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## Manu Wildlife Center in Peru

By bird club member Jennifer Slaughter

I just returned from an amazing trip to Peru where one of the highlights was a four day three night trip into the jungle. We chose the Manu Wildlife Center that Dr. Charles Munn started in 1996 as our destination. Manu is located on the Madre de Dios River, which is about a 40 minute flight from Cusco and then another 90 minute motorized canoe ride to the lodge. Since it is considered an eco-lodge there is no electricity, but we did have private bathrooms attached to our cabins, which was really nice. They do have a generator that they run for a few hours in the evening, to charge camera batteries. The meals were also great and they had lots of good drinking water available to fill water bottles.

Some of the parrots that we saw during our time in the jungle are Red-and-Green Macaw (Green-winged), Scarlet Macaw, Blue-and-Gold Macaw, Chestnut-fronted Macaw (Severe), Mealy Amazon Parrot, Yellow-crowned Amazon Parrot, Blue-headed Pionus Parrot,

*(Manu Wildlife Center . . . Continued on page 7)*

## How to . . . Make a fun toy with corn!

Courtesy of The Alaska Bird Club.  
This is a fun toy and treat for your bird.

### What you need:

- Ear Corn Mazorcias (found in the wild bird food section)
- Drill press
- Screw with eye hole at end (or a shish-kabob stick as pictured)

### Instructions:

1. Using a drill press carefully drill a hole through the middle of each ear of corn. **\*\*Note:** this is very messy and the corn has a tendency to break in two.
  2. To pop the corn in the microwave, place in a paper bag. Not using a paper bag may result in a fire.
  3. Use the popcorn setting on the microwave. DO NOT LEAVE UNATTENDED. Keep an empty pot handy for easy transport of the corn outside, in the event of a fire.
  4. Once the corn stops popping (2 or 3 seconds between pops) carefully remove from the microwave and let cool.
  5. Place screw with eye hole though the hole in the corn and place in your bird's cage.
- \*\*Note:** The corn can be popped prior to drilling the holes.



### Reminders!

June's meeting will focus on Care of Birds Outside.

What you need to know to have your bird safely outdoors.

### Membership Picnic!

July's meeting is canceled due to the holiday, but come join us for the Membership picnic.

The picnic is planned for July 21st from 12-4 at the Louis Pena Field.

TABC will provide the meat and drinks. See the website for more info.

### The ABC Store Now Open!

The ABC store at Cafe Press is now open offering t-shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, and more! Thanks to Robert Ekstroem for all his work!

Visit The ABC website [www.alaskabirdclub.org](http://www.alaskabirdclub.org) and click on The Club Store on the left menu.

### Fall Seminar September 22nd

Dr. Ford will be speaking at this years seminar on Avian Emergencies A-Z. 9am-4pm at Frontier Business Solutions.

### New Number for the Club

The number, **868-9070** rings to voicemail and will allow members & non-members to leave messages for the club.

# Club Information

The Alaska Bird Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in the State of Alaska. It meets the first Tuesday of every month at Serendipity Adult Day Service in Anchorage. Meeting starts as 7:00pm.

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522-1006

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562-7387

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12531 Old Seward Hwy  
345-1515

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11710 Business Blvd.  
694-3800

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2639 Boniface Pkwy  
337-1561

## Club Meeting Information

First Tuesday of each month. Be sure to join us!

We love hearing about your birds,

but we ask that you do not bring them to the meetings.

Serendipity Adult Day Services

3550 E 20th Ave.

(Doors open at 6:30 to socialize)

7:00pm - 9:00pm



# President's Perch

This month's member meeting is focusing on care of birds outdoors. As we have become more and more creative in providing outdoor time for our birds, we have learned some dos and don'ts in the process. I thought I'd share a few of these.

Many of us have outdoor cages and enclosures for our birds. While this is a great enhancement to a bird's life, please make sure that your birds are protected from predators. Neighborhood cats and dogs should be considered, but have you considered birds of prey? Alaska has an abundance of raptors that would just love to snack on your pet bird. Outdoor cages and enclosures need to have a cover to allow your bird sanctuary from predators. Also consider if your bird's enclosure is safe from unwanted attention from curious children and adults. Birds are naturally territorial around their cage and people sticking their fingers into your bird's cage could result in a nasty bite or injury. You also don't want your bird to be harassed by people poking sticks or other objects into the cage or enclosure. Cages and enclosures need to be securely locked so that birds can't be released accidentally.

When considering outdoor time for your birds, be aware of insects. Just like us, birds can be stung by bees, bitten by ants, mosquitoes, etc. Make sure the location of the cage or enclosure is not in a location that attracts insects. For example, if you place the bird's cage right next to your hanging flowers, your birds may be at higher risk of getting stung by a bee, especially if your bird tries to sample the foliage and flowers. Placing your bird's cage near a water source and in a shady location will attract mosquitoes. Limit foods, especially

sweet, sticky foods, inside or near your bird's cage or enclosure to reduce the attraction to insects. Some people place mosquito netting over their bird's cage or enclosure. My birds seem to enjoy trying to catch mosquitoes and laugh wickedly when they actually grab one. Birds can have allergic reactions to bites from insects, just like us. If your bird is stung by a bee, you will need to quickly remove any stinger, watch closely and be prepared to take your bird to the vet if necessary.

Do NOT spray or place pesticides or other chemicals in or around any environment that your birds may occupy and under no circumstances should any repellents be placed on your bird's skin or feathers. Also be aware of your neighbors spraying chemicals and wind directions. If chemicals are being sprayed by an unknowing neighbor, immediately remove your bird and bring them inside and close all windows. Better yet, place your bird in its kennel and practice your emergency evacuation by going for a ride until the chemicals have dispersed.

I generally don't recommend feeding birds when outside (unless in an outdoor aviary full time) and if you do offer a treat, be sure and clean up any crumbs immediately. If birds are going to be outside for any length of time, you will need to ensure that fresh water is readily accessible. Water containers need to be filled only when your bird is in the enclosure. In between, the container should be cleaned, emptied and dried to minimize bacterial contamination and attraction to insects.

Last, consider the temperature and weather conditions. Birds can succumb to heat prostration and need to have protection from direct sun exposure. Just like us, bird's skin can sunburn. This is another reason to place a cover over the bird's cage or enclosure. A partial cover seems to work best, as this allows the bird to choose the amount of sun they'd prefer and also allows protection from prey. Exposure to other elements also needs to be evaluated. Some birds don't mind a mild wind and or spring shower and others do. They need to have the ability to avoid the elements if they choose. I know several birds, mine included, that just love to experience the rain while outside in their cage or enclosure.

It's important that if you place your bird outside, you must supervise and ensure that the environment is a safe situation and one that your bird will enjoy. To see examples of some of outdoor enclosures, check out our website. If you have pictures of an outdoor enclosure that you would like to share, please e-mail us so we can post it for others to enjoy!

Have a safe and fun time outside with your birds!

**Leanna Rein**  
**President, The Alaska Bird Club**



**\*\*Note:** We will add outdoor photos to the website, in the event you are not able to make it to June's meeting.

## Board Meeting Info - Open to Members

The Board meets the last Saturday of every month at 11:00 AM at the Denny's on Northern Lights.

## The Alaska Bird Club's Mission Statement:

The Alaska Bird Club's mission is to promote responsible avian ownership through education and when possible, to provide rescue and adoption services for abandoned and unwanted birds in communities across Alaska.

## Bird News From the Secretary, Susan



Leanna opened the meeting at 7:00PM by acknowledging:

- Garry, Lin, Cindy, and Robert for their involvement in the MatSu's regulation presentations.
- Lin for her involvement in Earth Day
- Jen for her work with the Newsletter and the printing of the Basic Avian Care Handbook.
- Ann for auditing TABC's financial books.
- Robert for setting up Café Press.

The Bird of the Month was Julie Forsyth's Cockatoo, Casper.

Due to the length of the presentation we will not have the committee reports tonight.

Please check the web site for updates.

Garry gave a brief report on the conference he attended last week.

### Announcements:

- Robert will be gone from May till September; Keira will be filling his position as Sergeant of Arms while he is gone.
- Public comments are needed to support the MatSu Animal Shelter Facility funds.
- Dr. Ford will be the speaker at this year's seminar. The topic is Avian Emergencies A-Z.
- There will be two sessions this year, the first will focus on parrots; the second will cover other birds.
- The topic planned for the June meeting was canceled, the new topic will be announced at a later date.
- July's meeting will be a Picnic at the Centennial Park Pena Shelter on July 21<sup>st</sup>, from 12-4 pm. Please check the website for details.
- The topic of August will be "Toys and Games for Birds"
- Volunteers are needed:
  - To help draft the Avian Care Standards for TABC
  - For the Lost/Found-Rescue Committee
  - For the Adopt-A-Bird Committee
  - To help on the 2007 Seminar Committee

Tonight's "How To" topic, Clicker Training for Birds, was presented by both audio CD and DVD. For more information about clicker training check out the web site [www.clickertraining.com](http://www.clickertraining.com). To purchase assorted perches, playstands or trees check the website [www.bird.com](http://www.bird.com) formally [www.petstockroom.com](http://www.petstockroom.com).

The program was followed by the Fundraiser Table,

and the Small/Medium/Large Baskets drawings. The basket winners were: Small - Kathleen O'Keefe, Medium - Julie Forsyth, Large - Debby Lloyd

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

### There is still room!

Scott Ford, DVM and board certified avian specialist, will be convening quarterly clinics at various locations across Alaska. If you would like to schedule an appointment or contact him, please go to his website at [www.alaskabirddoc.com](http://www.alaskabirddoc.com) or call (360) 270-7000 for details. There is still room in his upcoming clinic in Wasilla on June 9th. In addition to treating companion birds, Dr. Ford assists various raptor centers in caring for wild birds.

## Fundraiser Table



Thanks to all of our donors of the May Fundraiser table!!

**Susan** - Embroidered tea towel set

**Kathleen** - Fairy, duck necklace, and box

**Diane** - 2 frames & books

**Mary S** - Parrot figurine

**Rayma** - Pet bowl

**Leanna** - Adding machine tape & blender

**Julie** - Bird buddy

**Garry** - Laser pet toy

Thanks to Ann Taylor for assembling the small, medium, and large fundraiser baskets.

Bring any donations you may have to the monthly meetings for added fun.

### Leach Seed & Nuts Orders

The Alaska Bird Club is now placing orders for Hookbill Cuisine and other items. Place your order at the next bird club meeting and it will arrive in time for the next monthly meeting.

**\*\*Note:** The Hookbill Cuisine and other nut and seed products are not intended to be your birds sole food, it is designed to be a supplement to pellets, fruits and vegetables.

## AAV Report The Association of Avian Veterinarians

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### **Clinical Management of Psittacine birds Affected with Proventricular Dilatation Disease**

**Susan L. Clubb, DVM, Dipl ABVP (Avian);  
Mary Jo Meyer**

**Abstract:** Proventricular Dilatation Disease (PDD) is a devastating disease, with enormous implications to the health of individual birds, flocks, aviaries, and owners of affected birds. PDD can be hard to diagnose, take many forms, and have a very long incubation period. Crop biopsy is a simple and safe screen procedure with limited risks. While crop biopsy has a high false negative rate, it is an effective diagnostic tool. Other helpful tests include radiographs, endoscopy, and hematology and chemistry profiles. An exceptional test for live birds is fluoroscopy, but this is rarely available to private practitioners. With patience, perseverance, prolonged therapy, and attention to correction of secondary problems, many birds affected with PDD can be returned to health.

Proventricular Dilatation Disease (PDD) is a devastating disease for affected birds. It is also psychologically and financially devastating for their owner/caretaker. Management of cases requires difficult decisions, initially euthanasia or long-term management. The diagnosis of PDD in an avicultural collection can have devastating financial effects on aviculturists. Counseling as well as establishing a long-term management plan are important aspects of veterinary care. Clinical management of birds affected with PDD often becomes a flock management problem because so many owners of psittacine birds have multiple birds. Other alternatives for affected birds might be to place them in a rescue center that handles birds with PDD, or placement of the bird in a home with no other birds.

The social implications of a PDD diagnosis can also be devastating. Owners may be shunned from bird club functions or social interaction with other bird owners, or find it impossible to find a pet sitter. Counseling for owners needs to include the fact that PDD can be hard to diagnose, take many forms, and have a very long incubation period. We have found visually healthy birds that were positive for PDD on crop biopsy. Waiting for the classic clinical signs such as vomiting or passing whole seeds will reveal only the tip of the iceberg. The bird owner should be encouraged to assess the disease status of his or her other birds, considering each bird individually.

To be in denial and avoid checking other birds in the home is placing them at risk. In our experience, early di-

agnosis can enhance therapeutic outcome. Mates of birds that succumb to PDD should not be automatically euthanized. These birds may have natural immunity to the disease and may be the best future breeders for an avicultural community hard hit by PDD. In consultation with your client, develop a treatment and control plan.

Encourage your client to make the commitment not to bring more birds into the home, placing them at risk, or transfer exposed birds to others without disclosure. Therapy can be monitored by periodic physical exam, monitoring body weight, repeated radiographs, and evaluation to detect secondary infections. Monitoring by repeated crop biopsies is very useful. A potential complicating effect can be the presence of remnants of suture in follow-up crop biopsies. The presence of this foreign material can result in inflammation that might not be easily distinguished from inflammation associated with the disease.

If monitoring by radiography, the composition of the diet must be considered, especially if the bird was initially eating a primarily seed diet at the time of diagnosis and is later changed to an extruded diet. In my experience, birds eating a primarily formulated or extruded diet tend to have a relatively dilated gastrointestinal tract as evident by radiography that can complicate evaluation.

Birds affected with PDD often ingest foreign bodies, especially pieces of wood. These materials may then be passed in vomitus or feces. The bird may be ingesting these materials in an attempt to provide relief from intestinal discomfort. These birds may need toys, perches, and cage accessories that cannot be chewed and ingested and may benefit from high fiber vegetables to fill this need.

With patience, perseverance, prolonged therapy, and attention to correction of secondary problems, many birds affected with PDD can be returned to health. Life expectancy at this time cannot be predicted. Unfortunately, until specific testing for the etiologic agent(s) is possible, the long-term prognosis is impossible to predict.

**Release #5, May 2006.** The Association of Avian Veterinarians welcomes membership from veterinarians with an interest in avian medicine. Annual meetings and a quarterly journal provide a format for the latest in avian medical information. Is your veterinarian a member? Individuals wishing to subscribe to the Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery may write to: AAV - P.O. Box 811720 Boca Raton, FL 33481.

# Bird of the Month



By Bird Club members Ann Taylor and Gregory Wilkie

Tabby is approximately 13 years old and has been a member of our flock for the past four years. Previously, Tabby lived with a family that had 17 birds in addition to her.

Tabby had been sharing a cage with another macaw and a salmon-crested cockatoo.

When Tabby and her bonded buddy, Blue and Gold macaw MaryAnn, arrived at our home, she would lunge, hiss, and snap not allowing fingers or hands near her. Tabby's tail and most of her primary and secondary flight feathers were missing. A macaw without a tail has limited balance, combined with missing flight feathers, slipping off a perch sends the bird crashing to the floor. According to Tabby's earlier veterinary records, she had her hip dislocated three times and a skull fracture.

When she first arrived, Tabby's prominent keel bone was most likely from her seed-only diet. Using a step-up stick was out of the question, sending her to the back of the cage. Like siblings, Tabby and MaryAnn do not like to be separated for any length of time; if left together squabbles and some tail feather pulling behaviors occur when they are in the same space.

Tabby has made great strides growing back her tail and flight feathers. Tabby now willingly steps up to a stick or hand. Tabby is no stranger to food now. Her recent veterinary visit shows that Tabby's daily diet of fresh vegetables, fruits, pellets and nuts has her weighing in at a healthy 1212 grams. Tabby has become Ann and Greg's "gentle giant."



A Harlequin macaw is produced by crossing a Blue and Gold macaw with a Green-Winged macaw. Harlequin Macaws grow to about 34 inches in length and are very brightly colored. Usually, Harlequins are sired by Green-Winged macaws, since female Green-Winged macaws are often more difficult to find than a female Blue and Gold macaw. Harlequin macaws inherit the father's Green-Wing physical build and the mother's coloration, making it look identical to another macaw hybrid, the Catalina. Usually, the chest feathers of Harlequin macaws are reddish-orange and are edged with a brighter yellow-orange color. Harlequin Macaws are not found in the wild.

Ann Taylor has worked with companion birds for over 13 years, starting with a blue-fronted Amazon and now having six cockatoos, three macaws and an African gray. Ann is past Membership Chair of The Alaska Bird Club (2006), and works full-time from home as a financial analyst. You can reach Ann at: normismydog@msn.com

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**Tabby, a Harlequin Macaw showing off.**

## Big News!!

"PHOENIX, May 2 /CNW/ - University of Georgia scientists are finalizing development of a new vaccine that could effectively eliminate in companion bird populations a debilitating and often fatal viral disease called psittacine beak and feather disease."

See The Alaska Bird Club's website for more information.

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Dusky-headed Parakeet, and White-eyed Parakeet. It was so cool to see them flying around free in the wild where they belong. There were quite a few macaws that we could see and hear from the lodge, which was really cool.

One of our trips was to the Macaw Clay lick where the parrots would come to socialize and eat clay. Unfortunately, the platform to view the birds isn't the closest so it was hard to get great photographs, but the sound was great! We could even distinguish a noise made by a pionus, as ours makes the same noise. We of course saw lots of other non parrot birds, monkeys, frogs, black and white caimans (smaller crocodiles), and of course tapirs.

By far the most crazy/fun adventure was the two mile walk through the jungle to the tapir clay lick. We left the lodge at 3:30 in our rubber boots to begin our walk. A week before we arrived they had experienced a lot of flooding so the trails were very muddy. We arrived at the platform around 6pm and dinned on our box dinners. We then climbed into our individual mosquito netted areas to wait for the tapirs to arrive. This translates to sitting or laying down in the dark in the middle of the jungle for 3 hours not making any noise. We saw about 4 tapirs that night before we began our walk back to the lodge after 10pm. The night walk back was very interesting even if I chose not to look at the spiders. It's also amazing how loud the jungle is at night. We were back to our cabins after midnight and had another 5am wake up call coming (our morning had started at 5am). Like I said it was very cool, but a surreal experience.

Our other adventures included a trip to an oxbow lake, walks around the trails by the lodge, and a trip on the river at night to view the caiman. One of the walks was to the Canopy, which is 144 stairs (spiral) up to the top of a

tree (125 feet). The climb probably wouldn't have bothered me as much if there weren't ants to be avoided on the railing and the whole thing didn't shake so much with 10 of us making our way to the top. Oh, did I mention the temperature was about 80-90 degrees during the day with 90% humidity? It was wonderful except we had to wear long sleeved shirts and pants because of the bugs, which really weren't all that bad (compared mosquitoes in Alaska).

This was a fantastic experience and I would recommend it to anyone who is open to an adventure and doesn't mind walking around seeing everything a jungle has to offer. It's not a cheap trip by any means, but well worth every penny of it (which helps to preserve the rainforests and everything that lives in them).

Another reason to support the lodge is that people who use to make a living as poachers are now employed by the company. Some of the guys driving our boats once caught macaws for the pet trade. How can you not support something so great?

For more information on the Manu Wildlife Center, visit these sites:

<http://www.inkanatura.com/manuwildlifecenter.asp>

[http://www.tropicalnaturetravel.com/travel/lodges/manu\\_wildlife\\_center.html](http://www.tropicalnaturetravel.com/travel/lodges/manu_wildlife_center.html)

**Screened in cabin at Manu Wildlife Center. Mosquito netting comes down over each bed at night.**



## Find an avian vet and have your birds checked annually

The following list of Clinics have vets, which indicated an interest or a specialty in avian care. This is not a complete list, but to help you find an avian vet. Ask your vet if they are experienced in bird care and if not find one that is.

### **VCA Alaska Pet Care**

3900 Lake Otis Pkwy, Anchorage  
(907) 562-7387  
Dr. Jackie Frederickson

### **College Village Animal Clinic**

2036 E. Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage  
(907) 274-5623  
Dr. Jon Basler  
Dr. Pam Bluestone  
Dr. Pam Tuomi

### **Pet Emergency & Treatment Inc (PET)**

2320 E Dowling Rd, Anchorage  
(907) 274-5636  
Dr. Kathy Doty

### **Chester Valley Veterinary Hospital**

1571 Muldoon Rd, Anchorage  
(907) 333-6591  
Dr. Thomas

### **All Creatures Veterinary Clinic**

Mi 7.4 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy, Wasilla  
(907) 376-7930  
Dr. Cuthbert

### **Palmer Veterinary Clinic**

Mi 39 Glen Hwy, Palmer  
(907) 745-3219  
Dr Ronald Williams

### **North Star Animal Hospital**

840 S Cobb St, Palmer  
907-746-7387  
Dr. Teresa Beck

### **Peninsula Veterinary Services**

48213 Funny River Rd, Soldotna  
(907) 260-5850  
(907) 252-7806 Cell  
(Will do "barn" calls)  
Dr. Nybakken

### **Mt McKinley Animal Hospital**

800 College Rd, Fairbanks  
(907) 452-6104

## The Adopt-A-Bird Program

If you would like to assist the Adopt-A-Bird Program, please contact:

Cindy Welbourne: [welbourne@gci.net](mailto:welbourne@gci.net),  
 (907) 357-2513 (Wasilla) or 868-9070 (voicemail)

Birds available for adoption:

- Gracie & Dremel\*\* – **Cockatiels** – These two met while in quarantine. Dremel had an injured beak and will probably need continued beak trims to realign his beak. They are very bonded to each other, but tolerate humans well.
- Pearl & Grey guy\*\* – **Cockatiels** – These two met while in quarantine and must be adopted together.
- Tiera – A 10 - 12 year old male **Scarlet Macaw** is looking for a foster family who is willing to adopt him and his flock mate Sidney ( see below ). This foster family will be required to work with the Bird Club to learn how to deal with his recent problems of cage aggression.
- Sidney – A 20 year old female **Congo African Grey** is looking for a foster family who is willing to adopt her and her flock mate Tiera ( see above ). This foster family will be required to work with the Bird Club to learn how to deal with her issues which have resulted in feather destruction.
- Tycho - **Severe Macaw** (mini-macaw) - He is currently under Veterinary care as we await the results of his tests. He has an injured foot. Tycho is a very personable bird and would be best suited to a family that currently has a mini-macaw. Most mini-macaws seem to thrive much better when they have another mini-macaw to pal around with. In addition to the regular adoption fee, Veterinary costs will be added. They currently \$350.00.
- Tikki Bird - **Cockatiel** - Fully flighted male that needs a home where he can get 'out of cage' time. He is just over 4 years old. Tikki loves unsalted popcorn, but will need his all seed diet enhanced with fresh foods. Tikki is not especially fond of being cuddled, but loves to be where you are. He is cage protective.
- SweetPea and Squeaker - **Lovebirds** - An unusual pair of lovebirds that are bonded to each other, but they still love the companionship of humans. They like climbing inside shirts and popping their heads up by your neck. These birds will need a home where they get plenty of 'out of cage' time. Will NOT place in a home with cats.
- This pair of **budgies** (parakeets) appear to be a male and female pair. The female has a turquoise belly and the male is a misty green color. The female appears to be younger because of the stripes on her forehead. They come with a small cage. excellent travel for vet visits or vacation travels.
- Friday is a 7 year old **Umbrella cockatoo**. He is a sweetheart of a bird but likes to scream very loud for attention. He also occasionally bites without warning, so only an EXPERIENCED COCKATOO ENTHUSIAST will be considered. He would do best as an only bird, and is not comfortable around children. A FULL CONTRACT WILL BE REQUIRED INSURING FRIDAY WILL NEVER BE USED AS A BREEDER.
- Anubis - Sun **Conure** - loves to have one on one time and be out of the cage at least twice a day, riding around on shoulders helping with chores. Anubis is fully flighted. He/she has a very LOUD SCREAM when wanting attention or treats, so apartments would not work well. Anubis is totally unafraid of dogs and cats.
- 4 cockatiels and 1 budgie just became available at printing time. See website for details.

\*\*Adoption fees have been waived on these birds for adopters who pass a home inspection, show proof of a suitable cage, and sign an adoption contract.

**See more descriptions and/or pictures of the birds listed at [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com). Our site is AK27 or just select the state AK.** If you are interested in adopting a bird, please fill out an adoption application on The Alaska Bird Club's website:

<http://www.alaskabirdclub.org/adoptabird.htm>

The Alaska Bird Club's Recommended Care of Pet Birds booklet is FREE and available for download on our website: [www.alaskabirdclub.org](http://www.alaskabirdclub.org). Follow the link on the left marked Bird Care, click Downloads and then select "The Recommended Care of Pet Birds" in a PDF, HTML, or Word format.

Please feel free to download/print as needed.

The Alaska Bird Club is looking for people who purchased the **Northern Lights Coupon Book**. Specifically the Veterinary discounts:

**VCA Veterinary Discounts**

**VCA Microchipping**

If you do not plan to uses these, please consider donating them to the club.



## Classified Ads

There is a \$5.00 monthly fee for both members and non-members. Current members who pay for a classified listing will receive a free identical website listing for free. The monthly fee must be received before the newsletter goes to print.

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Consider replacing all Teflon & other non-stick items in your home - even if not used around your birds. If it's not good for them is it really good for us ?



### April Treasurer's Report

The month of April was a very slow month for the Bird Club coffers. We have been stocking up on supplies needed for our Educational Meetings as well as purchasing Leach Seed for sale.

The Adopt-A-Bird Program which was looking good in March is about to go back down to only a few hundred dollars due to expenses for Veterinary care and supplies needed for foster care birds. Hopefully we will adopt out some cockatiels and other birds and start to refill this account.

Ann Gilley, Controller Frontier Business Systems and Treasurer Alaska Metal Arts Guild did a review of the Bird Club Treasurer's records from Jan 2005 to December 2006. Ann made some great suggestions to improve our record keeping. Garry Wallan is awaiting approval from a website geared specifically toward Non-Profits, to purchase accounting software. Their prices are considerably less than anywhere in town or on the internet, so hopefully we will be allowed to take advantage of this and purchase QuickBooks. My goal as Treasurer is to have the Bird Club records converted to this new software before the Fall Seminar.

Thank you Ann for doing this informal audit, and helping to organize our system.

Thank you Garry for finding the website for non profits and for submitting all the paperwork that was required.

Copies of the Monthly Treasurer's reports are always available at the meetings.

Thank you all for your generous support of the Club.

Cindy Welbourne  
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## THE ALASKA BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM 2007

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Non Profit Club EIN# 92-0134866

The Alaska Bird Club's mission is to promote responsible avian ownership through education and when possible, to provide rescue and adoption services for abandoned and unwanted birds in communities across Alaska.

We are a statewide 501(c)(3) [non-profit] educational club. All money collected as dues is used to provide educational training and activities to assist people in caring for companion birds. Our main activities include convening educational monthly membership meetings, producing a monthly newsletter, offering an annual seminar featuring experts in avian care and managing a website. Additionally, The Alaska Bird Club manages a statewide Adopt-A-Bird Program offering placement referrals, emergency/foster care and rescue services. The Alaska Bird Club also has a Lost/Found-Rescue Committee that aids in the rescue and capture of lost birds. There are numerous other activities and services that The ABC offers. You do not have to attend the meetings to be a member.

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Type of Companion Birds you live with and their names:  
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Would you like to be listed on a registry that is available to other members? Yes  No

Would you be interested in carpooling from the Valley with other members? Yes  No

Would you like to be on a committee? Yes  No  and if so, do you have a preference?

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