think I might have lost some of my mojo; I have not. I'm still thought of as a baby because I'm so cute with my fluffy featherless body. Anybody that inquires about what happened to my feathers I tell them that I live an alternative lifestyle.

Another thing that is of paramount importance is going to be refreshing Steve's training. His car driving with us upon his shoulders or even on the car perches is in need of some serious refreshing. He has completely forgotten all of his protocols and the hard and fast rules of driving with us on his shoulders and on the car seat. Firstly, and most importantly he passed McDonalds® and Arbys® twice and not once did he stop and buy us French Fries! He knows that when we're riding with him, he has an obligation to stop at least one fast food restaurant for fries and a cool beverage. Did Steve stop for snacks? Did Steve wait patiently while we had our pictures taken; did he buy us Kettle corn and sweet tasty goodied at the markets? No, not at all.

His re-training will begin soon!



Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

THE ADVENTURES OF
STEVE AND DAVE
the
RESCUE RANGERS
IN

Due to technical difficulties this month's Rescue Rangers will appear in Junes newsletter. Sorry Ranger Fans!!!

Stay glued to your mailbox for our next thrilling adventure "A Little Pepper in Canton"!



BITS from BABY

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

April's meeting had only Forty-five people there, due to the beautiful summer like weather. There were forty-one members and four guests, of which two joined our flock.

We also had twenty-six feathered members of which Eight were African Grays, [Which made Steve very happy] Six Macaws and three Cockatoos, plus twelve other type Parrots in attendants

Looks like it going to be a busier year than last year was! We had five programs already in April and five booked for May so

down? Anyway he gets up at 7 AM and goes to bed at 7 PM. No he won't eat pellets I have tried and he just ignores them. Vet Care? Why he has never been sick and you really don't have to take a bird to the vet anyway. I also need to be guaranteed if you cannot find him a home he won't be sold to a snake breeder for snake food. The most important thing is I have to know who is going to adopt him and approve of them. What do you mean you don't do that, well I don't think I can deal with you then you must truly know nothing about birds and you call yourself a rescue I don't know why I wasted my time!

This is an actual phone call we received but it is also one of many like it we get from these internet bird experts. Sadly it won't be the last.

Bird Center of Washtenaw County Wild Birds and Waterfowl Rescue

The Bird Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit wild bird rescue. If you are contacted by anyone or have found a Songbird or Water Fowl that is need of rescue, please refer or contact the Bird Center. They have provided us with contact numbers.

Bird Center (Songbirds) 734- 761-9640
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What to do when a bird needs help:

Fledgling birds should be left alone.
The parents are near and will take care of it.

If a baby has little or no feathers
return it to the nest if possible.

Baby ducks, geese and swans walking with parents should be left alone.

If you have an injured bird of any type please contact the Bird Center or Mallard Marsh at the phone numbers listed above for instructions. Proper food, care and handling are critical for the survival of an injured bird. The Bird Center will advise you on what to do and how to proceed. Some birds, such as hawks, owls, herons, cranes and geese can cause injury to you even though you have the best of intentions.

More information is available at their website: www.birdcenterwashtenaw.org

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2229 Needham
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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

BRENT BEAVERS	JUNE 1
JANIE LYNCH	JUNE 2
MIA LYNCH	JUNE 5
JESSICA GREENWOOD	JUNE 7
RUTH MALACHOWSKI	JUNE 8
SHANNON SCHRIEFER	JUNE 15
JOHN JACJSON	JUNE 19
EUGENE MALACHOWSKI	JUNE 23
CINDEE ROSENTHAL	JUNE 23
JASON MILLER	JUNE 25
JILL DOMEIER	JUNE 28
CARA WARD	JUNE 29



UP COMING **EVENTS**

As of
May 11th 2016

May 12th Senior Show
Thur. Lourdes Nursing Home
2300 Watkins Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

May 14th Senior Show
Sat. Maple Village
6257 Telegraph Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

May 15th Senior Show
Sun. Waltonwoods at Twelve Oaks
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

May 19th School Show
Thur. Arbor Wood School
1008 Riverview
Monroe, MI 48162
12:30 PM Set-up
1:30 PM Start

May 21st Critter Care
Sat. Redford Jaycees
Western Graham Field
14841 Beech Daly
Redford, MI
7:30 AM Sign In/Set-up
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
**Note: These are the times we had as of
5/11/16 times may be slightly different
check the website or call Steve or Dave

June 2nd Senior Show
Thur. Caretel Inns of Brighton
1014 E. Grand River Ave.
Brighton, MI 48116
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

June 9th Senior Show
Thur. St. Joseph Care Center
for the
Felician Sisters
36800 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

June 11th Garden City Flea Circus
Sat. Parking Lot at the Corner of
Middlebelt & Ford Rd
Runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
We will be setting up our pop-up
about 8:00AM

June 12th Rainbow Feathers Bird Club
Sun. 18th Annual Bird Fair
\$3.00 Adm. 10AM to 4PM
VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford, MI 48239
10:00AM to 4:00PM

June 24th Senior Show
Fri. The Village Assisted Living
(building on right when pulling in driveway)
22600 West Main St.
Armada, MI 48005
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

June 28th Library Show
Tues. River Rouge Public Library
221 Burke
River Rouge, MI 48218
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Show
****NOTE DATE CHANGE****

July 5th Library Show
Tues. Ecorse Public Library
4184 West Jefferson
Ecorse, MI 48229
12:00 PM Set-up
1:00 PM Show

July 7th Library Show
Thu. Farmington Community Library
23500 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

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

July 21st **2 PROGRAMS !**
Thur. Jewish Community Center
Shalom Street Museum
6600 West Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
Set-up 8:40 am
1st Show Runs from 9:40 - 10:40 am
2nd Show Runs from 10:50 - 11:50 am

July 24th 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 27th Senior Show
Wed. Oakmont Sterling
41155 Pond View Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

Sept. 10th 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

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

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

July 31st CLUB PICNIC
Sun. GARDEN CITY PARK
MAIN PAVILION
10:00 AM TO ???
*****NOTE DATE CHANGE*****

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

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
Riverside Park
Aug 26th Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 10:00AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 28th 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. 1st 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. 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
*****NOTE DATE CHANGE*****

Oct 15th & 16th 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
We hopefully will be setting up on Friday
like last year

PET EXPO

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

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Novi, MI 48374

**We will be setting up on Thursday
Nov. 10th 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) 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.



Rambling With Rambo

Things have been rather slow around here. Having a tough time coming up with a topic this time.

Well, there is one thing I have noticed. A few of my good friends have not been to a meeting in quite a while. No I’m not pointing a toe at

any particular non-feathered friends. I’m well aware you humans like this warm weather as much as we do.

However, you must remember this. We magnificent wonders of nature are the center of the universe. The center of your lives. Your very existence should focus on us birds, and other caretakers. And besides that we love all of you.

Now what better purpose in life is there? Ok I have vented about that. The meetings have been wonderful these past few months. Every meeting we have new people visiting, and new members. At the April meeting, there was a new couple visiting. They were so taken by this gathering of wonderful, spectacular, amazing creatures, they joined our club right then. Ok, they did like our humans.

Now Michael was holding both Packo, and myself. He spent a long time talking with them. The lady said, “My, you are certainly knowledgeable about birds.” Well naturally, I (Rambo) taught him everything he knows. Why without me he would not know how to properly train, and care for a pet human. Michael thinks he has been training me. Wrong buddy.

At the April meeting we had a great time. As usual, Packo got car-sick on the way there. He is such a wimp. Or maybe, I actually have the better riding position.

Maybe his seat, up high, is much bouncier than my spot on the floor, in my carrier. But he must have not been too sick. He ate well. He also didn’t get sick from getting trimmed, or on the way home.

There I go, rambling on again. Well, after the meeting, Michael took Packo, and myself, to Sub-Way. He bought us some of those yummy Oatmeal Raisin cookies.

What a wonderful way to end a wonderful day. So, I’m going to end my

talk, and leave some print space for Packo. As always, Have fun, (try to) Be Good, and Never Forget, Macaws Rule, Rambo.



Pondering with Packo

Well unlike Rambo, I've had lots of excitement in April.

I made it to four different Educational Shows. Rambo was being a brat one day and would not come with me. Better for me. I got all the attention. As it should be. We small Macaws are very special. For we have wonderful colors.

The only bad thing about these shows is this. As usual, I get car-sick. And get this. Because Rambo is such a spoiled brat, he will not let anyone else hold him. So Daddy is the only one that can show him. So of all things Dave has to show me. Now if one of those pretty, though smaller Yellow Collar Macaws would show up, Michael could show both Rambo, and me, together.

Lately I have been very good around Rambo. Daddy still doesn't trust Rambo to get too close to me. I'm so sweet I would never bite at Rambo, or anyone else. At the April meeting I did have fun. And thankfully, even though I did get car-sick on the way there, I was not as sick as usual. This time when we arrived at the meeting, I was actually hungry. I was not too sick to eat. So Michael gave me 'Bird Balls'. That is those yummy Nutra-Berries'.

Oh, and since I was able to eat this time, Daddy gave me pizza. That is some good stuff. I never get pizza at home. Daddy always gets that pizza with lots of garlic, and those little biscuits, that are

dripping with butter. He tells me these are bad for me. They smell so good. I think he just does not want to share.

Oh and after the meeting, Michael took Rambo, and myself, to Sub-Way. The girl remarked how pretty my colors are. Then she gave us some cookies to take home. Daddy has not been to Sub-Way in a long time. So we birds have not had cookies in a long time.

Here is something interesting. When showing the Sub-Way girl my colors, Daddy noticed something. I have a two color tail. It is green and blue on top and red underneath. So daddy went home and checked his books. This is what he found out. Everyone puts me in the Mini-Macaw category, because of my red shoulders. It turns out I am in the Genus of Ara. That means I am one of the Big Boys. Look this up. So I am more special than everyone thought.

Till next time, Love You All. Packo

Select the right bird for you and your family



By Don J. Harris, DVM

Exotic birds can be delightful pets—just ask any of the millions of companion bird owners throughout the world who enjoy a rewarding and satisfying relationship with their feathered friends. Creating a long-lasting positive relationship with your bird may be the result of

Choosing the right bird *for you and your family* in the beginning. This crucial first step is part of being a responsible pet owner, but it is often overlooked in the rush to acquire a new bird. Identifying what characteristics you want in a bird,

and researching different species and their characteristics can go a long ways in helping establish a long and happy relationship. Rarely will one bird fit more than a few of the desired characteristics. You may acquire a bird and expect it to speak, only to eventually realize this particular species never talks. Others may discover that a large colorful macaw is also a large intolerably noisy creature. Many potential owners have expectations that cannot possibly be fulfilled by the species they choose. The best way to obtain the "perfect" pet is to first determine which

Low maintenance

Amazon and smaller

Cleanliness

Most smaller species

Some bird owners may want to avoid certain "unpopular" characteristics like those listed below. Others may not see these same characteristics as undesirable. It's up to bird owners to weigh all characteristics of a species or an individual bird to make the best decision.

Loud

Macaws, Cockatoos

Messy

Macaws, Mynahs, Toucans

Aggressive

Female Eclectus, Male Amazons

In the end, individuals interested in owning a bird should first decide what they expect from a pet bird.

Once this question is answered, an appropriate species can be identified and researched. Only then can the potential for a long and mutually beneficial relationship be realized.

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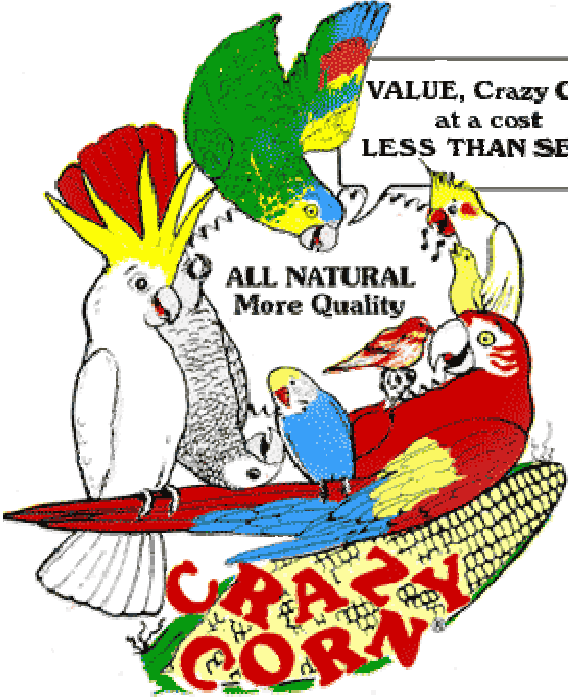
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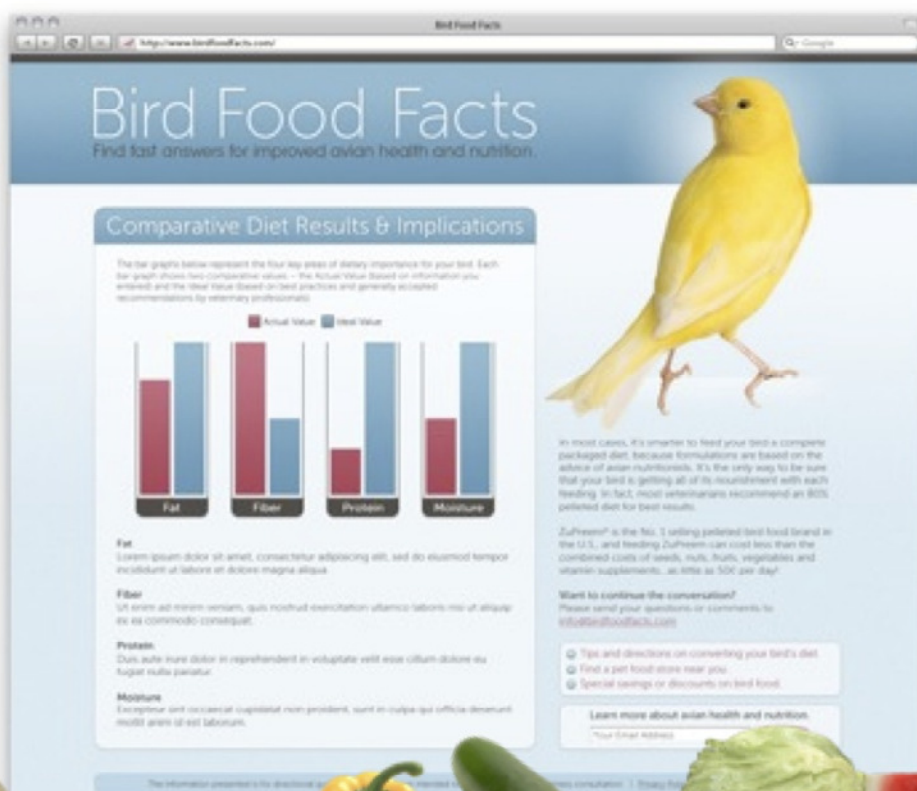
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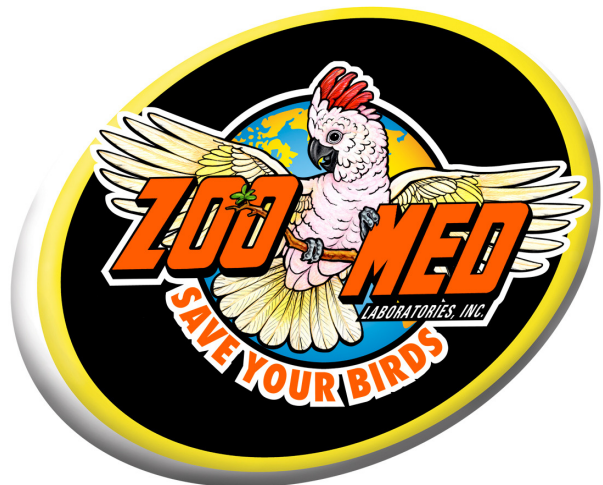
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

JUNE 26th –Fourth Sunday

JULY 31st – Fifth Sunday Picnic

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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
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- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
- Periodic Service projects
- Field Trips
- Educational Programs upon request
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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

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

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. 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.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

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.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.

FROM THE PREZ:

By the time this newsletter goes out we will have already hosted another bird fair and I am sure as always it will be a roaring success. In June we will be having our annual Bag-it-Bingo and if you have never played it is a whole lot of fun. Bring a gift and wrap it any way you want set it on the table. We will then have everyone pick a "gift" but do not open it this is where the bingo comes in. We play bingo and when you bingo you then get



to steal someone else's wrapped surprise. We will play for a little bit and open the gifts at the end. It is a blast and maybe I'll get to keep something for a change. Yes summer has come and if you were at the Garden City Flea Circus you know it was a scorcher by the time we left it was about 93 degrees a hot but as always fun time for us. Let us hope for kinder temperatures in August at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival our other big outdoor event. It just seems that the time just flies by and it leave us wondering where it went and why did it go so fast. That is what happens when you are busy like our group is between the programs and events it can all become a blur. That is why I am grateful for the fun meetings like the Bag-it-Bingo at June's meeting and our club picnic on July 31st. You have got to stop and have fun once in a while or it becomes too much of a chore so that is why we do things like this. No matter what we do we always make it fun and everyone notices and our drawn to our booth. It wouldn't be fun without the greatest members in the world you guys make these things we do like a party so keep looking at the upcoming events for what is happening next and as always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Until Next Time
Your Prez
Dave



Voice of the Veep

Due to unforeseen circumstances we don't have a Voice of the Veep this Month. But I am sure Steve would like to say Great Job Everyone

on another successful fair and all the help we had from beginning to the end.

Your Veep
Steve



Out and About with Pookie

Steve has been a little under the weather and we have not been out and about, hopefully by next month we will have some new exploits.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



A REALLY BAD IDEA!

Sometimes you have to stop and wonder if people think things totally through before they act; well this is one of those instances.

A gentleman calls and says he is looking for a Macaw so I ask what kind? He replies the kind is not important it just has to be big. So I start fishing around to see what his true motives are and he reveals his true intentions. It seems his nephew is turning 13 and he wants to be the cool uncle and get him a birthday present that would trump everyone else's. So he decided that a large parrot would be the coolest present he could get his nephew. I then ask if the nephew or his parents are expecting and even wanting the commitment a large parrot requires. He tries to reassure me that it will be ok he'll love it. I then tell him that this is the worst of the bad ideas that getting a live animal for a present if unexpected has disaster written all over it. Especially for a 13 year old who as he gets older will more than likely lose interest in the bird as outside activities and girls fill his world. I also said he needed to think about his brother and sister-in-law do they really want this in their home? Do they really want a possible 60 to 80 year commitment? Finally, will they see you as a little misguided in your gift selection or will they want to kill you for being so stupid and not thinking this through. I told him that we cannot and will not adopt even a Parakeet to someone looking for a gift for an unsuspecting person. Getting a live animal of any type requires a lot of thought and research before making that commitment. We commonly get those desperation gifts turned into our rescue especially around Christmas and Easter so I totally refused to adopt him a Macaw. He was not pleased with my decision but I would not budge to even a smaller parrot. So I guess he will just have to settle for some other "cool" present that requires nothing more than batteries.



Picnic Picnic Picnic

Everybody is Invited

to the

2016 Picnic

*Come on out and have fun at the
Rainbow Feathers annual picnic*

The Picnic will be on

DATE: July 31st, 2016

Time: 10:00am to ??

Place: Garden City Park

at the

Large Pavillion

Picnic Picnic Picnic



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SPECIAL BREEDER PRICING

BITS from BABY



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

I did not make the May meeting but received a Birdie Gram from Sparky with all that went on there at the meeting.

May's meeting had Fifty-two people in attendance. There were Forty-eight members and Four guests at the meeting.

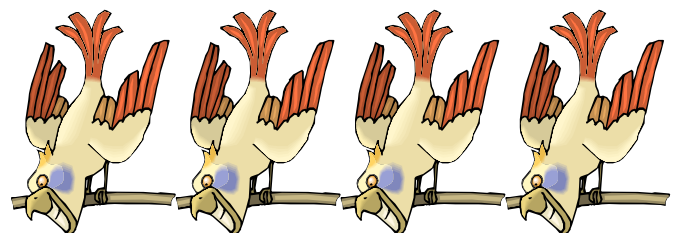
There also were thirty feathered members of which Nine African Grays, Four Macaws, and only Two Cockatoos. We also had One new feather friend there a Great Billed Parrot, plus Fourteen other type Parrots in attendance.

Looks like it's going to be a busier year than last year was! Well Guys hang on to your feathers for another fun filled year of programs and events both indoors and outside like Ypsilanti's and the Novi Pet Expo.

Well that's all the info I received from Sparky for now. I almost forgot that in June its Bag it Bingo Time.

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

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THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE
THE
RESCUE RANGERS
IN
A PARAKEET IN PLYMOUTH

Well Ranger fans after a technical glitch you favorite heroes are back (That really translates into too much to do and too little time) anyway we're back. This month's adventure take to Plymouth Michigan to an all too familiar tale one that brings a tear to my eye and maybe to yours and that is the tale of the forgotten about bird. Yes Ranger fans all too often it the same sad scenario a little Parakeet (Budgie) is purchased by a parent for a child then the child grows older and seems to outgrow the little bird they so badly wanted a few years ago. They become more involved with school activities, friends or discover the opposite sex and the poor bird now becomes like a ball and chain. So off to Plymouth go the Rangers to make this little birds life a whole lot brighter. Now this is something that happens so very often that many people do not take into consideration little children grow up and as they do so does what interests them so buying a bird for a young child is usually a bad idea. As it was in this case they saw this poor little blue and white Parakeet left all alone but he immediately started chirping the minute he saw the Rangers. Could he have ever possibly know that his luck was about to change? Did he sense that he was about to enter into a better life one where he would be wanted always and forever? We will never know but as quickly as they arrived they were out the door with this now happy little Budgie. He had such a great

personality that he was soon adopted and living the life he always dreamed of and deserved. Ah yes another happy ending but there is still more work to do and many birds to rescue but they are up to the task for they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Please stay tuned for our next thrilling adventure No Love in Howell.

WEATHER READY



Ahhh, here we are in the month of June but many do not realize that June first also officially begins our severe weather season. It usually runs through the first week in August and this is when we see some of our worst storms and many of our tornados. Here in Michigan we have become complacent to the watches and warnings for severe weather but if the past winter is any indication we may just have to pay closer attention to what Mother Nature throws our way. What if you were caught up in a severe weather situation, even if it didn't hit you directly it could still impact you, would you be ready? Would you and your pets make it through a rough patch and would you have all that you would need to get you by? Here are some things you should have on you or with you in the event of an extended time of misery caused by the weather. You should have enough food for your pets to last a full three to four full days. Having bottled purified drinking water for

three to four days because in the event of a power failure the sewage can sometimes backup into the drinking water system contaminating it and prompting a boil water order. Money stashed for emergencies. Even if you are fortunate enough to have a generator you should still have these basic items for the safety of your pets. These types of emergencies can happen in the blink of an eye so take that old Boy Scout motto to heart and be prepared!



UP COMING **EVENTS** **As of** **June 13th 2016**

June 24th Senior Program
Fri. The Village Assisted Living
(building on right when pulling in driveway)
22600 West Main St.
Armada, MI 48005
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

June 28th Library Program
Tues. River Rouge Public Library
221 Burke
River Rouge, MI 48218
2:00 PM Set-up
3:00 PM Show

****NOTE DATE CHANGE****

July 5th Library Program
Tues. Ecorse Public Library
4184 West Jefferson
Ecorse, MI 48229
12:00 PM Set-up
1:00 PM Show

July 7th Library Program
Thu. Farmington Community Library
23500 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Show

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

July 21st **2 PROGRAMS !**
Thur. Jewish Community Center
Shalom Street Museum
6600 West Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
Set-up 8:40 am
1st Show Runs from 9:40 - 10:40 am
2nd Show Runs from 10:50 - 11:50 am

July 24th Senior Program
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 27th Senior Program
Wed. Oakmont Sterling
41155 Pond View Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

Aug 19th Senior Program
Fri. American House
3470 Carpenter Rd.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

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

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

July 31st CLUB PICNIC
Sun. GARDEN CITY PARK
MAIN PAVILION
10:00 AM TO ???
*****NOTE DATE CHANGE*****

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

Aug 16th 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 ½ HOUR SET-UP

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival
Riverside Park

Aug 26th Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 10:00AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 28th 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

More details will be posted
as they become available
Our Club Has a Booth at This Event

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

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

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

Sept. 10th Society of Canary and Finch
Breeder's 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

Sept. 14th Senior Show
Weds. Presbyterian Village
32151 Cherry Hill Rd.
Westland, MI 48186
In the Rose Cottage?
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

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

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

Sept. 24th 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. 27th Senior Program
Tues. Oakmont Parkway
36725 Utica Road
Clinton Twp., MI 48035
1:30 PM Set-up
2:30 PM Start

Oct 15th & 16th 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
We hopefully will be setting up on Friday
like last year

PET EXPO

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

Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374

**We will be setting up on Thursday
Nov. 10th 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) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

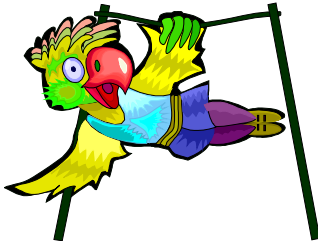
*****Our Club Has a Booth at This Event*****
following or "Educational Show" preceding
an event listing it means we are attending

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.

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****CANCELATION CONFUSION ****

A few of our scheduled events have been canceled at the last minute by the group staging the event. If you do not regularly participate in the shows but plan on attending please call Steve (734-513-0030) to make sure the event is still a go.



BIRD SHOWS

Throughout the year we contract shows and outdoor events. Educational senior shows are at different independent and assisted living homes and nursing homes. Educational shows are at schools and libraries. These are one day events and normally take about three hours. Outdoor and indoor fairs can be two to three day events that last up to ten hours in a day. If the event is outdoors we set up a pop-up canopy with screened in sides.

We want to invite all of our new members to consider joining us at these fund raising venues. If you're not sure about bringing your own bird that's OK we always need help even if it's only for a few

hours. If you have never done one of our educational shows they are a lot of fun and are very well received. Come and join us for a good time.



BAG-IT-BINGO

This month is "Bag-it-Bingo" month and "Bag-it-Bingo" is a blast.

For those of you who haven't experienced this event it's easy; just bring an inexpensive gift wrapped in a paper bag (like something from a dollar store or a re-gifted item). We

then play Bingo for the wrapped gifts, but you can't open them yet.

After all the bags and gifts have been picked bingo winners get to start "stealing" gifts from other winners, When this ends we open our surprises at the same time, some of them will be very nice and some of them turn out to be zonks.

Which one will you get? Be sure to join us for a great time.



RESCUE UPDATE

We had several successful adoptions this past month. Sadly I forgot to write down all the birds that found new homes. I

will mention the ones I can recall: a Severe Macaw, a Goffin Cockatoo, a male Eclectus and a Scarlett Macaw.

We're looking for foster help; any of our members that would be willing to become a foster home please let us know. We need foster parents that would be willing to foster small bird, Budgies, Cockatiels, Love Birds, etc. We also need foster homes for medium to larger size parrots also. Please contact Dave, Tammy or Steve at a meeting to let us know you're willing to help.

We here at Bird Droppings want to thank all of the members of our club for supporting our rescue. It is your participation in the monthly meeting raffles, our annual bird fair and all the adoption events that allows us to fund the rescue. Thank you one and all without your help and participation we couldn't do it.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

MICHAEL ROSENTHAL	JULY 5
CRAIG PERDUE	JULY 6
YUKA KOBAYASHI	JULY 9
PATRICIA FULLERTON	JULY 13
HENRY JEDRZEJEK	JULY 16
BEVERLY SHOLAR	JULY 18
JASON SCHRIEFER	JULY 23
BARBARA SWANTNER	JULY 24
SUSAN DIXON	JULY 30
EDWARD PROSZKOWSKI	JULY 31

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well we did our first outdoor event and we had a really good time and I must say my pet human Dave and Pookie's, Sparky's and J.B.'s pet human Steve have gotten really good at putting the pop-up up. There is one thing that really bothers me and I know it probably shouldn't but why is the first question asked how much would he cost if I were to buy a parrot like him as a baby? Sparky and J.B. also get this question posed to their pet human as well and I think it is rude. I mean I don't ask where they got their fashion sense even though it looks like they got dressed in the dark or comment about their less than pleasant breath! No I keep these things to myself but that question really bugs me to no end. We (Sparky, J.B. and I) are priceless you cannot put a price on our stunning good looks or how we really draw a crowd. In fact, any of my feathered friends are worth more than gold to their pet humans for you can't put a price on the type of happiness we bring. Our pet humans always politely answer them but always let them know WE are priceless. Even at the other events they have been offered large sums of money for us and still refuse it. One man even went as far as to say we were being wasted for not making babies but all our pet humans know that everyone of us are priceless to them and quickly dismiss people like them. Now I know this is not the last time we will here this question but it is nice to know you are priceless to someone special and they love us no matter what. Now that truly is priceless!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Consider these factors before you purchase a bird

By Don J. Harris, DVM

Purchasing a new bird is an act that requires much forethought and planning. Some potential bird owners research a new car purchase with far more diligence than they do a new pet. But, because some parrots live as long as 50-60+ years, impulse buying may have repercussions that last for decades—much longer than a new car. Here are a few aspects to consider when purchasing a bird.

Does this particular bird fit your lifestyle?

Does the species enjoy a busy and noisy environment with a lot of people interacting, or would it do better in a quieter more isolated environment? If it is a large species, is there enough space in your home for a large cage?

How much time can you devote to a pet?

Does the species demand a lot of care and attention? Is it a “high maintenance” species that needs a lot of one-on-one interaction, or is it happy to be left alone for periods of time?

Does this bird have the pet characteristics you want?

If it is important to you that your bird talks, choose a species with high speaking ability, such as an African Grey, Amazon or Mynah. If cleanliness is important, check out a smaller species. If intelligence is important, you can't beat an African Grey.

What is the average life span of this species?

Life spans range from 10-60+ years, depending on the species. Do you want a bird that may outlive you?

Where are you purchasing your new bird?

Was it bred locally? Is the breeder available for questioning? Is the dealer in a fixed location where you can locate him or her should you need follow-up advice or if a problem arises?

Is there a guarantee?

Be suspicious of anyone who doesn't offer some assurance of the bird's health.

What are the nutritional needs of this species?

Certain species of birds have special nutritional needs. Can you meet them?

What kind of diet is the bird currently eating?

Is the bird already eating a balanced diet or will it need to be converted to a new more nutritious one?

Older birds on seed diets can be difficult to convert, but may encounter health problems if not switched.

Is the bird healthy?

There is no way to answer this without a complete post-purchase veterinary exam. Schedule an exam with your avian veterinarian immediately after purchasing your new bird. Don't wait.

Is your home ready for your new bird?

Is the caging suitable? Is it situated in the correct location in the home? Are the perches arranged correctly? Are there toxic plants or substances harmful to birds in the household that may need to be removed? If your new bird is joining other birds in your family, do you have a plan on how to quarantine the new bird until you have a post-purchase veterinary exam?

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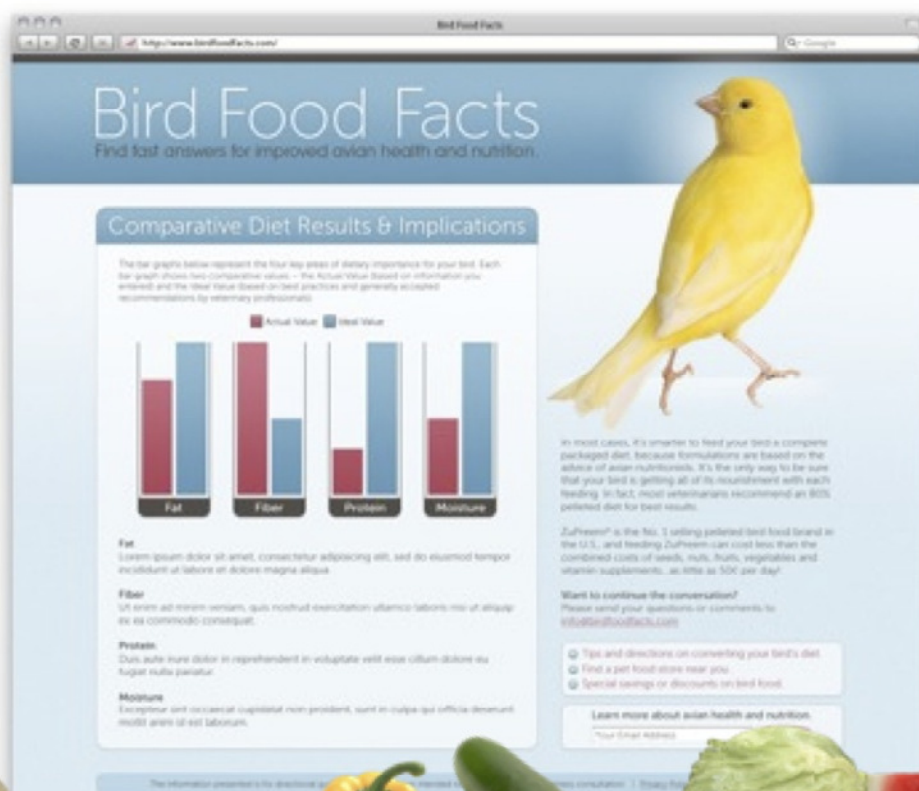
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH, SOMETIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

AVIAN VETERINARIANS

****This is a list of veterinarians who are qualified to treat birds. Meaning, they are able to do diagnostic exams and treatments, not just clip wings and toenails. *Rainbow Feathers Bird Club* does not endorse a *specific* doctor, clinic or hospital. This list assists in the search for avian vets. It is not, however, all-inclusive.****

Ann Arbor, MI 48104

All Creatures Animal Clinic
3382 Washtenaw Avenue
(734)973-1884
(Drs. Lewis & Alexander)

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Animal Kingdom Vet Hospital
4920 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
(734) 913-0003
(Dr. Daldin-Marsh)

Birch Run, MI 48415

Frankenmuth-Birch Run Veterinary Hospital
9339 Gera Road
(989) 652-6689
(Dr. Kimberlee Buck)

Birmingham, MI 48009

Birmingham Veterinary Clinic
33788 Woodward Avenue
(248) 647-5474
(Dr. Christine Glikis-Fernandez)

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Ross Animal Hospital for Animals
880 W. Long Lake
(248) 642-2050

Canton, MI 48187

Canton Center Animal Hospital
5900 Canton Center Road North
(734) 459-1400
(Drs. Grzanowski & Moran)

Clinton Twp., MI 48038-2794

Parkway Small Animal & Exotic Hosp
39321 Garfield Road
(586) 416-8800
(Drs. Bankstahl, Pope, Golombek & Engel)

Commerce Twp., MI 48382

Lakeside Animal Hospital
2645 Union Lake
(248) 363-0822
(Dr. J.A. Brooks)

Commerce Twp., MI 48390

Vet Select Animal Hospital
1010 W. Oakley Park Road
(248) 926-9696
(Dr. Andrea Maceri)

Dearborn, MI 48124

Dearborn Family Pet Care
24909 Michigan Avenue
(313) 561-5920
(Dr. Cheryl Good)

Detroit, MI 48214

Harvey Animal Hospital
18479 Mack Ave.
(313) 882-3026
(Dr. Rebecca Coll)

Detroit, MI 48214

Jefferson Veterinary Clinic
11300 E. Jefferson Street
(313) 822-2555
(Dr. Schacht)

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Jeffrey Animal Hospital
20720 Middlebelt Road
(248) 471-3636
(Dr. Demetriou)

Highland, MI 48357

Highland Veterinary Hospital
1255 South Milford Road
(248) 887-3755
(Dr. Groehn)

Howell, MI 48843

Countryside Veterinary Hospital
2745 East Grand River Avenue
(517) 546-5714

Jackson, MI 49201

Crossroads Animal Hospital
3232 North Dettman Road
(517) 784-1111
(Drs. Howe & Harshbarger)

Livonia, MI 48152

Sheehy Animal Hospital
18790 Middlebelt Rd.
(248) 615-7670
(Dr. Sharon Sheehy)

Livonia, MI 48154

Strong Veterinary Hospital
29212 5 Mile Rd.
(734) 427-6360

Novi, MI 48375

Breckenridge Veterinary
21524 Novi Rd.
(248) 344-8649
(Dr. Joseph Osbourne)

Plainwell, MI 49080-1067

Bluegrass Animal Hospital
594 10TH St.
(269) 685-5894
(Dr. Mary Cambell)

Plymouth, MI 48170

Roose Animal Hospital
509 W. Ann Arbor Trail
(734) 451-2870
(Drs. Roose & Knight)

Redford, MI 48239

Five Mile Animal Hospital
25920 Five Mile Road
(313) 532-4440

Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Rochester Animal Clinic
2155 Crooks
(248) 852-3650

Royal Oak, MI 48067

Woodside Animal Clinic
27452 Woodward
(248) 545-6630

Salem, MI 48175

Salem Veterinary Services
9629 W. Six Mile Road
(248) 348-5075

Southfield, MI 48076

North Branch Animal Hospital
17630 West 12 Mile Road
(248) 557-7773

Southgate, MI 48195

Southgate Animal Hospital
13697 Dix-Toledo Road
(734) 284-9122
(Drs. Keith & Eileen Cook)

Warren, MI 48088

Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital
29157 Schoenherr
(586) 751-3350
(Dr. Cappel)

Westland, MI 48186

Westland Veterinary Hospital
7610 N. Wayne Road
(734) 261-5900

Williamston, MI 48895

Cedar Creek Veterinary Clinic
2295 N. Williamston Rd.
(517) 655-4906
(Dr. Beasley)

EMERGENCY:

****If emergency services are needed, call to confirm if Avian Veterinary is currently on call. ****

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Oakland Veterinary Emergency Group
1400 Telegraph Road
(248) 334-6877
(Drs. Karen Fidell, Latra, Konoski, Snow, Fleischaker)

Madison Heights, MI 48071

Veterinary Emergency Service East
28223 John R
(248) 547-4677

Milford, MI 48380

Veterinary Care Specialists
205 Rowe Road
(248) 684-0468
(Dr. Stephanie Schmidt)

Novi, MI 48375

Animal Emergency Center
24360 Novi Road
(248) 348-1788 or (248) 697-2557

Plymouth, MI 48170

Veterinary Emergency Service West
40850 Ann Arbor Road
(734) 207-8500

Rochester, MI 48307

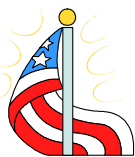
Animal Emergency Center
265 East 2nd St.
(248) 651-1788 or (248) 266-2210



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Bird Droppings



UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

JULY 31st – Fifth Sunday – **PICNIC**

AUG. 26, 27 & 28th – **Ypsilanti Heritage Festival**

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

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Email- bigduke@comcast.net

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Email- susanhdixon@hotmail.com

Mary Perva - 517-618-7008

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

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

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

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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.

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 if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



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!!



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 31st 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 31st 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 **RESCUE 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 10th 2016

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

July 21st **2 PROGRAMS !**
Thur. Jewish Community Center
Shalom Street Museum
6600 West Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
Set-up 8:40 am
1st Show Runs from 9:40 - 10:40 am
2nd Show Runs from 10:50 - 11:50 am

July 24th 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 27th Senior Show
Wed. Oakmont Sterling
41155 Pond View Dr.
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
1:00 PM Set-up
2:00 PM Start

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

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

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

Aug 16th 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 ½ HOUR SET-UP

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

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

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

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

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival

 Riverside Park
Aug 26th Noon to 8:00 PM
Aug 27th 10:00AM to 8:00 PM
Aug 28th 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. 1st 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. 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
*****NOTE DATE CHANGE*****

Oct 15th & 16th 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
We hopefully will be setting up on Friday
like last year

Sept. 10th 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. 11th 2pm to 8pm
Nov. 12st 10am to 8pm
Nov. 13th 10am to 5pm
 Suburban Collection Showplace
 46100 Grand River
 Novi, MI 48374
 We will be setting up on Thursday
 Nov. 10th most likely around 9:00 am.
 Please remember no birds will be allowed
 through the front door.

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

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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 31st, 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

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.



Pondering with Packo

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

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.

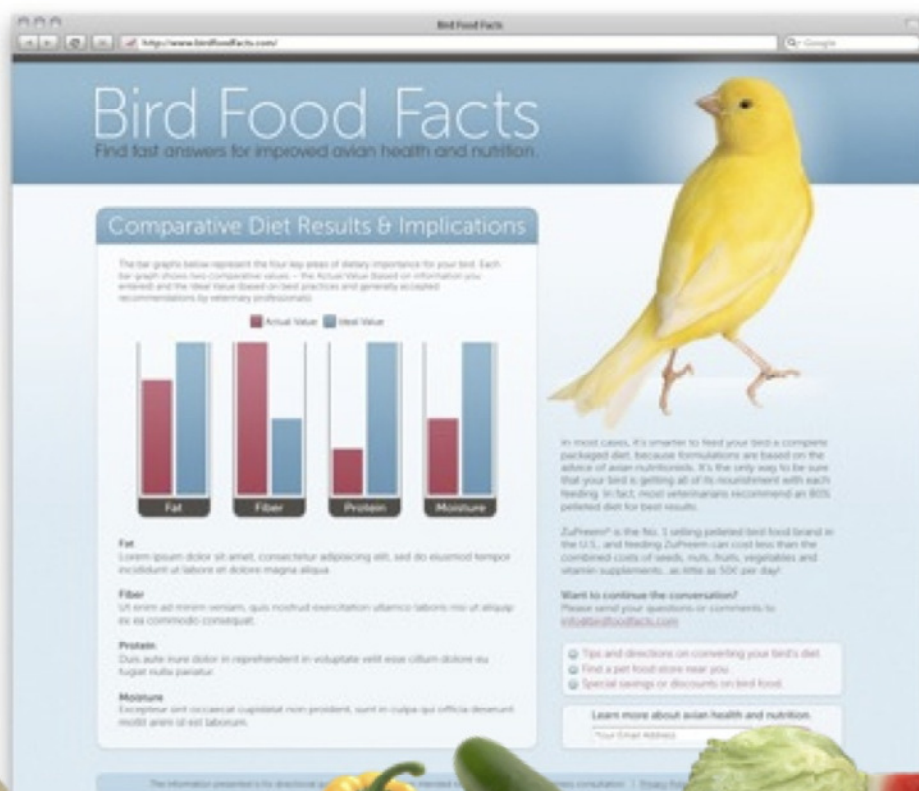
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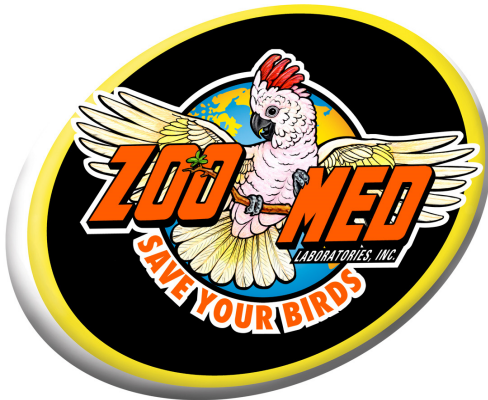
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(Dr. Kimberlee Buck)

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33788 Woodward Avenue
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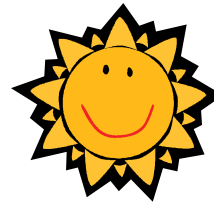
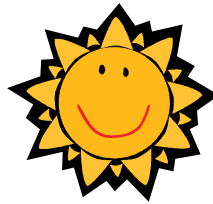
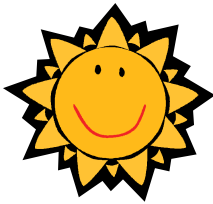
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SEPT. 25th ----- Fourth Sunday

OCT. 23rd ----- Fourth Sunday

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- 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.
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- Yearly Bird Fair
- Yearly Pet Expo
- Club Library for members
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- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
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Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

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- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



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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.



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

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" X 74" 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.

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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!

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 club picnic but Sparky and J.B. reported on the picnic through Birdie Gram.

The members who came had a great time and the barbecue was also great. Some of the members had fun playing the water balloon toss. It was a beautiful day for a picnic with all our friends both feathered and non-feathered. "OH" yes, we had some great cookies made buy our own famous cookie maker Rachel in the shape and colors of our feathered members.

August will start off slow for the first two weeks but will make up for it later. The last two weeks we will have four senior programs, one school program and the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival a three-day event.

Hope to see you all there!

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



THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE THE RESCUE RANGERS IN AN UMBRELLA IN MILAN

Before I start in, I need to clear things up we are not in the business of rescuing rain gear so please no calls about aggressive raincoats or galoshes. Thank you. This is of course an Umbrella Cockatoo we are talking about that made its home in Milan Michigan but this not what you think. If you are thinking this bird was turned in because of the loudness you are screaming up the wrong play stand. No this particular guy was turned in because of a very serious human illness that rendered them unable to keep the bird any longer. It was with heavy hearts that they call the Rangers. When they arrived they found a very animated (is there any other sort of Umbrella Cockatoo?) but very sad bird. Whatever the illness was it did not allow them to interact with the bird and he was not liking the solitary life one bit. When he spotted the Rangers he must have known his luck was about to change for the better. It was sad for the owners

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.

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

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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
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 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.

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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

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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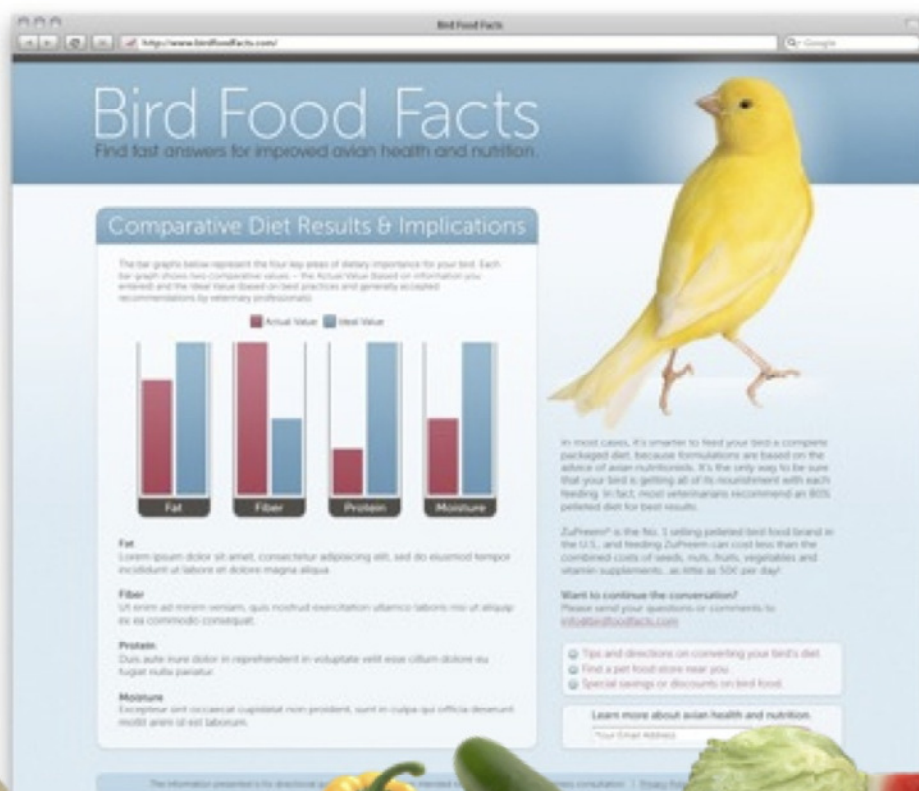
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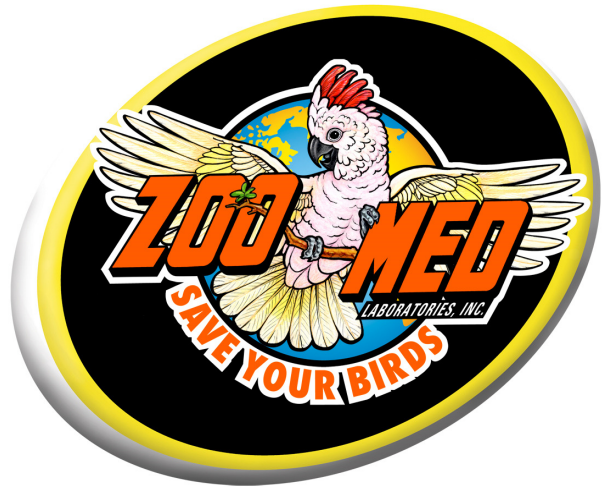


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Canton, MI 48187

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1010 W. Oakley Park Road
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(517) 784-1111
(Drs. Howe & Harshbarger)

Livonia, MI 48152

Sheehy Animal Hospital
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(Dr. Sharon Sheehy)

Livonia, MI 48154

Strong Veterinary Hospital
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Novi, MI 48375

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Plainwell, MI 49080-1067

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(Dr. Mary Cambell)

Plymouth, MI 48170

Roose Animal Hospital
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(Drs. Roose & Knight)

Redford, MI 48239

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Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Rochester Animal Clinic
2155 Crooks
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Royal Oak, MI 48067

Woodside Animal Clinic
27452 Woodward
(248) 545-6630

Salem, MI 48175

Salem Veterinary Services
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Southfield, MI 48076

North Branch Animal Hospital
17630 West 12 Mile Road
(248) 557-7773

Southgate, MI 48195

Southgate Animal Hospital
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(734) 284-9122
(Drs. Keith & Eileen Cook)

Warren, MI 48088

Warren Woods Veterinary Hospital
29157 Schoenherr
(586) 751-3350
(Dr. Cappel)

Westland, MI 48186

Westland Veterinary Hospital
7610 N. Wayne Road
(734) 261-5900

Williamston, MI 48895

Cedar Creek Veterinary Clinic
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(517) 655-4906
(Dr. Beasley)

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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Oakland Veterinary Emergency Group
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(248) 334-6877
(Drs. Karen Fidell, Latra, Konoski, Snow, Fleischaker)

Madison Heights, MI 48071

Veterinary Emergency Service East
28223 John R
(248) 547-4677

Milford, MI 48380

Veterinary Care Specialists
205 Rowe Road
(248) 684-0468
(Dr. Stephanie Schmidt)

Novi, MI 48375

Animal Emergency Center
24360 Novi Road
(248) 348-1788 or (248) 697-2557

Plymouth, MI 48170

Veterinary Emergency Service West
40850 Ann Arbor Road
(734) 207-8500

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Animal Emergency Center
265 East 2nd St.
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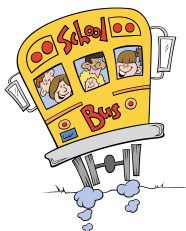
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

SEPT. 25th – Fourth Sunday

OCT. 23rd – Fourth Sunday

NOV. 11th 12th 13th Pet Expo

No Meeting in November

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

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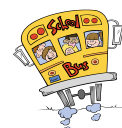
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

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

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Steve Plafchan is 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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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.



Monthly Potluck

Not too long ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that “Everyone”, please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all.

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:

To say that it was an interesting weekend at the Heritage Festival would be an understatement to say the least the weather did not cooperate like we would have wanted it to. Friday was beautiful sunny and not too hot but Saturday was a whole different story. Saturday started out beautiful and it looked as though it was going to be super busy and we were ready for it but the weather had other plans. It started out with a few sprinkles that quickly turned into a steady two and a half hour downpour. Steve and Joey proceeded to soak each other as



they tried to divert water from the pop-up, they diverted it onto themselves. Then there was Steve's wardrobe malfunction, poor Marie will never be the same all she can say is Thank God for underwear. By the time we got halfway through this deluge we were all pretty much wet, except the birds. So in true Rainbow Feathers fashion we turned it into a shower party. I don't think I have laughed that hard in a long time. In fact one other vendor wanted to join our group because we were having way too much fun. Even the church group next to us was literally singing in the rain. There was not much we could do but make the best of it so we had a party. On Sunday the weather was much better until about 1 PM and everybody who had weather alerts on their phones they started getting notified about a tornado warning and we all saw ominous dark clouds to the south of us. We really dodged the bullet there it all stayed south of us and we got no tornadoes or rain but still it kept the crowds down. We still managed to pull in over \$400 dollars in donations so with all we had to deal with we didn't do badly at all. Now our next big event is the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo October 15th 10 AM – 5 PM and 16th 11 AM – 4 PM and we will once again be doing pictures to help the Guardians for Animals organization out again this year. We also have 50/50 tickets for sale at the September meeting this benefits us because we get a portion of the ticket sales back as a donation to our rescue so please come to this month's meeting and buy some, we have 500 to sell. We can handle anything and we have proved this time and time again rain or shine we

always have fun and we can now say that we have showered together with no bad results, (well maybe not Marie) but this is because and I will continue to say this **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Until Next Time,
Your Prez,
Dave



Voice of the Veep

Well, the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival was on the last weekend of August and what an event it was. Our club was once again one of the most popular attractions at the festival. This was possible because of all the support and help from our members. I have to give personal accolades the Greenwood's (Joe, Kim, Faith and Jessica); Jeremy & Courtney Eames; Mike Gyamati; Susan Dixon; Tom & Marie; Susan & Carolyn; Janet O. and Emma. From set-up until tear down, opening until close the help from our members was tremendous. We survived excessive heat and humidity, an absolute deluge of rain and flooding (this was under the pop-up) and the odor of a dead skunk wafting into the valley. Through it all our spirits remained high focusing on the birds and the public with a small amount of chicanery. For those of you that were not able to attend here are a few enticing tid-bits of information about what you missed; Joe and I became shower buddies while I kept losing my shorts and mooning people. All of us laughed so hard our sides ached

unfortunately that's all I am permitted to divulge because what happens under the pop-up stays under the pop-up (wink, wink). If you have a desire to become privy to all the goings on you'll have to plan on attending next years' festival.

We're not done yet on Sat. & Sun. October 15th and 16th We are going to be at the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo at Madison Place 876 Horace Brown Drive in Madison Heights, MI 48071 Sat. times 8:00AM to 5:00PM Sun times 11:00AM to 4:00PM. We need as much help as we can get: Our club is going to be taking souvenir photos for guests but in order to accomplish this we need members to help with the birds staging the photos.

The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo is a free event for all the pet rescues attending. All the recues receive a portion of the donations from raffle ticket sales also. We have plenty to sell so don't be shy step up and buy a raffle ticket today. Then in November it's the **PET EXPO at the Suburban Collection Showplace** 46100 Grand River Novi, MI 48374 Nov. 11th 2pm to 8pm, Nov. 12st 10am to 8pm Nov. 13th 10am to 5pm.

As always I encourage everyone to join us not only at the multi-day festivals but at the senior shows also. We can always use your help even if you don't want to bring your bird there will be other birds there for you to help with as well as assisting with watching the other birds. If you have any questions feel free to call me at home. Steve 734-513-0030

Your Veep
Steve



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

FALLING INTO AUTUMN

Wow it is hard to believe that it is September already the kids are back to school and the seasons are changing very quickly. With that brings those fall holidays that we love Halloween and Thanksgiving. Now we may love them but many of our birds do not simply because of all the strange things going on. Halloween with its costumes can downright send a bird into fit of terror worthy of the best scary movie and then there are the other hazards the

decorations. Lit candles, fake spider webs, and many other things that ooze, smoke or mist can be dangerous to our feathered kids. Plus the biggie the candy we give out to the trick or treaters. Chocolate is so poisonous for all pets and the darker it is the more toxic it is. Also the wrappers can pose a hazard as well so keep them away from all pets. Now let us move on to Thanksgiving. First if you are hosting a big dinner the extra commotion can really stress out a bird if they are not used to it. Then there are those hot pans, dishes and pots that look inviting to a bird to come and check out. Also there are in some houses decorations that look pretty tempting to a bird but can really hurt them especially lit candles with their flames and hot wax. So it is important we keep our birds safe during these fall holidays and get ready for the two winter ones.

PET EXPO

Here is
tentative Pet Expo

information; the hours are as follows:

Friday, November 11th, 2pm - 8pm

Saturday, November 12th, 10am - 8pm

Sunday, November 13th, 11am-5pm

The Suburban Showcase has the operation of the pet expo again this year. Our club has been given the same generous space that we had last year and vendor badges will be available same as last year. We do know that no birds will be allowed through the



front door; **if your bird is going to attend we must get you a pass to enter in the rear doors.** This can be accomplished in multiple ways; 1) Be sure to wear your club badge 2) Go to the vendor desk at the rear doors to either receive a vendor badge or to be allowed access to our booth to receive a badge. 3) Call Dave, Tammy or me on our cell phones to bring you a badge.

The club will be getting parking passes for you if you have signed up to work. If you are scheduled to work and have to pay an admission to enter or park your car keep your receipts and the club will refund your admission and parking fees. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!** Entrance to the expo as a club member means you plan on working at least three hours at our booth. If you intend to shop and look around plan on arriving early or staying over after your scheduled work times please.

If you signed up to work and haven't heard any details feel free to call Tammy 734-422-5981 or Steve 734-513-0030 for last minute information

For those of you who want to look around at the Expo, you can come early or stay after your scheduled time. The schedule will be as follows; Set-up is Thursday 9am-until finished, we will be arriving at the church to move tables into our vehicles about 7:45 AM then to Suburban Showcase at 9am to set up. Friday's show schedule is: 2pm-5pm, 5pm-8pm, Saturday's schedule is 10am – noon, noon-3pm, 3pm-6pm and 6pm to 8pm. Sunday's schedule is 10am-1pm, 1-3pm and 3-5pm, and after the expo closes we will need help to clear out our space and return the tables to the church.

Tammy



Bits from Baby

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

August was a busy month with four Senior programs and one school program and ending with the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival's three-day event.

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival was a great event even with the storm on the second day in the afternoon. That only stopped us for a short time and we were still able to finish the day on Saturday and Sunday. It is one of our Great events that everyone looks forward to. The members who came had a great time meeting all the people who visited with us.

September is going to keep us busy with eight programs for the month. Hope you can join us and have fun.

See you at the next meeting.

Your friend Baby,

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RESCUE UPDATE

The adoption side of our rescue was above average this month. There were four adoptions; A DYH Amazon, Sunny a Sun Conure, two Cockatiels and a Green cheek Conure were all adopted.

They all went to their new homes with cages, toys, and food thanks to the generosity of you, our club members.

The rescue side has been very active also. I can't divulge what birds are in the rescue right now, however I will say if you are interested in adopting a larger bird contact a member of the board to find out what is available we just might have that special bird you've been waiting for.



Guardians for Animals Pet Expo Raffle Tickets

The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo is fast approaching on October 15th and 16th and 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.

Tammy has received our club's first box of 500 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 events 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's all do our best to sell all of our tickets!



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

CHUCK JAMIESON	OCT. 1
INGA BUSCH	OCT. 5
KEVIN BOLTON	OCT. 10
NADA JURISICH-FONTANA	OCT. 11
ISABEL FONTANA	OCT. 11
BRIGETTE FELIX	OCT. 15
JOHN BUSCH	OCT. 16
JOSEPH GREENWOOD	OCT. 17
STEVE PLAFCHAN	OCT. 17
EDWARD FRACZEK	OCT. 19
MIKE BURGESS-KRZESOWIAK	OCT. 20
JAN HARTZ	OCT. 21
JENNIFER PLAGENS	OCT. 25
FAITH GREENWOOD	OCT. 30

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SPECIAL BREEDER PRICING



Out and About with Pookie

This past month our club participated in a three-day outdoor festival in Ypsilanti, MI; I however was not able to participate this year because of the excessive heat and humidity. Leastwise that was the excuse that was given to me by Steve. Ergo, I formulated a plan of action to determine if the mitigating factor for Steve leaving me at home was the temperature or his affliction with the Cockamaw virus. Sparky and JB both attended the three-day event with specific instructions to report back to me about Steve's behavior and if the heat was that oppressive.

As it turns out my being left at home wasn't because of the heat or my lack of feathers. He left me at home because he didn't want me to witness his outlandish behavioral changes due to the Cockamaw virus. There is no doubt in my mind that had I been there I would have been able to curtail his audacious actions and reinstated the Grey dignity that should be shown by an African Grey owned companion human. Erroneously I was under the impression Steve was recovering from the virus; sadly, everything that Sparky and JB reported to me contradicts all the progress I thought was being made.

Out of control, just totally and completely out of control during the

entirety of the festival. He held and snuggled with Whinny, Boogie and Rickey (Umbrella Cockatoos) and Cello (Moluccan Cockatoo). Holding Cockatoos wasn't his worst infraction his behavior was embarrassing. During the second day there was a rain storm and while all the Greys were under cover staying dry Steve was in the rain getting soaked and dancing around (just like a Cockatoo). Oh, but the shameful display didn't end there, he started taking off his clothes? Why? I have no idea why, what I do know is that every time he reached up to adjust the canopy his shorts fell off. When he bent over to pull them up the water poured in and soaked everyone even more. Thankfully, he heeded my dignified advice and had worn clean underwear that day. His behavior was a different story; JB reported that he was singing about dead skunks in the road and caterwauling loudly as festival visitors walked by under the protection of their bumbershoots. Many of them stopped in to visit even though there was rain pouring down. Our neighboring booths were also wondering what was happening under our pop-up due to all the singing and laughing. Sparky reported that many of the adjacent vendors stopped in to find out what was going on. All because Steve is starting to behave like a Cockatoo.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

OMG!!!!!! I cannot
believe the behavior of

our pet humans at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival it was so embarrassing we could have died! Friday started out relatively calm with no surprises the weather was great and we all had a good time. Let us now talk about Saturday shall we, it started out with what looked like it was going to be a busy day with all the people and the pictures but that soon would change. I guess Stella (Mother Nature to you) had other plans because around noon it started to sprinkle then the sprinkles turned into a steady down pour. That is when it started! First those crazy humans Steve and Joey tried to divert the water out of the tent which ended up with it hitting Joey bouncing off of Joey and soaking Steve. Then Steve took a step back and sat in Marie's lap but it didn't stop there oh no it didn't. Steve got up and proceeded to have a wardrobe malfunction and Marie saw a moon during the day. Thank God for

tighty whiteys or it would have been a whole lot worse. Then my pet human tried to remove water from the top of the pop-up and got himself soaked as well (without the wardrobe malfunction). The tent next to us was singing and it seemed every human was having a party in the rain. What was it about the rain that made all the humans go crazy all of us (Parrots) we were thoroughly embarrassed by their behavior and we pray that this doesn't get around to our other friends. Now we have the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo to look forward to and they had better behave better than they did at the Heritage Festival or we WILL have words!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



FESTIVAL FOLLIES 2016

As you know these events always bring out an eclectic mix of people and this one was no exception.

Several people looking at Captain Morgan asked if he was a Toucan!

Several thought Steve had Pigeons!

One woman called me a liar when I told her Princess was a Parakeet!

One gentleman asked if it hurt if they bit you!

One young man asked me if you get high off the African Gray dust! (Aha now we know Steve)

A group of people wanted to know why we took them out of the wild just to bring them here!

One woman thought we “color enhanced” them to make them look good for the public!

When a group of young people gathered around the booth all it took was one scream from Captain to send them running in fear!

A woman asked me if I could get her some feathers (pull them out) for her so she could use them in her crystal power rituals!

The best was the guy who wanted to know if we take them back to their native countries when we are done (can anyone say road trip)!

These are the best comments we got at the Heritage Festival and as you know I will always pass these gems along to you so we can all have a good laugh!!!



A FAILURE OF JUDGEMENT



This short story is to inform all of our loyal readers of “Bird

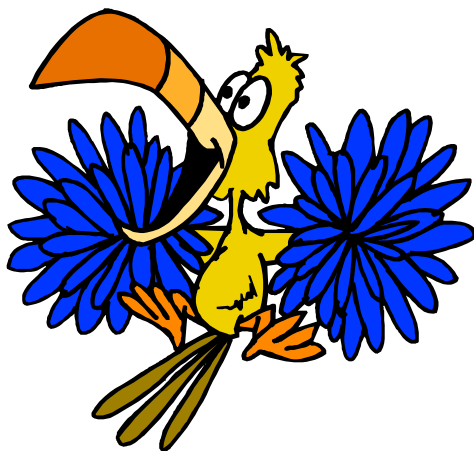
Droppings” that there can be serious consequences for not carefully considering your actions with pterodactyls, also known as Umbrella Cockatoos. Although I choose to remain nameless, this story was submitted for publication to enlighten all to my folly and the results from my misjudgments.

The Cockatoo (whom shall be known as bird X for the remainder of this parable) was happily playing on the table in front of me. Bird X was enjoying scratches and playing with three humans at once. My scratching his back and tail feathers while he was snacking and looking away didn’t bother him one bit but this is when my judgement failed me. Thinking that it would be funny to clap my hands together as loudly as possible behind him with his tail between my palms. Everyone in the room howled with laughter as Ricky (oops, bird X) went straight up like a roman candle, expanded his feathers to make him look five times his normal size and landed back on the table in front of me. The leap he then made to my back was epic and it was faster than the speed of light; so now you need to picture a screaming, pi**ed off, Umbrella Cockatoo clinging to my shirt as I ripped it off in great terror. The pterodactyl wanted me dead but I threw him and what was left of my shirt to the floor and ran for my life into the kitchen. Oh but he was not to be fooled because he had played this game before, bird X went in the opposite direction and met me in the hallway. I turned about and attempted to flee, alas it was to no avail I slipped and ran

into a wall; bird X caught me and bit my toes on both feet knocking me to the ground where the carnage and pain continued. Realizing at this point that clapping his tail or otherwise antagonizing an Umbrella Cockatoo was most likely not one of the best ideas I had ever had. I knew that some sort of peace offering or atonement had to be made. Reaching out my hand to make friends the last thing I remember was a large screaming beak aimed at my face when suddenly the room went black; I woke up in the emergency room.

Now that I have, for the most part, recovered from my injuries and been released from the hospital it is my duty to impart to all of you the knowledge that was given to me because of this event.

“DO NOT under any circumstances startle or surprise an Umbrella Cockatoo regardless of how well you might think you know him”.



**Upcoming Events
As of
Sept. 11th 2016**

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

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

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

Sept 14th Senior Show

Sept 27th Senior Show

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

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

Sept 28th Show
Wed Arkay Center
 27600 Hall Road
 Flat Rock, MI 48134
 Set-up 11:30 am
 Start 12:30 pm

Oct. 22nd Senior Show
Sat Waltonwoods at
 Carriage Park-Independent
 2000 N. Canton Center Road
 Canton, MI 48187
 Set-up 12:00 pm
 Start 1:00 pm

Oct. 11th Senior Show
Tues Henry Ford Village
 Rehabilitation Entrance
 15051 Ford Road
 Dearborn, MI 48126
 Set-up 1:30 pm
 Start 2:30 pm

PET EXPO
Nov. 11th 2pm to 8pm
Nov. 12st 10am to 8pm
Nov. 13th 10am to 5pm
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374

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

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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

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

We hopefully will be setting up on Friday
like last year

Oct 19th Senior Show

May 2nd Senior Show

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

THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE

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RESCUE RANGERS

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ORANGE IS THE NEW WING COLOR

This month’s adventure takes us to the colorful burg of Waterford Michigan to rescue another Amazon Parrot. This was a special Amazon because they are the only

Amazon that has orange instead of red on the wings thus the name Orange Wing Amazon. Like many Amazon Parrots this little girl was all business and began to size up the Rangers the minute they walked into the house. You see like many people this woman was not this bird’s first owner and thought with a little time and love this Amazon would eventually come around, boy was she wrong. Instead of becoming a sweet loveable she became more aggressive to the woman and she made the painful decision to give her up. She really did not have the time to invest in her to try to make her come around so she called the Rangers. This is where we pickup our story with this bird sizing up the Rangers to see just how much she could do to scare them. Well instead of scaring them they had her on the run because this parrot realized she was not dealing with your everyday type nutcases, no these were special nutcases that now had gotten the upper hand on her. So with her large cage plentiful toys, big bag of food and bird in the carrier they were off. It would not be long before this Orange Wing Amazon would truly fall in love and find her forever home where she would blossom into a beautiful well adjusted bird (unlike the Rangers who, well need adjusting) but that’s a whole much longer story. Ah, all is well in this Amazons world but there are others in need of help and the Rangers will be there to give for wherever there is a bird in need they will be there for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay bolted to the floor for our next thrilling adventure An Ypsilanti Conure!



Establishing Control with Nurturing Guidance

By Liz Wilson, CVT

Nurturing guidance is a training concept developed by Sally Blanchard, and it is critical to enjoying cohabitation with a parrot. Without it, a parrot is often unclear as to his position within his human flock. Genetically an exotic bird is a wild animal, whether domestic-bred or not, and he understands little about cohabiting with people. With patient teaching and guidance, he can learn how to be a good companion. Nurturing guidance is established by teaching and using basic commands. By setting these parameters, a parrot will have a better understanding of what is expected of it.

The first command is “Up,” which means step onto my hand. The second command is “Down,” which means step off my hand onto an inanimate object (like a perch). This is not a directional command. Onto the hand is up, off the hand is down. Teaching these commands requires a neutral room and a neutral perch. Ideally, the bird should have no experience with either the location or perch. This minimizes distractions and maximizes learning. Lessons should be short and upbeat, held once or twice a day for 10-15 minutes. Make sure you are relaxed before you begin, and smile and be patient. Under NO circumstance is aggression acceptable. Training a parrot is like teaching nursery school. You must keep your student involved or it won't learn. Sessions should be fun, not boring or frightening. Simply put,

behavior modification uses positive reinforcement for good behaviors and no reinforcement for bad behaviors. Instead, misbehaviors are ignored. If the parrot follows a command, smile and praise the bird. If it doesn't, ignore the transgression and repeat the command, pushing gently at his legs with the side of your hand. If you don't expect him to behave, he won't. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCE is aggression allowed with parrots. If approached with respect and love, parrots learn quickly and happily. Aggression begets aggression and is absolutely unacceptable. Experienced parrot behavior consultants agree that allowing a parrot to shoulder is asking for trouble. In this position, you cannot see a bird's body language, so you don't know if he's getting frightened or upset. You also can't anticipate and prevent a bite—and you DON'T want to be bitten in the face. If you follow these guidelines and use these commands clearly and consistently, life with your parrot should improve immensely.

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

OCT. 23rd – Fourth Sunday

NOV. 11th 12th 13th Pet Expo

NOVEMBER-PET EXPO NO MEETING

DECEMBER 18th - THIRD 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

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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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.



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.

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:



I really had a lot of fun at September's meeting and I was pleasantly surprised at the turnout because the weather was beautiful so I thank you all for coming. We are now plunging headlong into two of our premier events, one is Guardians for Animals Pet Expo and the other is The Novi Pet Expo. We have gone from just another rescue group at the Novi Pet Expo to being listed as a featured attraction how cool is that. I for one can say it is because of how we treat the attending public at the expo we strive to make sure no one and I do mean no one is left out. Everyone leaves with a smile on their faces, well almost everyone the big tall muscle guy sprinted past our booth out of fear a couple of years ago but that is the

exception not the rule. Animals have a special magic that can bring out the joy in the grumpiest of people and many times after a person sees their picture loaded up with birds it brings about a round of hugs. This has happened more times than I can count and we never refuse a good hug! Many times people think that we have given special instructions on how to handle the public but they do not realize there are no special instructions, no hand outs on protocol it is just what we do and who we are. The thing I like best is they have no idea who the officers really are because there are no dictators, no one barking orders or yelling at anyone all they see is this large group having fun and proudly showing off their birds plus one crazy guy dressed like a Pirate but wait until this year there will be more! Remember all birds **MUST COME THROUGH THE BACK VENDOR/ RESCUE ENTRANCE** and if you are planning to attend for more than one day please sign the sheet so we can get you a parking pass. Also all who attend from the club must be on the signup sheet or let Tammy and I know you plan to be there so we can get you on the list so you can get in through the back. Set-up will be Thursday November 10th about 9 AM and it opens Friday November 11th at 2 PM. So let's get ready to have a whole lot of fun and do what we always do wow the crowds and I do mean crowds literally. I never worry about doing these events because you always come through, the people in this club are the best and as always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!**

Until Next Time
Your Prez Dave



Voice of the Veep

We have two big events for our club in the near future and we are inviting everyone who wishes to assist to join us. The first event is the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo it is taking place at: Madison Place, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights, MI 48071 (this is the same hall that the Motor City Bird Club has their fair at). The Expo is a two-day event Sat & Sun on October 15th & 16th. All the clubs participating will receive an equal portion of the donations from 50/50 raffle ticket sales and donations at the door. Or club is also assisting by providing birds for a souvenir photograph. We offered Guardians the option to allow them to have their photographer take photos of people with as many birds as they were willing to hold to bring in donations for the cause. This is why we need as many members to assist all day both days to facilitate handling our birds and staging the pictures. If Guardians manages to generate even a small portion of enthusiasm for pictures like we do at the Heritage Festival I know we will be a big success.

The next event is the Pet Expo in Novi this is a three-day event Nov. 11th, 12th, & 13th. We will be meeting at the church on the morning of Thurs. Nov. 10th at 8:00 AM to load tables then head to Suburban Showcase to set up for the Expo. Anyone planning on attending the Expo needs to contact Tammy so she can order your parking passes also: (THIS IS

IMPORTANT) if you intend on bringing a bird you must enter through the rear door then go to the desk to get a vendor wrist band. If you are just working our booth but are not bringing a bird, you still must enter through the rear door and get a wrist band. If you enter through the front entrance you will have to pay for a full admission and you will not be able to bring a bird inside!

Both of these events are a lot of fun and I encourage everyone to join us for a lot of fun.

Your Veep
Steve

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well we are still trying to get over the incident at the Heritage Festival the pictures are still going around Squawker (like Twitter but louder) but it is beginning to die down so it is just a bad memory. Still our pet humans still laugh about it even though WE PARROTS were totally embarrassed by the whole ordeal. Anyway, we are now coming to our two pet expo events Guardians for Animals, (which will have passed by the time this newsletter gets to you) And the Novi Pet Expo in November. Now we are all hoping (WE as in parrots) that they learn to behave themselves I know that is asking a lot but can they at least try! I know that when they get together mayhem can and usually does

ensue but they need to take it down a notch and not be so noticeable to the whole wide world. I realize that this is asking a lot but for our sake please BEHAVE YOURSELVES! Don't they realize that people are watching I mean our pet humans sometimes make it hard for us to go on Featherbook, Squawker or even the new app Instabird without seeing all their exploits it is downright embarrassing for all of us when our pet humans act up. I know we could send them for a time out but they seem to like time outs, go figure. I believe we must come to the conclusion that there is just no controlling them when they get together we are probably just going to have to deal with the aftermath. I think as long they can keep their clothes on and dry we will be OK. Still there is that unknown factor that always seems to crop up when we least expect it and that is what scares us. So I hope to see all of my friends at these events and we will hope for the best and MAYBE they will behave themselves. Sigh, I think we will just need to hold on because where our pet humans are concerned it's going to be a bumpy ride!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Out and About with Pookie

We're doing our best to cope with Steve's issues resulting from his exposure and affliction with the Cockamaw virus. To be honest the changes in his behavior when we are driving

in the car, at the park or a farmer's market are completely unchanged. The major changes are happening at home during the middle of the night.

During daylight hours Steve is very much like his old self; he takes us (Sparky, JB and me) to the outdoor markets, senior shows and to weekend festivals. As an addendum I must add that my magnetic personality and charming allure just absolutely wow the crowds. My status as the star of the show is still firmly entrenched, everybody still thinks I'm a baby bird and just the cutest bird ever seen.

The overnight hours are when his alter ego emerges and the chasing and caterwauling commences. Imagine this scenario: it's the middle of the night, dark inside the house and everyone is quietly sleeping, then Ricky starts to scream like an air raid siren. We then hear Steve get out of bed and start talking to Ricky then he opens up his cage. Ricky bursts through the door because this is a major invitation for him to play one of his favorite games; chase the piggy's. The next thing we see is Steve rapidly running through the kitchen and our room with Rickey hot on his heels attempting to bite his toes or socks. They trade whom is chasing whom but it is always with a large amount of banging and clanging along with a loud yowl when Rickey succeeds in getting a toe in his beak; much to Steve's dismay.

On a whole the acclamation and acceptance of Ricky into our Grey household has been completed. We have learned to tolerate the behavioral quirks of a Cockatoo even through the outbursts of screams are above 90 decibels. He has agreed to limit the loud singing and

screaming to daylight and early evening hours and maintain a quieter demeanor at night, except when Steve decides to start exercising with him. Ergo all of the noise in the middle of the night can mostly be attributed to Steve for startling Ricky and beginning the game of chase. All we have to do is train Steve to leave sleeping Cockatoos alone in the middle of the night.

Until next month
Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

PET EXPO

Here is
tentative Pet Expo

information; the hours are as follows:

Friday, November 11th, 2pm - 8pm

Saturday, November 12th 10am - 8pm

Sunday, November 13th, 11am-5pm

The Suburban Showcase has the operation of the pet expo again this year. Our club has been given the same generous space that we had last year and vendor badges will be available same as last year. We do know that no birds will be allowed through the front door; **if your bird is going to attend we must get you a pass to enter in the rear doors.** This can be accomplished in multiple ways; 1) You must let Tammy know you plan on attending so she can add your name to the member list to be submitted before the expo. 2) Be sure to wear your club badge 3) Go to the vendor desk at the rear doors to either receive a vendor badge or to receive a wrist band. 4)



Call Dave, Tammy or me on our cell phones to bring you a badge.

The club will be getting parking passes for you if you have signed up to work. If you are scheduled to work and have to pay an admission to enter or park your car keep your receipts and the club will refund your admission and parking fees. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!** Entrance to the expo as a club member means you plan on working at least three hours at our booth. If you intend to shop and look around plan on arriving early or staying over after your scheduled work times please.

If you signed up to work and haven't heard any details feel free to call Tammy 734-422-5981 or Steve 734-513-0030 for last minute information

For those of you who want to look around at the Expo, you can come early or stay after your scheduled time. The schedule will be as follows; Set-up is Thursday 9am-6pm, we will be arriving at the church to move tables into our vehicles about 7:45 AM then to Suburban Showcase at 9am to set up. Friday's show schedule is: Noon-3pm, 3pm-6pm, 6pm-8pm, Saturday's schedule is 11am – noon, noon-3pm, 3pm-6pm and 6pm to 8pm. Sunday's schedule is 11am-1pm, 1-3pm and 3-5pm, and after the expo closes we will need help to clear out our space and return the tables to the church.

Tammy

!!!!IMPORANT NOTE!!!!

Please remember if you plan on working you have to sign up or let Tammy know. She needs to know as soon as possible to put your name on the list so you may enter through the rear door and she can get you a parking pass.

IT JUST DOESNT ADD UP!



A gentleman called (and I use the term gentleman loosely) looking to adopt a bird. He wanted something larger anything from Amazon size or larger would do he wasn't sure all he could tell me it had to be larger. He explained that he had smaller birds in the past and was looking to get something bigger and more intimidating. Now the alarm inside my head was going off why would it have to be intimidating and what was his reasoning for wanting such a bird? We have had people looking to get a larger parrot after getting experience with smaller ones but never asking for something intimidating before. So I had to ask the question I knew that the answer to that question would really make me ask him, are you serious? So I asked why it has to be intimidating. He proceeded to tell me he had four birds before two Parakeets, a Cockatiel and two Conures (a green cheek and a Sun) I know that's five but look at what we're dealing with here. He then tells me that his Husky which was a year and a half old has basically killed all of them, (he used the term eaten). He hoped a bigger bird would stop him from trying to kill it explaining that if it's bigger he might be less inclined to eat it. Well by now I was at the point that my filter had totally stopped working and I ask him if he was nuts thinking we would put

any bird in a situation where his dog could kill it. I told him that there was no way we could adopt anything to him with his past history of his dog killing the other birds. He answers but they were smaller he probably won't do it to an Amazon or Macaw size bird. I still said we could not adopt anything to him and risk his dog killing it this was not going to happen. He got really angry with me telling me "so you'd rather get stuck with a bird than adopt it out to a good home". I told him "but you're not a good home with your dog that has killed five other birds" to which he replies "it was only four". I told him it still doesn't matter with his bird killing dog in the house we could not adopt anything to him it would not be right for us to put any bird in that position. He said fine and hung up; I think he needs a math refresher!



FINCHES



On the third of July
I received six
Society Finches; an

adult male and female with four fully feathered babies in the nest. The babies were well nurtured and one by one were leaving the nest. However, all six of the finches slept in the nest with always at least four little heads sticking out of the opening.

Finally, on August 12th the last baby was out and I removed the nest. Lo and behold, Mama bird had already laid a new egg. I said "to bad" and disposed of the whole nest and put them all into a new, larger cage.

What happy little birds! They never stop twittering and flittering around and eating until I cover them at night. Papa bird does his little song and dance; chirrrr.....cherio, step and wiggle, step and wiggle, step and wiggle, then he hops onto mama bird (ha,ha). They just love water; every time I rinse and refill the water cup they jump in completely, usually head first. Completely immersed and flipping their wings cheerfully, sometimes one on top of the other, they are wholly unafraid of getting completely wet. I clean and refill the container many times a day. They also love their greens.

They are afraid of new things like the little swing I hung inside of the cage. They never seem to stop chirping, chattering and singing until night. At dusk they all sit side by side on the upper rung snuggled together and I cover the cage with a cloth. Good night birdies.

Lovey Quesnel



THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE
THE
RESCUE RANGERS
IN
AN YPSILANTI CONURE

Many times the Rangers are called to “take care of a problem” and this particular problem turned out to be a Conure. Not just your run of the mill Conure but a Mitred Conure. Now these guys belong to the loud side of the Conure family and look a lot like a Cherry Headed Conure with less red and red ticking into the chest area. As the owner explained this used to be a nice bird but at about two things changed and he began biting and screaming excessively. What really happened this bird was testing its boundaries, seeing what he could get away with and what he couldn’t and this would lead to his downfall. It seems that once he nipped them it was all over and he would spend all of his time in his cage and because he knew they were now afraid of him he would make this a game. The only problem is that they weren’t playing so he was put in a back room to make his screaming at least tolerable. When they could take no more they called the Rangers to rid them of their problem, (of course we really know where

the problem lies). So they arrived at their destination and were escorted inside. They expected to find a scared plucked mess of a bird but instead found a beautiful bird with a TON of attitude. The owners even said that they did not have to take him seeing he was so mean they would just put him down. The Rangers would hear none of that and quickly loaded this poor Conure and his cage and all his stuff in their car and were off saving this bird in more ways than one. When he got to Ranger Dave’s house he settled in and thought he would pick up where he left off, his first mistake. He would soon realize he could not elicit the screams and strange noises of his former owners. In fact, this guy was nuts and made him step up and actually behave even after he nipped him (no blood, no bite). He finally gave in and began to behave himself even though he was loud he had a kind of charm only a Conure lover would recognize. Recognize it they did and soon he was off to his new home where he was right where he wanted to be in the middle of all the action and is still making a happy ruckus today. He finally found a home with people who understood him and loved him a very happy ending. Still there are many more in his situation that need the Rangers assistance and they are all too will to answer the call because they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay right where you are and wait for our next exciting installment Wrangling Cockatiels in Lake Orion!

CAGE FOR SALE!!

We have a brand new Stainless Steel Cathedral Cage 48" x 32" x 62"H, overall size 58" X 42" X 74" H bar spacing 1.25". (This cage was from Foster & Smith) With the exterior add on



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interested or would like more information, contact Tammy Carol at 734-422-5981



RAMBLING WITH RAMBO

Well people it has been a long time since I have written you. Daddy has not been around much to help me with this. He has been not giving me, and Packo the attention we deserve. What is wrong with him? He has been so weird lately. So all my friends, that is why I have not been to the events lately. He has been in such a tizzy (that is one of those human words) he has been forgetting them.

The things we have been to were really fun. The September meeting was fun, even though Packo hogged daddy's attention. I was so good to see those that have not been there in a while. I love the way that Miss Corrine talks.

Daddy was going to bring a new person to the meeting this time. When he called them in the morning, they had forgotten to turn their phone on. Hey you older humans. Remember when telephones were only for talking? You could not forget to turn them on.

So back to what I was saying. How could anyone do that? They missed out on all that yummy food. Most important, they missed out on seeing me. We all know the Macaws are the star attraction.

Now this time the food was really good, and there was lots of it. Hey, daddy didn't get me any desert. I think the food was so good, he forgot to look what was there. I feel bad for Packo. He always gets car-sick. Then he doesn't want to eat any of that yummy food. Poor baby. He makes up for it at home. He eats more than I do.

Now, I do have a complaint. The summer went by way too fast, this year. I didn't get to go for walks with daddy. We did sit out back, to watch the other birds, and critters. I miss the deer out back. They don't come around anymore.

I did have a great time at the Ypsilanti Heritage Days. There was none of the excitement we had last year. And daddy was so distracted over that new friend of his, I didn't get all the attention I usually do. Daddy seems to have straightened out a little. I am getting more attention, while I am writing this.

So I hope daddy is getting back to normal – well what he thinks is normal. So that brings up a point, for all my feathered friends. Never let your human ignore you.

You **MUST** be loud, insistent on getting your way. Remember, we rule the house not them. Until next time remember, Have fun, Try to Be Good, and never forget, Macaws Rule. Rambo.



Guardians for Animals Pet Expo Raffle Tickets

The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo is fast approaching on October 15th and 16th and 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.

Tammy has received our club's first box of 500 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 events 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's all do our best to sell all of our tickets!



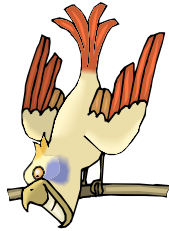
RESCUE UPDATE



The adoption side of the rescue saw a lot of activity last month. We adopted five birds to new homes; A

Cockatiel, a Sun Conure, two Amazons and a Cockatoo went to new forever homes. They all went to their new homes with cages, toys and food.

Again we want to extend our "THANKS" to you, our club members for your generous donations and participation in our monthly raffles. It is your generosity that makes our rescue the success that it is. Thank You!



ODDS AND ENDS

- The gifts for our Christmas exchange should have a \$10 maximum. Now's when the bargains are if you want to start looking around for items.
- Start asking businesses for donations for our raffle tables for the bird fair. They do not need to be bird related.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS: To

NANCY KEENAN	NOV. 1
RIDGE BOUGENOU	NOV. 2
PATRICIA TREGURTHA	NOV. 8
SHERYL DEGREGORIO	NOV. 9
MARY ANN KENNE	NOV. 9
BOB GRUSZCZYNSKI	NOV. 12
JONI GRUSZCZYNSKI	NOV. 13
JOE LYNCH	NOV. 13
RACHEL PLAGENS	NOV. 15
STEPHAN SULLIVAN	NOV. 15
JACOB PASEK	NOV. 17
JANET ONDERCHANIN	NOV. 19
FRED GORLITZ	NOV. 20
JOHANNA SEIBLEY	NOV. 21
DIANE ARQUETTE	NOV. 22
ROBERT GONZALEZ JR	NOV. 24

ARIANA PASEK
DORTHY MUELLER
KATHY WAGNER

NOV. 25
NOV. 28
NOV. 30

Bits from Baby



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

The September meeting was great as usual. We had fifty-two members and eight guests of which two joined our flock. There were nine African Grays, seven Cockatoos, seven Macaws and fifteen other types of parrots there.

September was one of our busiest months ever. October has four senior programs and a two-day event for the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo at the Madison Place so far. Then the GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH in November the Pet Expo in Novi on November 11th, 12th and 13th. This one is the most fun of all. Come and join us for one great time. I get to go to this one for the whole thing with Duke.

Well that's all for now.

Till next we meet in October at the Meeting,
Your friend Baby,

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UP COMING
EVENTS
As of
Oct. 7th 2016

Oct 19th
Wed.

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

Oct. 11th Senior Show
Tues Henry Ford Village
Rehabilitation Entrance
15051 Ford Road
Dearborn, MI 48126
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

Oct. 22nd
Sat

Senior Show
Waltonwoods at
Carriage Park-Independent
2000 N. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48187
Set-up 12:00 pm
Start 1:00 pm

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

Oct 28th
Fri

Senior Show
Milford Medilodge
555 Highland Ave.
Milford, MI 48381
Set-up 1:30 pm
Start 2:30 pm

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

We hopefully will be setting up on Friday
like last year

Nov 2nd
Wed

Senior Show
American House Roseville East I
17255 Common Road
Roseville, MI 48066
Set-up 1:00 pm
Start 2:00 pm

Nov. 11th
Nov. 12st
Nov. 13th

PET EXPO

2pm to 8pm
10am to 8pm
10am to 5pm

Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374

Nov 14th Senior Show
 Mon General Federation of
 Women Clubs of Dearborn
 Christus Victor Lutheran Church
 25535 Ford Road
 Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
 Set-up 11:00 am
 Start Noon

Nov 19th Senior Show
 Sat Waltonwoods at University
 Independent
 3250 Walton Blvd.
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309
 Set-up Noon
 Start 1:00 pm

*****2017*****

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

May 2nd Senior Show
 Tuesday AARP meeting at
 Wayne Community College
 21000 Northline Road
 Taylor, MI 48180
 Set-up 11:30 am
 Start 12:30 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.



Five methods for converting your bird to a healthier diet.

By ZuPreem Staff

For years, companion birds have been fed a diet comprised primarily of seeds. However, new research shows a diet with a high percentage of seeds does not provide even the minimum nutrient levels your bird requires. Because seeds are not consistent in nutrient levels, many seeds are deficient in calcium and have excess levels of fat. A diet high in seeds may lead to obesity and other nutritionally related diseases. Avian nutritionists recommend a diet like ZuPreem® Avian Maintenance™ should make up at least 85 percent of an adult Bird's meal. If your bird currently eats

primarily seeds, you may want to consider switching to a diet that ensures the proper consumption of nutrients and will promote a healthier longer life for your bird.

Which method is best for you and your bird?

There are many methods for converting your bird to a new diet, and your avian veterinarian can help you decide which method may work best for you and your bird.

1. Interval feeding

For 20-30 minutes three times a day, offer 50% seeds along with 50% new diet in the same bowl. The bowl should only be 1/4 full using this method. Remove all uneaten food from the cage after each feeding and check to see how much of the old and the new diet the bird is eating. If the bird is eating some of the new diet, reduce the amount of seed and increase the amount of the new diet at each feeding until you are feeding only the new diet. This method assures your bird will not starve, but should still be hungry enough to begin experimenting with the new food. This process may take several days or several weeks, depending on your bird.

2. Ten-day gradual method

Over a 10-day period, fill the food dish 1/4 full several times a day maintaining the following proportions of the old and the new diet.

3. Remove seeds until later in the day

Starting at bedtime, remove all seeds. In the morning, put fresh portions of the new diet in the cup. Leave the new diet in the cage until mid- to late afternoon. Then feed the bird's previous diet for the rest of the day. Repeat this process for

several days or until the bird is consuming the new diet. Then offer only the new diet at all feedings.

4. Back and forth method

Starting at night, remove all food from the cage. In the morning, put the new diet in the food cup. Let the bird experiment with the new food, perhaps sampling one or two nuggets. Then after an hour, remove the nuggets and feed the old diet. Repeat the process throughout the day—new food for an hour, then the old diet. During the next 4-5 days, repeat the process but lengthen the time the new diet is in the cage, before offering the old diet. During the following week, keep extending the time the new diet is in the food cup, until you eliminate the old diet altogether.

5. Total new diet

In the wild, birds often do not have options. They eat seeds one season, fruits the next, consuming what is available. Many authorities believe that some birds are able to make an abrupt transition because they recognize the new unfamiliar shapes as food and adapt relatively easily. Great care should be taken to confirm that your bird is eating enough of the new diet to maintain weight.

Day	Old Diet	New Diet
Day 1	90%	10%
Day 2	80%	20%
Day 3	70%	30%
Day 4	60%	40%
Day 5	50%	50%
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Day 9	10%	90%
Day 10	00%	100%

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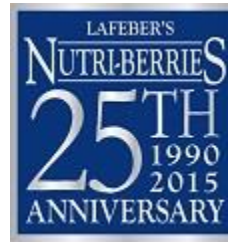


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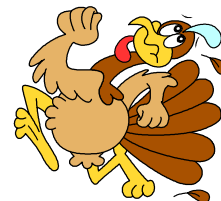
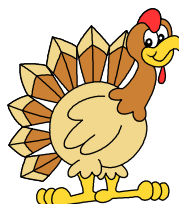
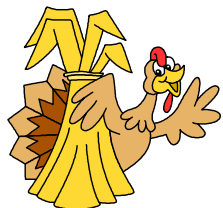
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

NOV. 11th 12th 13th Pet Expo
NOVEMBER-PET EXPO NO MEETING
DECEMBER 18th – THIRD SUNDAY
JANUARY 22nd – 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
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- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
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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

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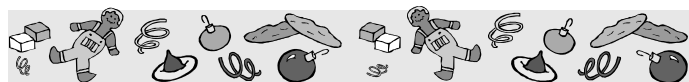
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Monthly Potluck

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.



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.

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.

CROSSING THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



Sadly, we must report yet another loss of another feathered club member; Merlin a Red Lorrie that has shared a room with Tammy and Dave for many years crossed over.

FAREWELL MERLIN



FROM THE PREZ:



Do you not love this crazy weather it has been so un-fall like but I am not complaining it could stay like this all winter but I know the cold stuff is coming. I am also amazed how fast this year has gone we are now heading fast into the holiday season Thanksgiving and Christmas, sorry for the reminder. Every year I find myself thinking about the things I am thankful for things that have touched my life and people who I have met no matter how brief, that have impacted my life. It can be with a kind word, a gesture, a surprise donation or a hearty thank you for being there for these magnificent animals. It is the reaction at a program that elicits a spontaneous hug or the endless thank you for giving them such a wonderful program. It is seeing the people's faces at the events as they get to hold a parrot or a child's look of wonder as they see a rainbow of colors. It is also the look of total shock, and then laughter as Captain Morgan lets out one of his legendary screams. Most important it is being involved with such an incredible group of people, yes you the members of Rainbow Feathers. Your generosity, your commitment and your passion for these incredible creatures no matter how big or small it is that family feeling and just being able to come together and have such a good time no matter what we do. Believe me it not only comes across at the meeting but at all the events we do, people notice how

much fun we are having and what as one person put it a "cohesive group" we are. Well there was that one stuffed shirt that felt we weren't mature enough for her but oh well stuffy we certainly aint! By the time you get this the Novi Pet Expo will be over and I know it will be a success because of you and what fantastic people you are. I am thankful for each and every one of you and what you bring to the club and rescue. So I wish you all a very happy and Blessed Thanksgiving and as always, **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Until Next Time
Your Prez
Dave



Voice of the Veep

My first duty in the column this month is to apologize for the tardiness of our November newsletter. Due to the date change of the Pet Expo and obligations I was committed to for teaching some classes at the Tech Center for Ford I missed the normal deadline for my column and the newsletter. Hopefully I will be back on schedule and have the December newsletter out on time.

See you at the Dec. Meeting
Your Veep
Steve

...AND THE BEAT GOES ON!!!

From the many events and phone calls we participate in we always get some really interesting comments and observations and you know I can't resist putting them in the newsletter so I hope you enjoy these little gems.

A woman at Guardians for Animals Pet Expo said this to me. I am so glad that these parrots will end up back in the wild. I asked where did you get that idea. She said she heard me say we rehabilitated them and sent them home. To which I said no we send them to their new homes with new owners. She seemed very disappointed and thought we would do the right thing. I told her that was the right thing they would never survive in their native habitats because of human imprinting. She left very disappointed.

At the same event one guy exclaimed "I really thought those were Pigeons on his shoulder they don't look like parrots from a distance"!

Another woman at the event said when I told her Princess the Indian Ringneck and Kiwi Rose the Mustache were both Parakeets she looked at me and said "Please don't lie to me I don't think they're even in the parrot family".

One older gentleman went from Tammy to Steve to me asking "how much?" meaning what are you charging for each bird. I guess

the first two not for sale answers were not convincing enough.

Phone calls are fun too:

One woman who had seen us at last year's Novi Pet Expo and this year's Guardians for Animals Pet Expo made this rather dumbfounding declaration. After seeing you at two events now I was thinking of joining your club but your group is not mature enough for me. I say thank you we don't do stuffy to well!

This one was like the classic Who's on First routine from Abbot and Costello. This woman calls and says; I see your having a bird fair at the Suburban Collection Showplace. I say no it's a pet expo. To which she says but there will be birds there right so it's a bird fair. I say again no it is a pet expo. She says but there will be birds there so IT IS a bird fair. I say no it is not just birds she interrupts and says yes I know there will be toys, cages and food there as well I have been to bird fairs and I do know what they are all about. I finally say and also dogs, and cats up for adoption as well as all sorts of pet products and different shows going on not just birds. She finally says "well I'm not going to waste my time" you said it was a bird fair that birds will be there and hung up. I ran for the aspirin thinking and the pet expo is coming up here we go again!!!



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

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Set-up Noon
Start 1:00 pm

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Tues

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Wed

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******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.

I'M SICK.....



I'm sick can I give this to my birds? That is one of the most asked questions I get at this time of year hands down. Now as we all know rule of thumb is that if you are sick you stay home and avoid groups of people so you do not spread what you have or pick up a secondary infection. This is just common sense but what about your birds; can you give them your cold or flu? In most cases we can not share illnesses with our feathered kids, (except for a couple the main one being Psittacosis or Parrot Fever in humans). This however doesn't mean that you shouldn't be more careful around your birds. When ever I get sick I limit face time with my birds which means I do not do my normal snuggling and cuddling just as a safety measure and I constantly wash my hands. I just do not like to take chances with my bird's health and I know we are all that way. Another thing that has everybody concerned is the Swine Flu they have had turkeys that have contracted this virus but exotics have not. So remember if you do get sick stay home and take care of yourself even if it means missing church or even a bird club meeting.

We want you healthy, happy and your birds too.

Dave

Out and About with Pookie



The editor's desk at "Bird Droppings" has received numerous inquiries about the cold weather during the winter months. Questions such as; 1) Is it safe to give your companion bird a bath in the winter? 2) Is it safe to take your companion in the car when it's cold outside? 3) Should I operate a humidifier in my house during the cold months? 4) If I'm ill or have a cold can my companion bird catch it from me? These are but a few of the cold weather questions that have been submitted over the past few months. We will do our best to give everyone some clarity on these inquiries.

First we (companion parrots) cannot catch the flu or the common cold from our human companions. However; if your human companion has a cold or the flu they will most likely be greatly irritated by the dust, dander and loose feathers in our cages while they are under the weather. With most humans it is pretty easy to tell when they are not feeling well, they tend to lie about wrapped in blankets to keep warm while clutching a box of Kleenex® for security.

If your home has a forced air furnace you need to inform your companion human

to ensure the humidifier is functioning correctly and is free of any molds or mildew. If the humidifier has an evaporator element it should be cleaned or replaced prior to use during the cold months. A properly operating humidifier will insure there is moisture in the air and helps prevent excessively dry skin and will help us keep all of our feathers in tip top shape. A home with hot water or steam heat (generally recognized because they utilize wall or baseboard registers) doesn't have a humidifier because the heat is moister than a forced air furnace. Tell your human to pay attention to their own skin; if it's dry and itchy and they find they are using a lot of lotion and moisturizing cream tell them you have itchy skin also. One of the easiest solutions is increase the number of showers and baths that you take and make sure you preen your feathers dry; don't use a hair dryer! A hair dryer will dry out your skin and might cause you to get the itches.

You companion human needs to observe common sense when it comes to taking you in a car when it's cold outside. Make sure the automobile is started and warmed up before you are put onto the car. Tell your human that if it's too chilly for them to drive without a jacket it's too cold for your carrier to not be wrapped in a towel for warmth.

Therefore, everybody remember moisture is your friend when it's cold outside but you have to stay dry and warm when venturing fourth to the outside when it's cold.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie



PARTY ANIMAL

It started out like any other phone call this woman was asking for advice about her African Gray but the advice she needed left me laughing and I'm sure you will too. She was having a 4th birthday party for her daughter and there were between 12 and 15 children there as well; all 4 and 5 years old. They were playing games and things began to get loud and the excitement level was reaching a very high level. As the kids got ramped up so did the Gray and he began making all sorts of amusing sounds and talking away like there was no tomorrow. When all of a sudden he let his freak flag fly and came out with some very colorful language much to the horror of this woman and her husband. The kids all began to say the bird said a bad word and began laughing which encouraged the bird even more. Finally, the bird was put in his night-night cage in another room away from the party but the damage was done. She wanted to know how to stop the bird from ever saying those words again. I told her you can minimize this by not reacting when he says them and he may not say them for a while but unfortunately he has them and will say

them again at some time, usually when you don't want him to. She was not happy but they needed to turn down the TV when movies with that sort of language are on. Can you imagine when the other parents ask how was the party and their kids say the bird said #*!& and %\$*& I would love to see the look on their faces. Also I bet they don't ever go to a party at that house again! Ah birds gotta love em!

Rambling with Rambo



Really not much to say these past few months. Daddy has been busy with other things. So I have not been getting much attention.

And we have missed many Educational show.

The past few, Daddy was not paying attention to the show dates.

But on the good side of things. The Guardians For Animals show was really good. We had lots of fun. The first day we took that friend of Daddy's Lisa. The second day, we took a new friend of his. This was Miss Karen. She is looking to become a Rainbow Feathers member. She want another bird after the holidays. Her other one died a few months back. This is a really nice person. She helped all day. Then she helped pack everything at the end of the day. And naturally, she loved Yours Truly. Well how could anyone help but love me, and all the other Macaws. Remember the Macaws are the stars of the event.

Captain Morgan dressed up for the pet costume contest. Naturally, Dave wore his pirate outfit.

We all had a good time this year. I was not as stressed out as last year. Yes last year I was a bad little bird. Last year I bit daddy many times. This year I was much better. I was nice to everyone.

In a couple of weeks, we are going to the big Pet Expo in Novi, Michigan. We plan on being there all 3 days. Miss Karen will be there on Sunday. She is bringing a friend with her. That is great. That will be another person to enjoy the day with.

Daddy is hoping to bring a new friend of his one of the days. Listen you, don't take any attention from me. He is my Daddy. I don't like sharing him.

Well everyone, I hope to see many of you there. And oh yes. The October meeting was great. There were many people we have been missing, lots of food, and the usual fun. Packo got carsick again. Then he barked all over the back of daddy's white shirt. Poor Packo. He has not been feeling well since the meeting. So he may not write his column this month.

Though Daddy had those mean people cut my nails, and file my beak, I still had a good time at the October meeting. I am so much better there. I don't mind if Packo wants daddy's attention. He is still a little nervous with all the noise

That is all I have to say this month.

As always, Remember,
Have Fun, (try to) Be Good,
and Never Forget,
Macaws Rule.

Rambo





Bits from Baby

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

October was the last busiest month this year. We still have three more Senior Programs in November and one in December to do and then we can rest up for next year.

We also have The Pet Expo at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi from Nov. 11th thru the 13th. That is one of the shows I get to attend with all the other feathered and non-feathered members. I like to call it THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH! I hope to see you guys there to have one great party and meet a lot of nice people that come to visit our group!!

The October meeting was great with fifty people, there were forty-five club members and five guests of which two joined our flock. There were six African Grays, Eight Cockatoos, and seven Macaws plus sixteen other types of Parrots there.

See you all at the next meeting.

Your friend Baby

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THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE

THE

RESCUE RANGERS

IN

WRANGLING

COCKATIELS IN LAKE ORION

Well here we are again speeding off to another adventure this time in Lake Orion the wrangle not one, not two, but twelve Cockatiels (yes I said twelve) but you would not believe how they were kept! Now before you get the wrong idea they were not abused, neglected or otherwise in poor shape on the other hand they were beautiful. What made this so unique was they were free flighted in a bedroom that had been converted into their own little birdie paradise. As the Rangers walked into the room it was like a scene out of Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds just without the blood, gore and attacking of humans. Armed with a net and a towel it actually looked like the Rangers knew what they were doing instead of winging it (in these situations you always wing it because they are all different). So they went about the task of wrangling twelve free flighted Cockatiels flying like fighter jets. Every now and then you could hear a victory cry as they slowly caught one bird after another and the carriers began to fill up until there was just one left. Now as we all know that one that was left probably watched and learned as his roommates were captured one by one and figured out the best way to elude his own capture. He would fly over the short one which was fairly easy seeing how he was vertically challenged but the guy with the net well he was taller and tougher and would take a little more skill to stay away from.

This Cockatiel really gave the Rangers a run for their money bobbing, ducking and weaving around the room but he finally made an epic mistake. He must have thought that the net was shorter than it was and alighted on the curtain rod and with lightening quick speed Ranger Steve pounced and netted him before he knew what had happened. Finally, all were caught and all of their stuff was loaded into the rescue mobile for the trip home. Before the Rangers could leave the people turning in the birds made sure to give the Rangers a very big donation for coming out and helping them out like this what a great day. It wasn't long before all of them found homes and the twelve were now only birds but part of a much nicer flock where spoiling was always on the agenda. What a great ending but there were still more adventures to be had and rescues to be done but they were up to the task for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay tuned for our next adventure A Blue and Gold & A Gray in Belleville



Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S
CORNER

Three cheers to the
birds we are finally making headway into

the dog and cat dominated world of placing at contest. With myself and my pet human taking third in the costume contest at the Guardians for Animals Pet Expo and Tuna taking third in the mummy wrap and second in the trick contest we are making Fido and Fluffy very nervous. Of course you have to have pet humans with a very high tolerance for embarrassment and low shame factor and you're good to go. I know we have that in spades or they would not let us make them look bad at all these programs we do. Still it's all in fun so they say but we birds can see that competitive streak come out in them when we do these contest. I even stooped to letting them put a Pirate medallion around my neck but stopped short at holding the Pirate Flag. Now by the time you get this the Novi Pet Expo will be over but I know there will be more than one Pirate there this time and I say the more the merrier. So I personally am glad that our pet humans supposedly throw maturity out the window at these events and live on the wild side. I say it is fun to sometimes let your freak flag fly and just enjoy the moment we birds do it all the time, now wait a minute, are they copying us, I'll bet they are thank goodness there is nothing worse than a stuffy human. So let us not worry about maturity but have fun and if others don't like it I have just one thing to say Stay away we don't adult very well sometimes!!!!!!!!!!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



RESCUE UPDATE

Our rescue continues to be active. We have adopted to new homes two parrots, A Green Cheek Conure and a Quaker Parakeet.

All these birds went to their new homes with cages, food and toys. Thanks to all of you, our generous club members. It is because of your support and participation in our monthly club raffles and your donations that help to make our rescue the success that it is. Keep up the great work, our thanks to all of you.

A bird's droppings can be an early indicator of illness



By Don J. Harris, DVM

Because birds are excellent at hiding illness, your bird's dropping may be one of the early indicators that your bird is sick. There are three components to your bird's droppings—the stool component, the urine component and the uric acid component. Changes

in any of the three components should be taken seriously and may indicate your bird is sick. Any abnormal signs demand the immediate attention of your veterinarian.

1. The stool component

The stool comes from the gastrointestinal tract and is usually a greenish rope or blob. This portion of the bird's droppings is highly influenced by the bird's diet and can radically vary with a change in diet. For example, beets can make the stools red, while blueberries may turn the stools purple. Colorants in some commercial diets can also change the color of the stools. Color changes are often irrelevant, but bird owners should be concerned if the stools become black or have a strong or unusual odor.

2. The urine component

The relatively clear, watery urine portion is produced by your bird's kidneys. The amount of water in your bird's droppings is directly influenced by the water content of the foods your bird eats. Wet stools, however, should become drier with dry foods. Large amounts of water persistently present in the droppings could be a sign of serious disease and you should consult your avian veterinarian.

3. The uric acid component

The white/cream colored uric acid portion of your bird's droppings is a very important indicator of health. This part of the droppings should without exception be white or near white in color. Changes to lime green, bright yellow, mustard brown, pale brown and brick red are common signs of very serious illness. Any change from normal should be investigated immediately. Establish a normal benchmark in your bird by observing and keeping a record of the number, volume, color and consistency of your bird's droppings. This can be very helpful later if you notice a change.

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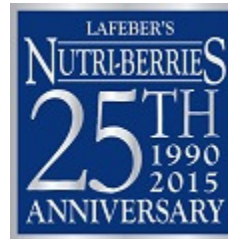
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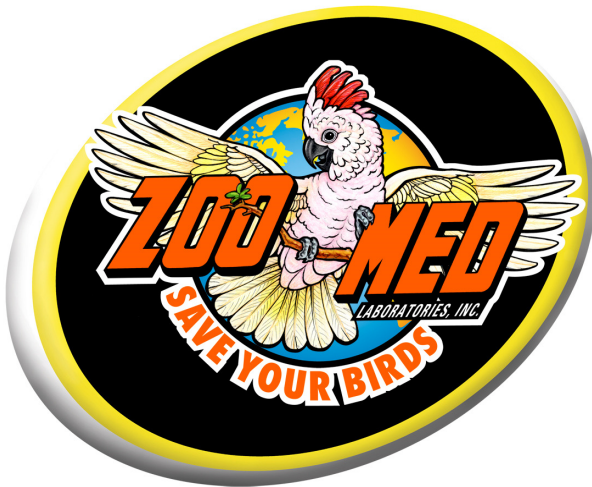


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Who we are and what we are about

- 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.

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.

Ads will be run free for members having a one-time sale (baby birds, etc.) A business membership may be required to run an ad multiple times or for a business.

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

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.



Monthly Potluck

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



FROM THE PREZ:



OK are you not loving this weather I put up Christmas decorations in shorts it seemed so strange but was so nice and the weather has been anything but fall or winter like. I am sure it will change and I am not looking forward to it. I must say that we did an outstanding job at the Novi Pet Expo we were jammed with people even during the shows and because of the nicer weather the attendance was up over years past. We even broke a record making the most in donations we have ever made at the expo \$800 that just blew me away. Also we were asked to help a gentleman from Canada whose name was Jessie James aka The Bird Whisperer (a bird behaviorist) by supplying birds for his talks and boy did we come through better than even he expected. Now mind you he

travels the world doing these talks and helping with problem birds and he told me that we were the best group he has ever worked with in the **ENTIRE WORLD**, yes you read that right the entire world and he has been doing this for a long time. So to get praise like that is a testament to how our group operates and the impression we give to the people. He even told the people that put on the expo this and could not stop praising our group to them. The thing that impressed him the most is how we did not leave anyone out young to old and even those in wheelchairs we made it a point to make sure they all had the same experience and got to handle a bird if they wanted to. So to all those who gave up their time to help us at the expo a huge thank you for all you did that weekend. One strange thing did happen a small furry white thing appeared at our booth in back this thing also known as a bunny was adopted by one of our club members who shall remain nameless cute wins again!!! So now as the winter weather approaches, yes it is coming, remember this is Michigan it likes to surprise us; we slow down on the programs and can take a breather until things start up again in the spring. Also remember at the December meeting it is our mystery raffle bring something nice (no more than \$5) wrapped or bagged and let's have some fun. Speaking of fun I will not be adulting that day so let's have some holiday fun and wear your ugliest Christmas/holiday shirt or sweater remember nothing is too ugly! So at this time I would like to wish all of you the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest of New Years may you all be blessed this holiday season and 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 18th. 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.

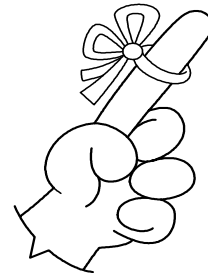
VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall assume the President's responsibilities in the absence or disability of the President, keep constantly informed of Club activities, and shall be responsible for special programs and social events.

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 2016 do not have to pay dues in January. Your membership is valid until January 2018!



Bits from Baby

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

The Pet Expo at the Suburban Collection

Showplace in Novi was a great success and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. We visited so many people that we even blocked the isles. I think this was the best Pet Expo we ever did!!! Santa stopped by for a visit and got his yearly photo with all our feathered members. There was so much going on in the three days that it would take a book to cover it all. I cannot wait till next year

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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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.

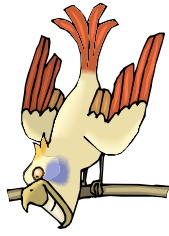


BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

ATTENTION:

Since it is our Christmas/Holiday meeting let us get a little goofy, crazy and what the heck immature wear your ugly Holiday sweater, T-shirt or sweat shirt and let's have some fun!

SHERYL KRASNOW	JAN. 1
TOM POKRYFKY	JAN. 9
CHARLES DIXON	JAN. 18
LEONARD SKOWRONSKI	JAN. 20
MARY-ELLEN WILSON	JAN. 25
KEN LAWRENCE	JAN. 26
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SHAE FENNELLY	JAN. 28
ANN STEFFY	JAN. 30
SANDRA KEMPISTY	JAN. 31



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

An amazingly fantastic effort resulted in our best showing ever at the Pet Expo in November. We the feathered members of our club were absolutely outstanding which resulted in our booth being one of the most popular booths at the expo. If it sounds like I'm bragging, I am! The expo in past years listed our club as a rescue then last year we were listed as an attraction, however this year we were listed as a featured attraction! True to our reputation we were a destination at the Pet Expo for everyone to enjoy.

There was an avian behaviorist at the expo (known as the bird whisperer) who was from Canada so he was unable to bring his own companion parrots to the events so we

volunteered to assist him with his presentations. At the same time, we had to keep enough feathered members available to stage souvenir photographs for the public. This wasn't a problem for us at all on average there was a minimum of about twenty to twenty-five feathered members present at any time.

It's very difficult to be at a three-day event like this without having any controversies and yes we had some issues. On Saturday three of our human members thought they could up-stage the feathered members by dressing up like pirates, it didn't work! Dave, Kathe and Courtney though dressed in their finest swash buckling attire couldn't command the attention that our feathered finery displayed. They may have managed to squeeze their way into a few pictures but never without a feathered member present. Oh, by the way, if anyone is interested I have not lost any of my charm and allure.

All of you know that I do live and practice an alternative life style and I'm not the only club member that does so. A point of fact is that there were three or four of us at the expo that live the same life style. In case anybody doesn't know what I'm referring to; I'm a feather picker and we do garner ooh's and awe's. We're always mistaken for baby chicks and young birds. That's when I tell them my motto; "life is grand when you dare to be bare."

If you are interested in viewing any photographs from the Novi Pet Expo 2016 you can go to their Facebook page and look for images of parrots in the pictures.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

LAUGHING ON THE INSIDE



Well The Novi Pet

Expo has come and gone but people never cease to give me great stuff for the newsletter and you know I love to share it with you. This is the stuff that always has me laughing on the inside, at least until they leave then all bets are off.

On Saturday (I was dressed like a Pirate) one guy ask me if I was trying to be Captain Arab (I think he meant Ahab).

One woman asked me if we return them to the wild where we got them originally when we are done with them.

One woman looked at Cosmo our Lesser Sulphur Crested Cockatoo and said to Tammy “that’s the biggest Cockatiel I have ever seen”.

One guy called me a liar when I told him they were all Parrots.

A very expensively dressed couple, (I only know this because they wouldn’t hold a bird for fear it would ruin their designer clothes) looked at Ruby our female Eclectus and said “those colors don’t go together” like I had something to do with her color scheme.

Another guy was disappointed because he expected Hawks, Eagles and Owls and all he saw were frou-frou birds. He thought it was a real rescue.

As always one guy looked at me and said I really thought those gray birds were Pigeons.

One woman thought we rehabilitated them for release back into their native habitats. Where then would Captain get his cashews!

Another guy asked me what we did with them when we were done with them at the expo I said we take them home but he said but what do you do with them for a whole year (everyone knows we let the air out of them and put them away until next year, duh).

My favorite was a woman looked at Aurora the Rose Breasted Cockatoo and asked me this question (and yes this does qualify as a truly stupid question), is that a Flamingo? Why yes I just hit this button and her legs and neck retract very convenient for travel.

Sadly, this is our last event until the weather warms up again but fear not when I get these gems I will pass them on to you can count on that!!!



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 fund raiser 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. Daphne a Canary Wing Parakeet; Jake A Moluccan Cockatoo, Toby a Quaker Parrot and a Green Cheek Conure were all rescued and went to a foster home. All four of these parrots have been adopted by their fostering homes.

Pookie II a Cape Parrot whom was rescued over four years ago after being found in an abandoned barn was adopted. Calliope a Nanday Conure was surrendered and adopted also. There is also a Cockatiel that was found outside who has been placed in a new home.

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



Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well I do not know about anyone else but I am

STILL exhausted from the Novi Pet Expo but what a fine event it was. As always we were the busiest booth in the place always jammed with people marveling at how beautiful we looked even my pet human dressing up like a Pirate (Mr. Depp you have nothing to worry about) could not distract from my feathered friends or myself. We stole the show as always and I even noticed two other Pirates there but they were much prettier than the Pirate I got stuck with.

Anyway it was a super event but I want to know why everything turns into a party with this bunch I mean they were carrying on like a bunch of college kids at a fraternity /sorority mixer. At times I felt like I was in the movie Animal House thank goodness there was no Jell-O or mashed potatoes.

Then I noticed something the people coming into our booth began to behave just like our pet humans I guess we bring out the party in people. Then on Sunday we got on TV again (even though my pet human has a face for radio) they keep putting his mug, Steve, Tammy and Celeste on TV and Pookie, Sparky, J.B., Tuna and myself do agree it was a wise move for Tammy and Celeste to be there to class up the booth for the television interview. Now we are plunging headlong into the Christmas Season (hey I say Christmas season not Holiday season

I'm a Parrot I don't have to be politically correct) and I have heard a rumor that my pet human is planning to do something silly, (imagine that!!). It has something to do with ugly Christmas sweaters/shirts but it looks like I am going to be embarrassed once again. Oh well humans happen what are you going to do but roll with it. So at this time I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah and whatever holiday applies to you I hope it is merry and bright!

Cheers

Captain Morgan



Fishing for Tuna

This isn't a tale about fishing for Bluefin Tuna on the Atlantic Ocean this is a short story of 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.

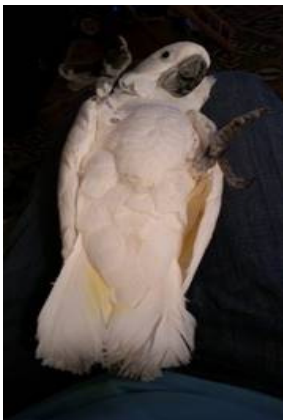
Cockatoos are about the size of thirty to fifty finches with a much busier beak.

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.

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Belleville what a pleasant sounding name for a city it conjures up serene pastoral scenes with trees and cows and horses and barns, sorry got a little carried away waxing poetic (I know you're saying, really, ugh!). Anyway this is where the Rangers were taken to next to rescue not one but two larger parrots one being a Blue and Gold Macaw and a Congo African Gray. How this came to be was the husband and wife who owned these two were moving. Now before you get all huffy about it; thinking why didn't they take the birds with them sometimes it is not that simple. He took a promotion that had him going out of state permanently and they bought a condo that allowed pets just not the feathered kind. You see many places do not allow large loud birds now with the Macaw I can see this but Grays are very quiet none the less all larger parrots are viewed as loud and not allowed in the condo situation. Both of these birds were very much loved and it was a heart wrenching decision to turn them into the rescue. When the Rangers arrived they were saying their goodbyes to their beloved feathered friends and yes the tears were flowing. It was a very sad, sad scene as they reluctantly said goodbye and watched as the birds and all their belongings were loaded into the rescue mobile. Both people disappeared into the almost empty house

quickly because it was tearing them up to see them go. With bird's cages and toys loaded up the Rangers were on their way. It would not be long before both birds would be adopted as they were very friendly and sweet but the memory of that surrender still haunts the Rangers today. So remember not all surrenders are done because they want to it is because circumstances warrant it be it moving to a non-pet friendly environment or divorce many are done with a heavy heart. Be that as it may there is little time to dwell on every rescue for there are more yet to be done but they will be ready for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay tuned for our next edge of your seat adventure
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Upcoming Events

UP COMING
EVENTS

As of
Dec. 7th 2016

*******2017*******

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

Start 2:00 pm

May 2nd
Tuesday

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

*****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

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A Cracked Christmas Carol
By Dave Carol

THE CHRISTMAS WALTZ

(PARROT STYLE)

SUNG TO THE TUNE OF THE CHRISTMAS WALTZ

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
The same things too
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 tours
The same things too!!!
(My apology to the original!)





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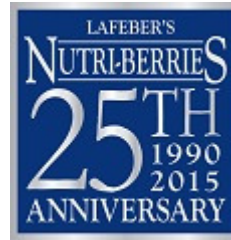
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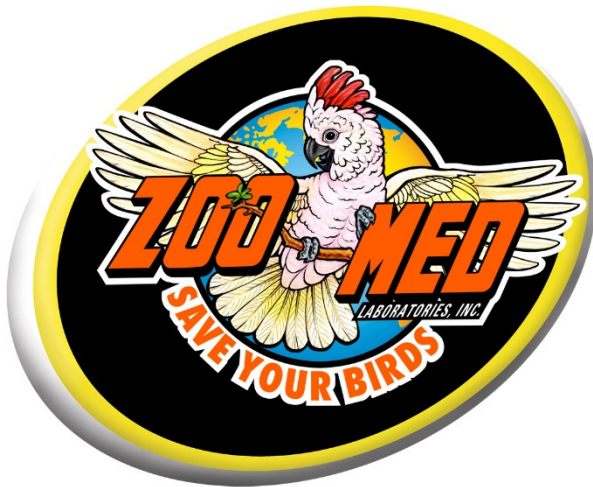


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Birmingham Veterinary Clinic
33788 Woodward Avenue
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

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5900 Canton Center Road North
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Commerce Twp., MI 48382

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(248) 363-0822
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Rochester Animal Clinic
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Southfield, MI 48076

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