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## Bird Droppings



### UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

OCT. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fourth Sunday  
NOV. 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Pet Expo  
NOVEMBER-PET EXPO NO MEETING  
DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:sweettweeters@comcast.net)

## EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



## Voice of the Veep

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 10<sup>th</sup> about 9 AM and it opens Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. 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. 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, & 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at the church on the morning of Thurs. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2pm - 8pm**

**Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 10am - 8pm**

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 DOESN'T 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 fluttering 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" 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



## 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.

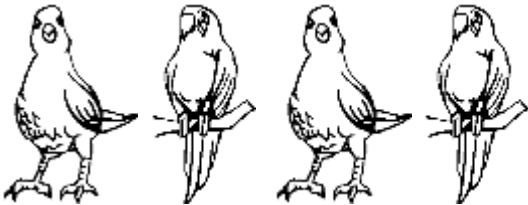


## **Guardians for Animals Pet Expo Raffle Tickets**

The Guardians for Animals Pet Expo is fast approaching on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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!



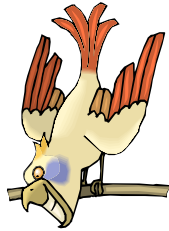
## **RESCUE UPDATE**



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	NOV. 25
DORTHY MUELLER	NOV. 28
KATHY WAGNER	NOV. 30

### Bits from Baby



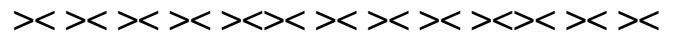
HOWDY to all my feathered and non-feathered Friends, this is your roving reporter Baby with the latest and greatest news.

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 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. 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,





**UP COMING**  
**EVENTS**  
**As of**  
**Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 2016**

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

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

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
 Fri Milford Medilodge  
 555 Highland Ave.  
 Milford, MI 48381  
 Set-up 1:30 pm  
 Start 2:30 pm

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Guardians for Animals  
 Sat Pet Expo  
 Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 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

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Show  
 Wed American House Roseville East I  
 17255 Common Road  
 Roseville, MI 48066  
 Set-up 1:00 pm  
 Start 2:00 pm

We hopefully will be setting up on Friday  
 like last year

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



Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
 Sat Waltonwoods at University  
 Independent  
 3250 Walton Blvd.  
 Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
 Set-up Noon  
 Start 1:00 pm

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

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Old Diet</b>	<b>New Diet</b>
Day 1	90%	10%
Day 2	80%	20%
Day 3	70%	30%
Day 4	60%	40%
Day 5	50%	50%
Day 6	40%	60%
Day 7	30%	70%
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Day 9	10%	90%
Day 10	00%	100%

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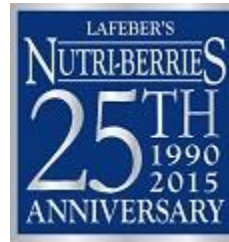
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