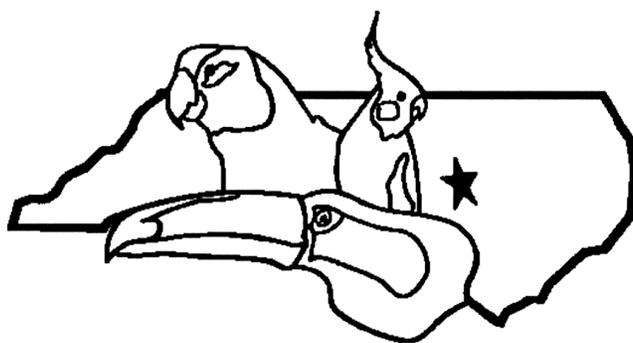


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A MESSAGE FROM THE FAIR CHAIRMAN

Welcome, I hope you enjoy our Twenty-first Annual Pet Bird Fair, Eleventh Annual Cockatiel Show, and Eighth Annual Lovebird Show. I am sure it will be an enjoyable and educational experience for you. This is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the beauty and intelligence of the birds on exhibit, and learn about the joys of keeping birds and about their care. If you haven't already, please join the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society. The cost of membership is minimal in comparison to what you will learn and the friendships you will make with the fellow bird lovers in our club. I hope to see you at future meetings.

John Marquis, Bird Fair Chairman, RDCBS

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THE RDCBS 2009 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

All members of the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird society and I welcome you to our 21st Annual Pet Bird Fair. Your attendance at this event makes it the success it has been for over 20 years now. Our club works hard to make this an event you will enjoy whether you are showing your birds, admiring the birds in our pet bird display, shopping for your feathered friends, or looking for a new addition to your feathered family. We would love to have you as a new member of our society! Our monthly meetings give all of us an opportunity to learn more about our birds and their care, what is happening with the many species of parrots in the wild and their conservation, plus how avian medicine is changing and improving. Come join us! You will meet new friends of both human and avian nature. Thank you for making our Bird Fair a huge success!

Sincerely,
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President - RDCBS

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The RDCBS membership is comprised of over 100 families or individuals, including pet bird owners, bird breeders, pet store owners and employees, and veterinarians and their assistants and students. A large number of species are represented among members' bird families, with psittacine birds ranging from budgerigars to Hyacinth macaws and non-psittacines from finches to peafowl. The primary purposes of the RDCBS are to educate club members and members of the general public about the care and breeding of caged birds and about larger avicultural concerns such as captive propagation of rare and endangered species and conservation of avian species in their native habitats.

The club meets on the third Sunday of each month (with the exception of June, in which we will be meeting the second Sunday of that month) at 2:30 P.M. at the Glen Eden Pilot Park Community Building on the west side of Raleigh. Meetings include lectures or demonstrations on a variety of avicultural topics and also feature a "bird species of the month". Our meetings also provide a chance to cultivate friendships with other aviculturists and pet bird owners.

A bimonthly newsletter, *The Carolina Parakeet*, is published for members and provides useful information on a variety of avicultural topics and current concerns. The RDCBS' educational outreach program includes its annual Pet Bird Fair held on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend each year. In addition, the RDCBS provides bird exhibits at the North Carolina State Fair and at special events. Various members also provide educational demonstrations about cage birds for 4-H groups, school classroom projects or field trips, nursing homes, etc. The RDCBS is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization in accordance with IRS tax code section 501(c)(3). Thus, your donations to the RDCBS are tax-deductible. Information about RDCBS and avicultural topics of interest are also accessible online at RDCBS' Web site: <http://www.rdcbs.org>.

This site includes the latest information about upcoming RDCBS events, selected articles from *The Carolina Parakeet*, and links to the Web sites of the aforementioned national societies with which we are affiliated.

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Perhaps the most important contribution the RDCBS makes to Aviculture is public education through our various educational outreach activities. These activities range from single-member, free-lance volunteer efforts to large organized club events. Many individuals in the club accept invitations to present informal programs including live bird demonstrations for school classroom projects or field trips, nursing home entertainment, etc. If your school or organization would like to host an educational bird program, call April Blazich, (919) 851-8079; aprilb@bellsouth.net Of course, the largest educational program-exhibition sponsored by the RDCBS is our Annual Bird Fair, held on the Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend each May. An additional program/exhibit has become a major annual event for the RDCBS, at the NC State Fair each October.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR:

Our participation at the State Fair developed through contacts of the Fair staff with RDCBS member, April Blazich. Several years ago, the Fair developed a Tropical Garden next to the Flower Show. At this time the Superintendent of Grounds asked April to arrange a small exhibit of some tropical birds which would add to this popular corner of the Fair. What began as the occasional-presence of two people with a bird or two on the grass has evolved into a formal exhibit in a tent, meeting hundreds of people, from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm through out the duration of the NC State Fair.

CALL FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS:

The RDCBS believes that public education is the best way to preserve and promote aviculture (the care and breeding of captive birds), to promote conservation of birds in their native lands, and to ensure that owners of pet birds have adequate knowledge to provide proper nutrition, housing, and socialization for their pets. By becoming involved as an Educational Outreach Volunteer, you can help to fulfill these educational purposes of the RDCBS. **SO, ARE YOU READY TO JOIN THE RDCBS TEAM AND VOLUNTEER? HERE'S HOW – Just contact any of the RDCBS Club Board Members or Elected Officers listed in this book and we will be happy to get you started.**

PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED BY RDCBS BIRD FAIRS

Since its inception, the Raleigh-Durham Caged Bird Society has contributed over \$55,000 in support of avian veterinary research, parrot conservation, and/or public education pertaining to same. In large part, these contributions have come from the proceeds of our seventeen previous pet bird fairs.

The RDCBS has contributed to organizations such as Veterinary Colleges across the Country, Dr. Donald Brightsmith Texas A & M, Dr. Branson Ritchie, and Mary Bradford for the support of "The Tropics", LSU Foundation, Comparative Medicine Fund, Duke University, NC Zoological Society, RARE Center for Tropical Conservation, Bahamas Parrot Conservation Project.

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VETERINARY CARE FOR YOUR BIRDS

Sick birds may show little sign of illness until critically ill. To be prepared, you should select a veterinarian for your bird **IN ADVANCE**. Note that a veterinary degree does not imply more than cursory training in avian medicine. Moreover, many veterinarians with small animal practices see principally dogs and cats and may have little if any experience with diseases which afflict birds. On the contrary, a veterinarian may achieve certification as an avian specialist through the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners. To become a Board-Certified Avian Specialist, a veterinarian must pass a rigorous three-part examination. Moreover, before he/she can even take the exam, a veterinarian must meet eligibility requirements which include either 6 years of experience with birds in a veterinary practice, or completion of a qualified avian residency training program (usually a 2 to 3 year program). At present, there are only four board-certified avian specialists in the Raleigh-Durham area. A larger number of veterinarians, although not certified as avian specialists, do accept birds as part or all of their veterinary practice and, in this broad sense, are "avian veterinarians". These veterinarians are listed on the following page. Most are members of the Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV). Note: RDCBS does not endorse any individual veterinarian.



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The Carolina Parakeet



Figure 1. Approximate boundary of the early historical range of the Carolina Parakeet.

The Carolina Parakeet was once a locally abundant resident of mature sycamore-dominated bottomlands and bald cypress swamps of the southeastern and midwestern states. A bird of brilliant green, yellow, and orange coloration, it was the only native representative of the Psittacidae in its range, and it moved about in large, fast-flying flocks, adding a dramatic and seemingly tropical touch to the landscape. The Seminoles knew the species as “puzzi la nee” (literally “head of yellow”) or “pot pot chee,” while the Chickasaws called it “kelinky.” European settlers christened it with numerous variants of “parrot” and “parakeet,” ranging from “paroquet” and “paraquet,” to “parrotkite, parrakeeto, parrowceat” and “parrot queet.” Noisy and conspicuous, the species was unlikely to be overlooked in any location where it regularly occurred.

Unfortunately, with no confirmed reports of its continued existence in more than 60 years, the Carolina Parakeet is now generally presumed extinct. And although many early naturalists, such as William Bartram, Alexander Wilson, and John J. Audubon wrote of the species, it never received comprehensive biological study before its passing. As a result, many aspects of its ecology and causes of extinction will probably always remain unknown or speculative.

A consumer of sandspurs, cockleburrs, thistles, pine seeds, and bald cypress balls, as well as fruits, buds, and seeds of many other plant species, the Carolina Parakeet was evidently a fairly typical psittacid, with catholic feeding habits, loud vocalizations, and highly social tendencies. However, unlike many other parrots, it was clearly a species well adapted to survive cold winter weather. Although generally regarded with favor by early settlers, the parakeet was also known locally as a pest species in orchards and fields of grain, and was persecuted to some extent for crop depredations. Its vulnerability to shooting was universally acknowledged and was due to a strong tendency for flocks not to flee under fire, but to remain near wounded conspecifics that were calling in distress. Nevertheless, McKinley (1960, 1980, 1985) presented a persuasive case that shooting to avenge or avert crop depredations was unlikely as the major cause of extinction.

In addition to being shot for depredations, the species was also sometimes shot for sport, for food, or for its colorful feathers. Additionally, it was captured for the pet trade with some frequency, although it was not a good talker. More than 800 study and display specimens were procured by various museums and private collectors (Hahn 1963, McKinley 1985), but while this may seem like a substantial total, many were collected when there were likely many tens of thousands of parakeets still in existence, and it is easy to overestimate the importance of such collecting in the species' disappearance.

Destruction of the original bottomland forests in its range was also occurring as the species declined and may have played a role in its loss (Askins 1999). In addition, McKinley (1960, 1980) hypothesized harmful competition for nest and roost holes from an introduced species, the honeybee (*Apis mellifera*), as well as a steady loss of potential parakeet nest trees intrinsic to the harvest of wild hives. Finally, though evidence is inconclusive, there are grounds for suspecting that diseases, perhaps especially exotic diseases transmitted from poultry, may have been important in the parakeet's demise.

Few nests were ever reported for the Carolina Parakeet, and for most of these, documentation was extremely sketchy. No information at all is available on many other aspects of the species' biology, such as age of first breeding, mating systems, frequency of breeding, nest-site fidelity, and age-specific mortality rates. Further, the data on many features, such as feeding habits and sex ratios, are troubled by major observational biases. And despite the abundance of museum specimens in existence, practically no specimens were collected in mid- to late summer, precluding a full documentation of molt or of potential variations in Juvenal plumage.

Thus there are no known ways to evaluate many issues in Carolina Parakeet biology except through extrapolations from the biology of closely related species and through reasoned interpretations of the fragmentary writings of observers who have long since passed from the scene. Fortunately, early naturalists prepared a few accounts with substantial amounts of useful information. Especially valuable have been the historical firsthand accounts of Wilson (1811), Audubon (1831), Charles Maynard (1881), Frank Chapman (1890, 1932), and Charles Bendire (1895). Excellent reviews of the early parakeet literature were provided by Amos Butler (1892) and Albert Wright (1912). Likewise, the monograph of Joseph Forshaw (1989) has provided many useful points of comparison with other parrot species.

But surely the most important source materials available have been the many insightful Carolina Parakeet papers of Daniel McKinley, which appeared between 1959 and 1985. McKinley's publications provide an exhaustive annotated bibliography of early accounts of the species and offer some of the most valuable analyses available of its ecology and conservation woes. They also constitute some of the most forthright and delightfully written ornithological essays of recent times. This Birds of North America account owes a major debt to McKinley's painstaking efforts.

The present account is also based on interviews conducted in 1979 in the region where the species made its last major stand in central Florida. There, with the help of Rod Chandler, NFRS located many senior citizens who recalled personal experiences with the parakeet in the 1910s and 1920s. Their recollections provide a valuable and in some respects surprising commentary on the species' habits and causes of extinction.

This information was provided by the Birds of North America Online (<http://bna.birds.cornell.edu>) and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Teaching Jake and Lucy to Feed their Babies

By: Laura Marquis

Most breeders at one point or another in their breeding endeavors run into the situation where a pair of their birds will not feed their babies. There is a lot of speculation as to why this occurs. Perhaps the parents are new and don't know to feed, perhaps the parents feel it is an unsafe environment to raise their babies or perhaps they were hand fed themselves and simply never had the experience of being parent fed for a long enough time inhibiting their instinctual memory recall to feed their babies. This mystery will not likely be resolved.

Jake and Lucy are a pair of Severe Macaws; they came to our aviary when they were approximately Nine years old. We housed them in a 4' x 4' x 6' suspended cage. They were very happy to fly back and fourth, play with their toys, and chatter away at us when we were in the aviary. After several years and no sign of them mating or even thinking about mating we made the decision that this pair will not produce babies and we decided to move them to a smaller 4' x 4' x 4' cage, and use the larger cage for another pair of birds we were acquiring. With in a few months, Lucy and Jake had their first egg. We were amazed and very excited.

After 27 very eagerly anticipated days, the first baby hatched. Unfortunately the first baby didn't survive. The second egg hatched and we watched, and waited to see what was going on in the nest box and sadly we realized Jake and Lucy were not feeding their baby. We quickly pulled the baby and started hand feeding a day one chick, every two hours around the clock. Exhausted and blurry eyed my husband John and I began to question why Jake and Lucy wouldn't feed their babies. Asking several well seasoned breeders we came to the conclusion that this was their first time for babies, and we needed to let a few babies go across the rainbow bridge in order for Jake and Lucy realize they need to feed the babies too. When clutch #2 came along, John and I waited, and checked, and waited and checked on the baby, but Jake and Lucy still would not feed their babies and we could not sit by and let the baby pass, so once again we resorted to the two hour feedings on a new born. We began questioning whether or not it was possible to teach parent birds to feed their babies? Most breeders told us it was not possible and we resided ourselves to the fact that if we wanted these babies to survive we would need to hand feed from day one. One day while attending a meeting at the Raleigh Durham Caged Bird Society we had the good fortune to meet Dr. Donald Brightsmith who was giving a talk about his Macaw Research. On break we spoke with Dr. Brightsmith about Jake and Lucy and asked him for ideas on how to teach Jake and Lucy to feed. Dr. Brightsmith told us it was a long shot but to try hand feeding the babies in the nest. Dr. Brightsmith speculated that perhaps the babies were not asking to be fed; therefore, the trigger was not there for Jake and Lucy to feed. We anxiously waited for the next breeding season to come to try this new idea, finally another year had passed and Jake and Lucy had a new clutch of eggs, the babies hatched, and as expected they would not feed them. We started marching out to the aviary with hand feeding formula and syringe in hand, we coaxed Jake and Lucy out of the nest box and fed the baby, then let Jake and Lucy back in. Two hours later we checked the baby, but there was no food in the crop so we waited another hour. When it became apparent that they hadn't feed the baby, we once again brought in the formula and gave another feeding and left the baby with mom and dad. After going through a whole day and waking the entire household at 2am, 4am 6am we realized this would not work for us and Jake and Lucy were still not going to feed the babies, and we pulled the baby and began the hand feeding from the brooder. We waited for the next clutch and tried again, but to no avail, the parents still would not feed.

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 3. Flax oil

Teaching Jake and Lucy to Feed their Babies (continued)

The following year Dr. Brightsmith came back to RDCBS to give a talk and an up date on his Tambopata Macaw Research project. Again, we described our experience with Jake and Lucy and Dr. Brightsmith offered a few more ideas to try, but to no avail, they did not work. We had resided ourselves once again to the thought that we would have to handfed the day one hatchlings. Another mating season passed and a new one came, Jake and Lucy like clockwork laid another clutch of eggs. At first hatch, we pulled the babies and began to feed that clutch around the clock. Then clutch two came and once again the feedings began. Extremely fatigued baby #6 hatched from the second clutch of the season and I stood in front of the nest box wondering – why won't you feed these babies!!!!????? I decided to give Dr. Brightsmiths suggestion another try, feed the baby and put it back in the nest. As expected Jake and Lucy did not get the hint. It was growing late in the day and I knew we would have to pull the baby and put it in a brooder, and once again we would continue our 2 am feeding routine. Out of desperation for sleep, I grabbed the formula and syringe, marched to the aviary baby in hand, and stood in front of Jake and Lucy, they quickly came to the cage wall to see what I was doing to their baby and I showed them how I was feeding their baby, then told them to Pleeeeeease feed your kids!!! I placed the baby back into the nest and hoped they would feed their baby. Two hours later I checked the baby and there was a small amount of food in the crop. Not sure if it was from my feeding or from Jake and Lucy, I left the baby and re checked 4 hours from my last hand feeding and to our delight there was food in the crop. We kept checking every 4 hours and to our amazement Jake and Lucy fed their baby.

The next year breeding season began and Jake and Lucy hatched baby #1, but did not feed it, so we once again, pulled the baby and fed it for two days, then baby #2 hatched and we traded baby #1 for baby #2, Jake and Lucy began to feed Baby #1. Our new challenge was to teach them to feed the just hatched baby. On the second clutch of eggs, we coaxed Jake and Lucy to feed younger and younger babies until to date, Jake and Lucy are now feeding their babies from day of hatch. The next question was would they remember the next year/season? The answer is yes, they are now wonderful parents.

We did see Dr. Brightsmith again and happily reported to him what we did and the results and he said – of course, they must have been hand fed themselves (which they were), so they needed the trigger of the hand feeding routine to remind them and/or turn on their instincts to feed their babies.

BIRD BREEDING

(THE GOOD, BAD & UGLY)

By: Gary Engle

Karen and I began breeding birds as a hobby, which is a lot of fun. Below is what I have learned about breeding as I see it. There are good, bad and ugly times about being a breeder.

The Good –

Being able to hand feed a baby and watch it grow is truly a beautiful thing whether it be human, animal or bird. As in raising children, teaching and socializing them is no different than teaching and socializing baby birds. It's always a challenge; they all have their own personalities. Each one is unique, whether it be how quickly they learn or special things they do or how they act.

The Bad –

The things I least enjoy about breeding, but you always have to except the good with the bad when you have a business, is two hour feedings; this is really no fun when you have to get up at 4:30 am for your regular job and you have had about 4 hours sleep. The next least enjoyable chore is cleaning cages, brooders and the bird room. But to maintain a clean, sanitized and healthy Aviary this is a must! The time involved in working in the aviary etc., if you like to go to the beach every week end or go out three times a week, you are going to have problems!!! If you don't mind carrying a portable brooder with you, and stopping for a break every three to four hours to feed babies then you can make it work out. If you want to go away for a week or two you have to find someone responsible who will come in and feed your breeders while you are away, this can be a challenge and costly by its self, you will also have to either find an experienced hand feeder or plan your vacations around "baby season".

The Ugly –

The loss of life is sad whether it is human, animal or a bird. Most people don't think of it that way, an animal or bird is just that, why should you feel for a bird or an animal? Because life is life no matter what form it is. Losing a baby bird or a breeder is always very sad; you always wonder could you have prevented it. In most cases you could not, but you always think what if I would have done this or that. But when you have interaction with your birds' day in and day out, you become attached to them as they do to you.

Since being laid off from my job, I have worked on making our hobby a full time business which is really a challenge and there have been many surprises, between the website maintenance, inventory management, picking up inventory and the bird breeding part of the business! I really enjoy talking to people about birds and educating them about their care. I really am amazed at the small things people don't know or have heard from someone else.

Many people are looking for a way to earn a little extra income these days, if you are considering breeding birds, please take into consideration the following things before you jump in. With the economy in the state it's in be very careful on which birds you choose to breed! I have found small to medium birds, affordable and entertaining. The most important thing is that the Aviary support itself, by this I mean it pays for everything that is needed to run it. You do not want to have to support it out of pocket. If you try this, I don't think you can survive! I would strongly advise you to put back some money for vet bills; sooner or later you will need it! I started by putting back \$20.00 a week, and fortunately by the time I had to go, the money was there. If you don't and you have to take one or two of your breeders to the vet, this could financially strap you. Yes, you can set up a payment plan, but will the aviary support the payment or will you? There are also many other hidden costs involved such as cages for both breeders and babies to come, nest boxes, brooders and incubators, produce along with pellets/seed for a healthy diet, hand feeding formula, leg bands, lights, humidifiers, the increase in electric and water bills, powers supply back up, back up heating in case of a brooder malfunction and even a generator for prolonged power outages, this is just the surface of the costs involved in breeding.

I have found that getting involved with breeding birds has been and continues to be a rich and rewarding experience; I guess I have what Karen calls "Birditis"... an incurable bird lovers condition.

RDCBS Welcomes Show Judges

His Honor **GARY MORGAN**

Panel Judge for: African Love Bird Society
National Cockatiel Society
North American Parrot Society

Gary is from the Denver, Colorado area. He works as a Electrical Engineering Manager at Ball Aerospace in Boulder. He is a breeder, exhibitor and judge of Love Birds, Cockatiels and Parrots. He raises, breeds and shows many of the Masked mutations and Rares.

Gary has served on the board of the National Cage Bird Show, Was a Charter Board member and Regional Director and Judge's Panel Chair for NCS, Chairman and Points Registrar for ALBS, and President of NAPS. He has also served as show manager and many different positions on these clubs as well as local clubs.

His Honor **MIKE MILLER**

Panel Judge for: African Love Bird Society

Mike is from Thomasville, NC. Mike has kept and raised many different types of birds throughout most of his life. In the mid 1970's Mike became interest in lovebirds and their early occurrences of mutations. In 1990, Mike won the National Cage Bird Show in Atlanta and that same year became certified by the ALBS as a judge. Presently Mike's interest and breeding is focused on Peachfaced and Fischer's mutations, Indian Ringneck mutations, Diamond Dove mutations, exhibition Spanish and Cornish chickens, and exhibition Black East Indie Bantam Ducks. Mike served on the ALBS committee that was charged with writing the "standard" for Fischer's and Masked Lovebirds. He also has served as North Carolina State Coordinator for the AFA.

His Honor **JOSE BERNARDY**

Panel Judge for: National Cockatiel Society

Jose Bernardy has been breeding cockatiels since 1997 and has been an NCS Judge since 2006. Jose Bernardy lives in Cayey, Puerto Rico where he is a professional dog groomer. Jose has won many accolades with his exhibition flock of cockatiels included 2003 Exhibitor of the Year. Recently, Jose went 2nd Best In Show at the 2008 Nationals.

Top 10 Signs Your Bird Has Learned Your Internet Password

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1. E-Mail flames from some guy named "Beaky."
2. Traces of nutri-berry in your keyboard.
3. You find you've been subscribed to strange newsgroups like alt.recreational.birdtoy.
4. Your web browser has a new home page: <http://www.parrot.com/>.
5. Your mouse has beak marks in it.
6. Hate-mail messages to Apple Computer Corp. about their release of "CyberCat."
7. Your new ergonomic keyboard has a strange green and white spots on it.
8. You keep finding new software around your house like BirdinTax and War Bird II.
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10. There are little birdie carpal-tunnel braces near the play gym.

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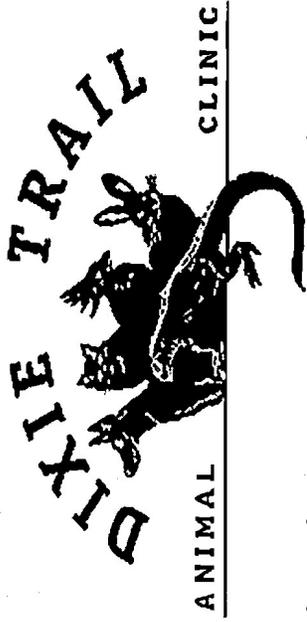
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Tips and Tricks to maintain your aviary

By: Laura Marquis

- To avoid corrosion of the bottom cage tray, try lining the tray with wax paper before placing new paper on to the tray; this will help to keep moisture off the tray.
- For an inexpensive air filter/circulator, purchase a 20" x 20" box fan, replace the side screws with longer screws, and then place an inexpensive 20" x 20" house air filter between the screws on the side where air is drawn in. The filter will catch dust, small feathers and small seed hulls.
- Purchase washable house air exchange filters, while this is a little more expensive initially, you will save in the long run. For even more ease, purchase two filters for each air exchange in your house that way you will have one in place while the other is being washed and drying out. Some of these filters also capture bacteria and large virus cells.
- Before changing your bird papers, mist your bird with a water bottle before changing the cage, the mist will fall on the news paper and keep the dust and feathers from floating into the air when changing the papers and give Polly a welcomed shower.
- When wiping down your birdies cage, give him/her a chemical free paper towel, let him watch you wipe down the cage while he/she has the paper towel, he/she may surprise you and start wiping the cage as well.
- In the winter months, use a humidifier to keep down the dust and help ad moister for your birds skin and sinuses.
- Check your house hold air filter once a week; this will help you determine how often you should change it. With pets, frequent changes will help cut down on dust, hair and save on your electric bill.
- Toys???? Check out the local Dollar Store, the baby section has all kinds of wonderful, brightly colored toys your feathered kid would love to play with.
- Looking for a way for Polly to spend family TV time? How about looking at the PVC Section in the local hardware store. Be creative, and build a play station for Polly to play on while the family is together watching TV. Measure your own creation to fit inside a cage tray/pan to catch the poop. PVC washes easily. Use Medic wrap on the horizontal areas your bird will be on to prevent slipping off. Attach toys by screwing Non toxic metal eye screws into the PVC and attach toys. For larger play stations that sit on the floor try using a pan that fits under a washing machine.



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ABS—American Budgerigar Society

ACS—American Cockatiel Society

AFA—American Federation of Aviculture

ALBS—African Love Bird Society

NAPS—North American Parrot Society

NCS—National Cockatiel Society

SPBE—Society of Parrot Breeders and Exhibitors

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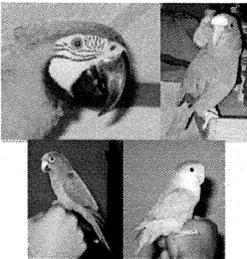
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Birds, Stress and Tough Times

By: Sandra Heet

We are as a Nation feeling uncertain, stressed and outraged over job loss and for some the loss of their home. When suffering a setback the first thought may be to rehome your pet for 'its own good'. The trouble is that shelters are over run, and rescues are going under. The number of homeless pets has increased substantially. There is no guarantee that if the pet is re-homed that it is going to a secure situation. Also re-homing a bird sounds great in concept, but it is as emotionally devastating to your bird as a divorce or death to a human.

It is possible to keep your companion and wait for better times. It is often in your pet's interest to keep your pet with you. To often the perfect home is unrealistic. There is no way to be the perfect spouse, mother, father or pet owner and do not let the information on the internet frighten you or make you feel that you are lacking. Realistically, plan ahead and find someone to take your bird in the event of the worst case scenario, but it is not wrong to try and keep your pet, even if the circumstances are less than ideal.

If you find yourself facing un-employment or loss of a home do not be ashamed or embarrassed. Depression is a side effect of the loss of your work community and it's normal for self-esteem to suffer. Do not hide your situation. You have done nothing wrong. Our pets live to be loved and to give love back. That is the greatest gift we can ever have.

Reach out calmly with a matter of fact and positive attitude, have a plan of action to bring the situation around. The more comfortable and prepared you are the more relaxed and receptive the people around you will be. There are several ways to solicit help from your church, friends, family or the club to find temporary assistance and shelter for you loved pet. Offer to trade or barter services. Someone may be willing to house your bird in return for childcare or house cleaning.

If you are having to work several jobs, increased hours to keep your job and have less time for your bird it's not the end of the world. Parrots require love, respect, and a healthy diet. Parrots are remarkably resilient and adaptable to change. TV, radio or a window view will keep your bird occupied during long absences. Keep a routine of hello and good bye. This can be as simple as a tickle through the bars, sing a little and giving a small treat. Provide them with plenty of toys and things to occupy their time.

When you are stressed your parrot will pick up on this. Stress is reflected in body language and tone of voice. You cannot hide this from your bird. Don't try to, instead, reassure them when you can with cuddles and plenty of communication, even if it's letting them sit out on their perch while you shave or put on your make up for the day. With the change of routine and perhaps added stress in your home your parrots' behavior may change as well, he/she may become more insistent for your attention. Reassure him/her that you are still part of the flock. Birds cannot understand the words, but what they will understand is that you are communicating. This is a positive interaction. You will find that talking will quiet the bird, help you think, unwind and will likely leave you and the bird feeling better.

If your bird is upset- do not handle him/her. Time out on the cage is fine; using a perch to move the bird onto a play stand in the same room is an intelligent choice, tickles through the bars count as touching. Positive interaction can be comforting for both you and your bird.

Parrots do not have to have organic food or exotic fruit to be healthy. Inexpensive items are whole wheat or enriched pasta, corn bread, bananas, sweet potatoes and mixed vegetables such as corn, beans and rice. Buy the family size package. Look for low sodium items. The price is normally \$5.00 to \$7.00, but the food will last a long time. A 20 lb bag of Safflower or Sunflower mix is available at pet stores for around \$25.00 to \$30.00 and will last. The bulk of the seed can be either put in airtight storage or frozen. Try growing your own vegetable garden, many vegetables can be grown in pots such as peppers, tomatoes even cucumbers with a trellis.

Toys can be made without having your own workshop. Boxes from the local grocery store (avoid boxes that were used for meat, dairy or produce) make wonderful chew toys. Phone books and newspapers make excellent spreading material. Save and use boxes from packaged food, hide a treat inside the box such as an almond or smaller box. The dollar store has items such as old fashion wood clothes pins (no metal) 20 for \$1.00. Twine or sisal are safe to string or tie toys with.

Be smart about your Bird's health. We are cost conscious about vehicle repairs. I've never gone to a mechanic and told them to do what ever is needed. I ask for an estimate, and discuss any normal maintenance or repairs. Ask your vet for an estimate before any treatments are done. In the event of an unexpected illness vets will often work with their clients. Be prepared. Speak openly to your vet and ask if they offer a payment system before an emergency occurs. Research common illnesses on the internet. Learn the signs for poisoning, liver disease, and what to do in the event of bleeding from a toenail or broken blood feather.

Grooming can be expensive at a vet as well as boarding. Ask a vet technician to teach you how to trim your birds nails and wings. Instead of boarding your birds ask people at the RDCBS Bird Club for recommendations for pet sitters in your home. Some Veterinarian Offices will also be able to give you some names of people who will pet sit in your home.

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Have a towel and/or gloves stored in the carrier.

Make a plan ahead of time. Designate a person in your family to retrieve your bird if it becomes necessary.

Pack an emergency kit for our birds and other pets.

Fresh water (enough for 7 days)

Food (pellet/seed) (enough for 7 days)

Paper Towels

Toys to distract birds

Plastic zip top baggies

Hand Feeding Formula and Syringe in case hand feeding is necessary.

Bleach to disinfect surfaces if needed

Athletic Hot Packs to keep your bird warm if it becomes sick injured or the temperature is cold.

A Critter Keeper with a hand towel in the bottom in case you need to make a temporary hospital bed for your bird.

Your Veterinarian's phone number

Your First Aide Kit

Extra News Paper to change their carriers.

To create a first aide kit you need the following.

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- Antibacterial Soap
- Antibiotic cream
- Dawn [™] Dish Soap (gentle and removes grease and oil)
- Paper Towels
- Cornstarch, Septic Powder such as Quik Stop [™]
- Athletic Gel Heat Packs (have several, incase you can not get to help right away)
- Hand Feeding Formula
- Syringes
- Pedialyte [™] (this has electrolytes to help avoid dehydration)
- Tweezers
- Hemostats
- Scissors
- Cotton Balls and swabs
- Gauze
- Veterinary tape (does not stick), medic wrap works well too.
- Telephone number of Animal Poison Control
- Emergency Avian Veterinary Service telephone number
- Primary Avian Veterinarian telephone number
- Note Pad and Pen to take notes

A handbook on basic stabilization of injury (not to be used as a replacement for veterinary care).

While we all hope that we will not need to use any of this information, it is better to be prepared, just in case, rather than have to try and gather the necessary items during an emergency.

Something to Share

By: Tammy Murphy

"Bird crazy " is what they call me.
And parrots are my game.
This name I have been given.
Is an honor, not a shame.

I love them. I care for them. I comfort
them too
I also work with humans
and teach them to follow through.

When you bought this lovely creature.
You probably did not know.
Just how very smart it was.
Nor how your life would go.

Sometimes they bite. Sometimes they
scream
they make lots of messes too.
Another thing to remember is;
they'll probably out live you.

Parrots are wild creatures
but live in homes you see.
They depend on us to give to them.
All the things they need.

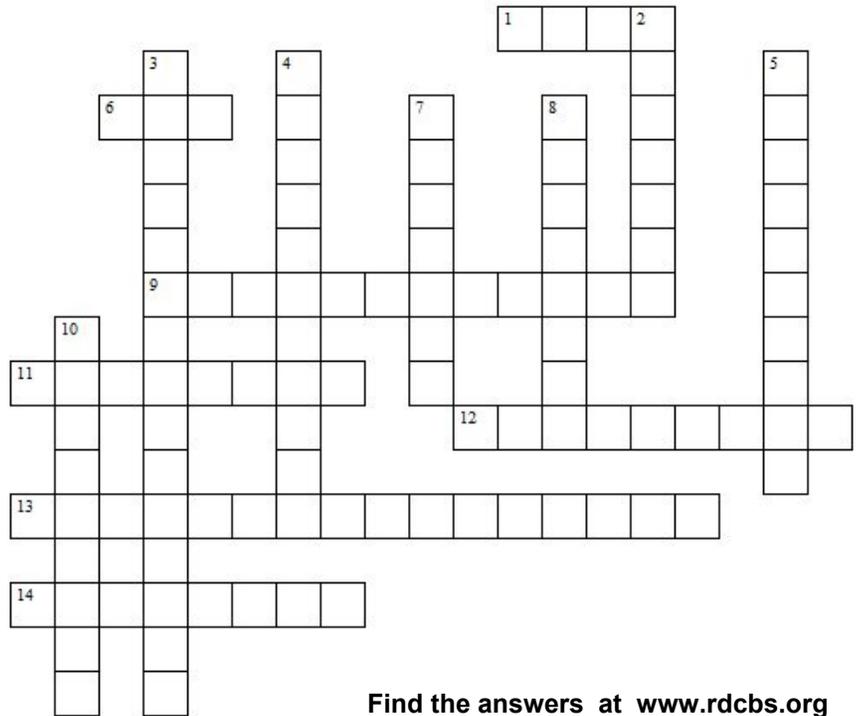
They need to have their showers.
Don't forget their Doctor too.
They cannot live on seed alone.
So sad that many do.

They need Love and Understanding
when they are scared or hurt or sad.
They do not understand it when
we are tired, stressed, or mad.

We must always remember.
They were meant to be free.
We must give them more than just a
cage.
For they would really like a tree.

So when you take a parrot home.
Please keep these things in mind.
It's up to you to understand
and always to be kind.

Crossing Puzzle



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ACROSS

- 1 Items to occupy your birds time during a long absence
- 6 An inexpensive item to make a bird toy from
- 9 Stress can be reflected in both birds and humans through their (two words)
- 11 A competitor for the Carolina Parakeet nest and roosting holes
- 12 An item used to pull dust from the air in your home (two words)
- 13 The only parrot native to the USA (two words)
- 14 A slang term which means an incurable bird lovers condition

DOWN

- 2 An item a breeder uses to hand feed a baby bird
- 3 Breeders who wish to take a day long trip with a baby bird will need to house the baby in this
- 4 Number of days for a baby Severe Macaw to hatch from an egg
- 5 An item used in winter months to add moisture for your birds skin and sinuses
- 7 The Carolina Parakeet is now presumed
- 8 To avoid cage tray corrosion, line the tray with (two words)
- 10 Teaching a baby bird to interact in a favorable way with humans



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A FEATHERED COMMITMENT

By: Karenann Smith

It is no wonder only 7 out of every 100 households in the United States has a pet bird. People purchase them on impulse, unaware of the lifetime commitment these beautiful creatures demand. In order to fulfill the human/avian relationship, all potential buyers must do adequate research and consider every important factor such as species, size, affordability, noise tolerance, and spare time for devotion before he or she is ready to begin the journey of owning a pet bird. A lifetime of discovery and commitment, fulfilled with years of delight with your new avian companion, is what the potential bird owner can expect.

Parrots are not domesticated “dogs with feathers”, nor are they “feathered kittens”. They are majestic creatures with wings that require a lifetime of care. There are several ways in which adding a parrot to a home will impact the potential owner. The initial purchase, \$20 for a small finch to \$10,000 for a large macaw, alone is the first major factor to consider. A healthy parrot has a large appetite so the cost of food is important. You cannot just buy a large bag of birdseed for exotic birds because parrots require a well-balanced buffet of nutritional foods including vegetables, fruits and a variety of nuts. A minimal amount of approximately \$2.00 per day may not be significant for a cost of feeding, but it is a daily regimen to take note of. Housing does not need to be elaborate or ornate, but each specific species requires the largest most suitable cage its owner can afford. Small birds, such as a cockatiel, are content in an 18 inch x 18 inch cage which can start in the price range of \$50.00. The large majestic macaws require extra large 5 foot by 6 foot indestructible cages which can range in price from \$800 to thousands of dollars.

For all parrots like humans, an ounce of prevention goes a long way. There is no reason to expect high cost avian veterinarian bills, but there is no reason to assume you will never have them. All birds hide signs of illness due to their instilled instincts from the wild. If they appear sick, they fall prey to predators. Prevention and annual physicals are strongly recommended because early detection can mean the difference between life and death. An estimate of \$300.00 should be put into the budget per year for basic routine healthcare.

The household poses a health hazard to exotic birds. Every home must be bird proofed to ensure the health and well being of the bird. The kitchen is the most dangerous room in the house for a bird. Dangers include open pots of boiling water, hot ovens, and cooking fumes. Nonstick cookware is coated with a substance called Teflon. When nonstick cookware is overheated, birds in areas close to the kitchen can die very quickly after breathing the fumes. Air quality is the next health factor to consider. Many of the scented products that we use today to make our homes smell pleasant can be less pleasant for our birds. These scents can cause respiratory distress in birds. Take into consideration that a small canary takes up to 100 breathes per minute. Humans breathe at the rate of 12 to 16 breaths per minute. Aerosol products alone pose a serious threat to

parrots if proper ventilation is not used. Parrots are uncanny in their ability to find trouble and will chew on almost anything that looks interesting especially within the range of their cage. All caring bird owners must remain vigilant and well informed regarding the well being of pet birds and all the dangers that may be present in their homes.

Consequently, it is not easy living with a parrot. As they mature, they may go through developmental stages similar to those of humans. Hormones rage just like those of humans. Another consideration is the lifespan of these birds. A question that must be asked is “Will the bird outlive the owner or will the owner outlive the bird?”

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Take into consideration that the smallest bird, the cockatiel, has a lifespan of 20 years, whereas, the largest of the exotic birds, the macaw, can live up to or beyond 80 years. Prospective bird owners must rationalize cost and expectations of commitment to find the right species to fulfill the human/avian relationship. Due to the lack of adequate research and unexpected expenses, avian rescues worldwide are caring for abandoned birds. Daily nutrition is a must, proper avian veterinary care is required yearly, and time consuming maintenance is necessitated. All potential bird owners must evaluate their lifestyles and honestly look at their time restraints and financial budget before the purchase of a bird is considered. All these factors must seriously be looked at before anyone can seriously consider bringing an avian companion into his or her home.

Parrots provide life long delightful company for their owners, but while the avian/human bond is a rewarding experience, not everyone can own an exotic bird. What might be right for one person may not be right for another. If a person wants a bird because it is beautiful, then pictures of beautiful birds would work better than bringing a live bird into the home. If a person wants a parrot because they can talk, then perhaps it's best to buy a radio. If a person is a neat freak, then be warned, birds are extremely messy. Scraping food off the walls gets old, and cleaning the floor daily gets tiring. If a person is already busy, then seriously consider a tiny finch or canary. If noise is a bother, then take into consideration that all birds make some kind of noise. Exotic birds are not domestic pets; they are a lifetime commitment with so many factors to consider. If you have any doubts, then an exotic bird is not the pet for you.



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African Grey, Congo	CAG	Cockatoo, Major Mitchell (Leadbeater)	MM2	Finch	FN	Macaw, Severe	SVM
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Amazon	AM	Cockatoo, Red Vent	RVC	Finch, Zebra	ZFN	Parakeet	KEET
Amazon, Blue Crown Mealy	BCMA	Cockatoo, Rose Breasted	RB2	Grass Keet, Rosy Bourke	RBK	Parakeet, Indian Ring Neck	IRN
Amazon, Blue Front	BFA	Cockatoo, Sulpher-Crested	SC2	Lorry, Rainbow	RL	Parakeet, Lineolated	LP
Amazon, Double Yellow Head	DYH	Cockatoo, Umbrella	U2	Lovebird	LVB	Parakeet, Red Rump	RRP
Amazon, Lilac Crowned	LCA	Conure, Blue Crown	BC	Lovebird, Black Cheeked	BLB	Parrot, Brown Head	BH
Amazon, Mealy	MA	Conure, Cherry Head	CHC	Lovebird, Fischers	FLB	Parrot, Hawkheaded	HH
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Amazon, White Fronted	WFA	Conure, Jenday	JC	Macaw, Blue Throated	BTM	Parrot, Senegal	SP
Amazon, Yellow Naped	YNA	Conure, Nanday	NC	Macaw, Buffons	BM	Parrotlet	PAR
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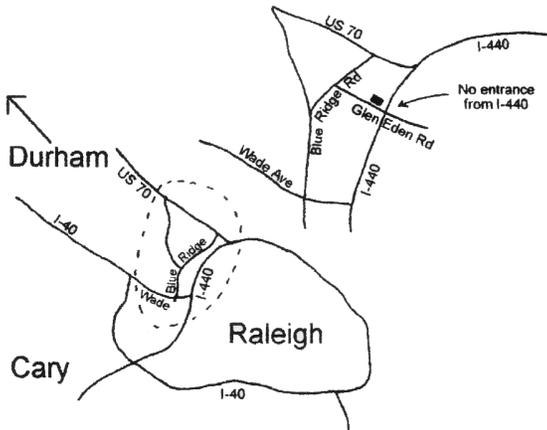
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BASICS OF CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAGE

What type of cage should I provide and how should I set it up? The cage will be your bird's home. It provides a place to live, security and comfort. A bird's physical and mental health is also dependent on their homes. The cage should supply the following:

- "Room to stretch" meaning the cage should be large enough for the bird to completely stretch and flap its wings without touching any part of the cage. The largest cage one can possibly afford is always best.
- A cage door large enough for the bird to enter and exit easily. You will be glad you spent a little extra money on this feature. Many cages suitable for small birds come with "guillotine" style doors. Not the best choice in door styles, these can usually be altered to open out to the side instead of sliding up and down.
- Food and water dishes. These should be placed conveniently near but not directly below perches. If placed in the smaller type doors that hold food and water cups its important not to place a perch over the dishes. This will prevent the birds' droppings from contaminating the food and water. The dishes should be cleaned with soap and water at least twice a week. Water can also be kept clean by converting to the use of a water bottle such as those used for other small animals. Water bottles, including the tube should be scrubbed with a bottle brush, soap and water twice a week as well.
- A removable tray at the bottom is preferable for easy cleaning. For the benefit of you and your pet bird, cleaning and disinfecting the cage should be done at least once a week. This is important to prevent illness.
- No sharp objects, loose or broken cage wires, or rough edges.
- A rectangular shaped cage will be much preferred by parrots. Cylindrical, tall shapes (or tall, round shapes) are not as functional due to the fact that parrots move from side to side, not up and down. Additional height may be necessary if your parrot has a long tail.
- Birds need at least 10 to 12 hours of sleep each night without disturbances. A cage cover will help accomplish this.

ABOUT BAR SPACING

Bar spacing should be narrow enough so that the bird cannot poke its head through the bars.

ABOUT PERCH SIZES

Your bird's foot should be able to wrap around to cover approximately 2/3rds of the perch. Be sure to place the perches far enough apart that their tails do not touch the sides of the cage or other perches. This will prevent damaged or broken tail feathers. Place one perch in front of their food/water dishes to ensure them a comfortable place to sit while eating and drinking.

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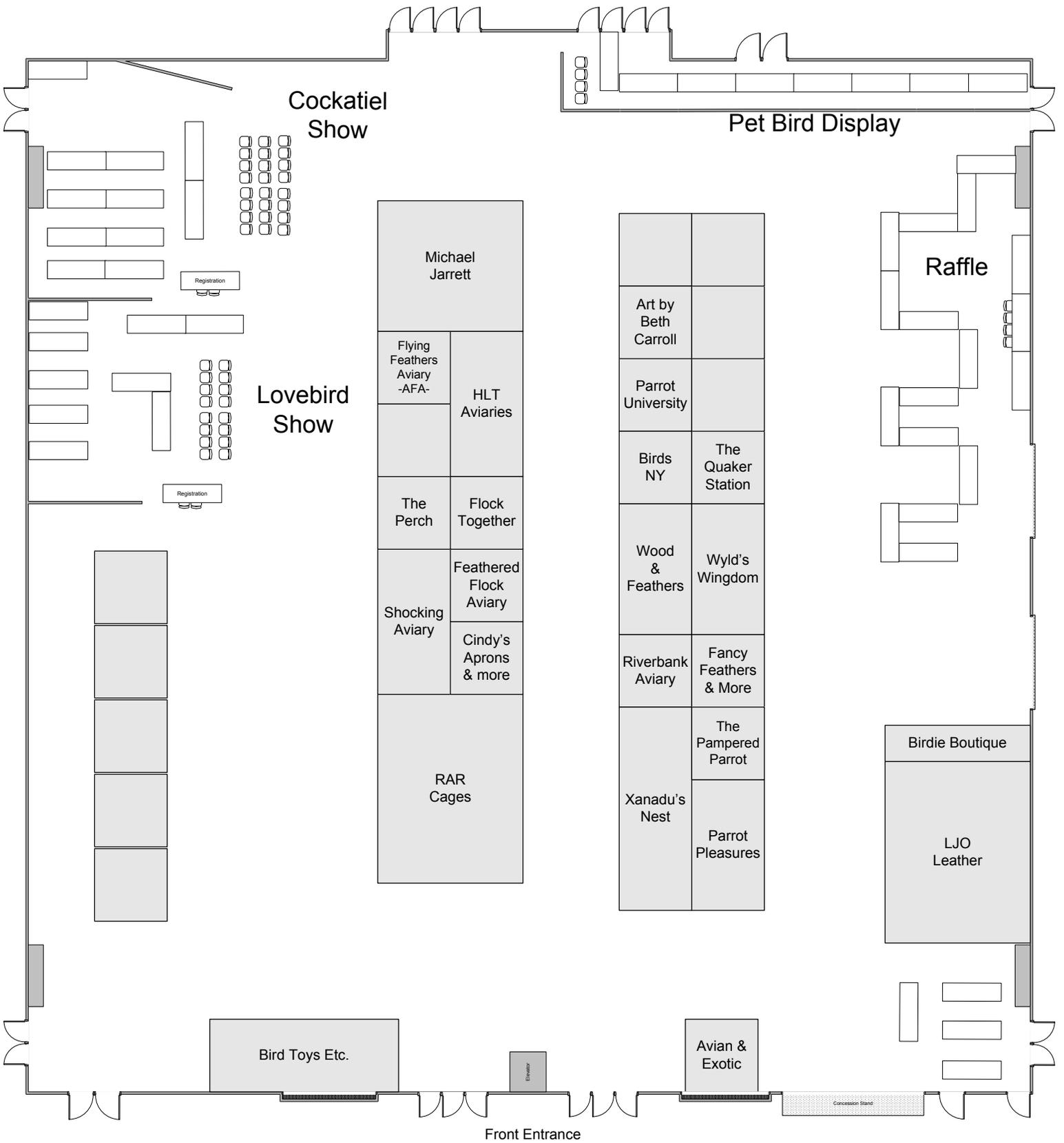
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Type of Bird	Bar Spacing Width
Parrotlets, Parakeets Lovebirds	½ inch apart
Cockatiels, Conures, Lories and Senegal's	½ inch to ¾ inch
African Grey, Amazon Macaw and Cockatoo	¾ inch to 1 ¼ inch

Type of Bird	Perch Size
Finch to Parakeets	½ inch to 1 inch
Lovebirds, Cockatiels Conures, Pionus and Lory	¾ inch to 1 ½ inch
Amazons, Mini Ma- caws Eclectus and Cocka- toos	1 ½ inch to 2 ½ inch
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