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Robert, Garry, and Eric assembling the Cages 4 Less cage.

Garry demonstrating the "Step-up" technique.

A BIG Thank You to Garry Wallen, Robert & Keira Ekstroem, and Eric & Janice Peterson, for their recent efforts in moving 2 birds into foster care, which included assembling the cage.

Thank you also to **Cages 4 Less** for their generosity of donating the cage!

How to . . . Make a Birdie Rocking Horse

Courtesy of The Alaska Bird Club

What you need:

- Toy Rocking horse or anything that can be converted into a perch.
- Tree branch appropriate for your size bird
- Dowel or tree branch
- 2 screws



Instructions:

1. Drill hole through the bottom of the rocking horse.
2. Cut dowel or tree branch to the desired height.
3. Attach the dowel to the rocking horse by placing a screw

(Birdie Rocking Horse . . . Continued on page 5)

Reminders!

July's membership meeting is canceled. August's meeting will focus on toys for birds.

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 picnic area. 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 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.

See page 6 for details and the registration form.

Register early, as space is limited.



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 at 7:00pm.

Location: 3550 East 20th Ave (off of Northern Lights Blvd & Nichols St).

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All Creatures Veterinary Clinic

Mi 7.4 Palmer-Wasilla Hwy
376-7930

Alaska Mill & Feed

1501 E 1st Ave
276-6016

Alaska Pet-ography

9130 Elim St (on Abbot
across from Fred Meyer)
868-1680

Animal Food Warehouse / PetZoo

Mile 37.7 Parks Hwy Lp, 12046
Business Blv. & 7941 Brayton Dr
357-3663/622-2966/522-8006

Chester Valley Veterinary

1571 Muldoon Rd
333-6591

College Village

2036 E Northern Lights Blvd
274-5623

Hillside Pet Clinic

2101 Abbott Rd #1
344-7913

Northern Lights Veterinary & Laser Center Inc

2002 W Benson Blvd
276-2340

North Star Animal Hospital

840 S Cobb St (Palmer)
907-746-7387

Palmer Veterinary Clinic

Mike 39 Glenn Hwy
745-3219

Petco

8621 Old Seward Hwy
365-5500

Pet Emergency

2320 E Dowling Rd
274-5636

The Animal House

219 E International Airport Rd
561-7387

The Pet Stop

1921 W Dimond Blvd
522-1006

Valley Feed & Seed

16946 N Eagle River
694-2980

VCA Alaska Pet Care

3900 Lake Otis Pkwy
562-7387

VCA Alpine Animal Hospital

12531 Old Seward Hwy
345-1515

VCA Eagle River Animal Hospital

11710 Business Blvd.
694-3800

VCA E Anch. Animal Hospital

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

At least once a year, The Alaska Bird Club is called upon to assist in situations involving people who hoard and collect birds. This year has been no different. Sometimes these situations are in the news- most times not. With this in mind, it's important to understand this problem and the characteristics of people that typically hoard and collect animals. **Hoarding is defined as the excessive collection and retention of things or animals until they interfere with day-to-day functions such as home, health, family, work and social life. Severe hoarding causes safety and health hazards.**

First and foremost, people that collect and hoard animals have a mental illness. They truly believe that they are the only person that could care for that animal and that they are 'saving' it from death, or placement in a shelter. Typically, the hoarder cannot say "no" to any bird that is offered and rationalizes taking in more and more by presenting themselves as a rescue or sanctuary organization. Sadly, most hoarders fail to recognize the poor and deteriorating conditions of the animals that they keep and frequently justify resulting illnesses and death as a result of abuse and neglect that occurred prior to their care. This allows the hoarder to not take responsibility for their actions. Please be aware that there are no certified avian sanctuaries in Alaska and only two non-profit avian adoption/rescue organizations in Alaska: The Alaska Bird Club and Parrot Education and Adoption Center (PEAC). Both organizations focus on education, training and adoption services.

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.

Sadly, there are several individuals across the state that are presenting themselves as rescue organizations or sanctuaries, and in reality, they are hoarding birds. It's important to ask anyone presenting themselves as a rescue or sanctuary, for a copy of their IRS paperwork establishing them as non profit, a copy of their Articles of Incorporation, proof of a business license and kennel license. Another resource is to check is the local animal control or shelter to see if that entity has established themselves as an approved kennel or rescue group.

If you are aware of situations where animals and birds are not being cared for, please report that situation to the local animal control. Frequently hoarders are very persuasive in convincing others that they are the best option or only option for care of that animal. Please don't ignore an animal that is not receiving appropriate care. It's important to note if the animal is receiving adequate and appropriate food and water, appropriate care (including medical care), hygiene and grooming, and if the animal is living in an acceptable environment. Sometimes people provide care for an animal out of sheer ignorance, so one of the positive outcomes of reporting animal neglect or abuse is the training and education to follow. Also, don't assume because someone has numerous animals that they are a hoarder. There are many people that provide excellent care to lots of animals. The key benchmarks in determining if that person is a hoarder or not is the condition of the animals in their care.

Because of our experiences with confiscations over the past few years, The Alaska Bird Club has made a concerted effort to improve our capacity to respond effectively to mass relinquishments. We have increased the number of approved emergency and foster homes, established a stock of cages of all sizes, and refined our Adopt-A-Bird policy and procedure to include definitions of abandonment. We are in the process of writing Avian Standards of Care and have recently assisted the Mat Su Borough staff, who is drafting revised regulations for care of birds. We also initiated a Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Committee this year.

In some ways, TABC has been lucky, in that the numbers of birds relinquished through confiscations has been fairly low, averaging 20-30 and these have been primarily small birds such as lovebirds, cockatiels and budgies. While this was challenging and a drain on resources at the time, it was minor on the scale of the resources that will be needed if and when there's a confiscation involving large numbers of larger parrots.

If you are interested in assisting TABC with future confiscations by providing emergency and/or foster care or if you have space in your garage or shed to store supplies and cages, please contact us. We can use your help!

Leanna Rein, President
The Alaska Bird Club



Bird News From the Secretary, Susan



Leanna called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Leanna began the evening by giving the Lost / Found-Rescue Committee Report, explaining that Amber and Garry were actively tracking an African Grey on Hill-side. Leanna then gave the Treasures Report for Cindy, who was unable to attend this evening's meeting. By the time she finished giving Cindy's report; Amber had called in to say that Garry had found and retrieved the missing bird.

The Peterson Family are fostering a pair of birds for the AAB Program. Leanna shared the humorous story of how they had to improvise setting up the large cages at their home in order to house the two birds.

Leanna then told the story about David's awesome find at a recent garage sale. A King Cage in great condition, for \$50.00! All that it needed was a set of new casters and a little paint touch up, to make it bird ready.

The work day at Serendipity last Saturday was a great success. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Ann and Greg brought their friend Tabby, a Harlequin Macaw, and shared her amazing story.

Leanna announced that the Mat-Su Animal Shelter received the funding needed to build the new facility that they desperately need. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.

Tonight's topic was an Open Forum Discussion about caring for our birds outside. Weather we use a travel cage, a tether, or an aviary/ flight cage, the most important issue we need to be aware of are the predators.

The program was followed by the Fundraiser Table, the Small/Medium/Large Baskets and ZuPreem Bucket drawings.

The basket winners were:

Small: Diane Olson,

Medium: Ann Gilley

Large: Keira Ekstroem

The ZuPreem bucket winner: Debbie Lloyd

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The Alaska Bird Club's Recommended Care of Pet Birds booklet is FREE and available for download on our website: 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.

Thanks to Lin Westgard, Garry Wallan, April Warwick, William, April's sister (Karen), Debbie Lloyd, Jen Slaughter, Kathleen O'Keefe, Diane Olson, and Leanna Rein for all of your hard work with the Serendipity Garden Community Service project!



Thanks VERY much for helping out! It's amazing how much got done!

Fundraiser Table

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



Ann - 2 bird toys, 2 pouches, 3 stacks chowmein cups

Susan - 2 violet plants

Kathleen - 2 pens, swing toy, calendar

Diane - Book, bell toy, picture frame

Mary S - Macaw planter decoration

Rayma - Decorative dishes

Leanna - T-shirt, picture frame, beads & assorted knickknacks

Keira - Assorted toys, puzzle

Lin - 2 stuffed parrots

Karen W - Carrot, Swiss chard, & mint plants

Debbie - 2 mum plants

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.

Bird On Your Shoulder, Or Not?

By Ann Taylor and Gregory Wilkie

Ever wonder why you see pirates with an eye patch on the side they carry their parrot? Ever have your companion bird become startled, or begin to slip from your grip? What does your companion bird instinctively do? Your companion bird reaches out to take hold of something, anything that is within reach of its beak. That something could be your hair, your cheek, your ear, or... Our hands are scarred from flock members reaching out to hold on when they were startled; and can only imagine what the scars would look like on a cheek, ear, or other tender facial area.

Companion bird beaks are highly specialized, evolved tools to meet the varied needs and environments they naturally live in. Amazon parrot beaks are made for opening fleshy fruits and scooping out the insides. Macaw beaks are dual purpose, made for cracking open hard-shelled nuts and scooping out the nut meat and consuming the abundant rainforest fleshy fruits. Large cockatoo beaks are evolved to crack the hard-shelled seeds, nuts, and fruits of the Indo-Australia rainforests. Imagine having a can opener on your face!

Rule of Thumb: we do not allow flock members on our shoulders. If you need a place for your companion bird, use a perch, a T-stand, your hand, your arm, the back of a chair – not your shoulder. Value your face, your vision, your ears, don't let them become pinch points for your companion bird.

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

Gregory D. Wilkie is a degreed ethologist, associate member of the International Association of Animal Behavioral Consultants (IAABC), past-President of The Alaska Bird Club (2006), and works full-time changing organizational cultures. You can reach Greg at: flockoften@hotmail.com

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 use these, please consider donating them to the club.

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through the hole in the bottom of the rocking horse.

4. Cut the tree branch to the desired length for the perch.
5. Attach the tree branch to the other end of the dowel with a screw.
6. Place the new perch in a place your bird can enjoy it.

See website for step-by-step photos.

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 Alaska Bird Club Proudly Presents

the 9th Annual Companion Bird Seminar Featuring

Scott L Ford, DVM, Dip. ABVP-Avian

Dr. Scott Ford started down the path of avian medicine by beginning to study ornithology. In 1989, his interest was peaked by the new field of avian medicine. He worked in raptor centers in Alaska and Washington to earn the experience he needed for vet school. He graduated from Washington State

University in 1998 and practiced for four years at a small animal, avian, and exotic hospital in Washington. He volunteered veterinary services to a local wildlife clinic. He returned to Alaska as the staff veterinarian at the Alaska Raptor Center for two years and later ran his own ambulatory service for birds and exotics in northwestern Washington and assisted Washington Fish and Wildlife in eagle management. He recently (December, 2006) achieved avian board certification in the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners.

Scott Ford has always desired to be in a position where he could concentrate all of his energies on the ethical practice and advancement of avian medicine. Scott is an avid birdwatcher, a pilot, and enjoys a variety of outdoor activities. He is "owned by" a citron cockatoo named Stanley.

When: September 22, 2007 9am - 4pm

Where: Frontier Business Systems (Free Parking) Corner of 15th Ave & Ingra Ave

Why: To continue providing the best care and training we can offer our companion birds.

How: Mail in registration form printed from www.alaskabirdclub.org website. Advanced registration is strongly recommended as there is limited seating.

Light snacks and beverages are provided. A break for lunch will be from 11:30am - 1:00pm.

Silent Auction items and door prizes will be available. Door prize tickets are only sold at the seminar. Silent auction items and all door prizes won must be claimed at the end of the seminar.

For more information email akbirdclub@yahoo.com, call (907) 868-9070 (voice mail only), or visit our website at www.alaskabirdclub.org

Send registrations to: PO Box 101825 Anchorage AK 99510-1825.

We all love our birds, but please do not bring them to this event.

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Name(s): _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Number of people attending _____
 (\$35.00 per person, \$30.00 per person if you are an Alaska Bird Club member)

Because this is a fundraising event for The Alaska Bird Club, these funds are non-refundable.

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AAV Report The Association of Avian Veterinarians

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Axillary and Patagial Dermatitis in African Grey Parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*)

Lauren Powers, DVM Dipl ABVP, (Carolina Veterinary Specialists, Huntersville, NC); Fern Van Sant, DVM (For The Birds, San Jose, CA)

Dermatitis of the prepatagium (wing-web) and axilla of African grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*) is a challenging and often frustrating syndrome to manage and resolve. The causes are complex and poorly understood, although hypersensitivity, self-induced or hormonal prepatagial feather loss, or excessive moisture accumulation may initiate the early events. Diagnosis is made on impression smears or tape preps of the ulcerated areas, microbiologic culture, histopathology, as well as screening for potential underlying systemic disease. Chronic cases are much more challenging to manage, as scarring can lead to prepatagial contracture, habitual self-mutilation, and recurrent secondary infections.

The avian epidermis generally is thinner than that of mammals, at about 10 cells thick in certain locations on the domestic fowl. As in mammals, there exists an outer stratum corneum that is keratinized and a deeper living stratum basale. A thin stratum corneum allows flexibility of wings during flight. The underlying dermis is composed of blood vessels, nerves, smooth muscle, feather follicles, and connective tissue. The subcutaneous area consists of fat, loose connective tissues, and skeletal muscle. The wing has four patagia: The prepatagium (or wing web), metapatagium, postpatagium, and alular patagium. These are skin membranes that span a joint of the wing where extreme skin flexion and extension exists. The propatagial skin is covered in downy and contour feathers.

Between the two layers of skin of the prepatagium are found nerves, vessels, and propatagial portions of several muscles. The leading edge is formed by the elastic tendons of the tensor propatagialis and tensor propatagis brevis muscles.

Although poorly described in the literature, psittacine species are occasionally presented to the avian practitioner for evaluation of a moist, exudative dermatitis of the ventral aspect of the ventral prepatagium and axillary areas.

Because the lesions are tucked under the wing, they may not be immediately obvious to the owner. The client may initially present the bird for picking under the wings or blood on the beak. On examination, there is generally a loss of downy and contour feathers along the ventral aspect of the prepatagium. A focal area of skin is typically

ulcerated, and crust or scab is usually found on the surface or margins of the affected area. One or both wings can be affected. There does not appear to be a sex predilection. African grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*) appear to be overrepresented, although the condition has been observed in other species, including hyacinth macaws (*Anodorhynchus hyacinthinus*), blue-throated macaws (*Ara glaucogularis*), cockatiels (*Nymphicus hollandicus*), cockatoos, and rarely in other psittacine species. The cascade of events leading to ulcerative dermatitis is complex and likely multi-factorial. Possibly, the initial phase in African grey parrots is the loss of downy and/or contour feathers, causing the skin to fold upon itself and creating moist, warm folds that can easily trap opportunistic bacteria and yeasts, a scenario much as is found in cases of human and canine intertrigo. This initial feather loss could be behaviorally or hormonally induced. Other conditions, such as contact hypersensitivity and drug eruption, are known causes of intertrigo in humans. The author (Powers) has seen two cases in which excessive moisture accumulation from overaggressive bathing and inadequate drying were among the initiating events. In experimental studies in poultry, the incidence of contact dermatitis increased with deliberate wetting of litter and the use of coarse bedding materials. Deficiency in certain nutrients, such as vitamin A, niacin, riboflavin, zinc, pantothenic acid, biotin, salt, sulfur-containing amino acids, arginine, and folic acid can cause dry, flaky, pruritic skin. Systemic diseases that may contribute to the early events include hypothyroidism, respiratory aspergillosis, chlamydiosis, and parasitism (internal or external).

Airborne toxins believed to be capable of inducing cutaneous hypersensitivity reactions in psittacine species include cigarette smoke, kerosene fumes, and cooking oils. Many of the histopathologic findings seen with integumentary hypersensitivity in birds resemble those of wing web dermatitis, including superficial necrosis, acanthosis, perivascular inflammation, and dermal fibrosis.

Release #6, June, 2007. 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. Send your check for \$140.00 for one year (within the US)

The Adopt-A-Bird Program

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

Cindy Welbourne: 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.
- 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.
- Angle - **ring necked dove** presumed to be a male because of the cooing. He loves to get out of his cage and fly around the house. When scared, he flies directly into his cage. Angel was found outside in the winter. He had frost bitten his feet and only has one claw/toe on each foot but manages to walk around.
- Sunny - **Sun Conure** approximately 3 years old. She loves to dance and have her head scratched. She is on a pelleted diet. She needs more time and attention than she is currently getting.
- Rico - 7 year old Green **Wing Macaw**. He is on a diet of nuts, fruit, vegetables, crackers, and cereal. He is very active. He is currently a once person bird, so experience with large macaws is a must. Rico is shy with strangers so it may take a while to win him over.
- Roman - **White Capped Pionus** approximately 14 months old. Roman likes to play, can step up and enjoys just hanging out either on a shoulder, or just cruising around the house. He does not like to step up onto a hand when he is perched on top of his cage. He is on a pelleted diet and will need some work to get him to eat his veggies.

**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. 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>



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.

Send to PO Box 101825, Anchorage, AK 99510.

Classified listings must be no more than 10 total lines.

Email Jennifer Slaughter with your ad birdabode@gci.net.

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Contact Karen Webster to schedule your consultation today: 929-BIRD (2473) or akpeac@gmail.com.

Website to consider:

Check out **The Alaska Bird Club's new Online Store!** Now you can order exactly what you want in the size and color that works best for you and it will ship to you're home!

<http://www.cafepress.com/akbirdclub/>

Caution:

Avocado pits *or* flesh, cherry pits or any kind of fruit pit, chocolate, foods containing caffeine, or alcohol. These can kill your parrot!

Also avoid asparagus, eggplant, cabbage, caffeine products, junk food, milk & cream, raw potato, and rhubarb (including the leaves).

REMEMBER: Teflon and other non-stick finishes (like a self-cleaning oven, or some irons and hair dryers) are deadly to your bird. Do not take chances. Bird deaths have been recorded when nonstick cookware was used even at low temperatures.

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 ?



May Treasurer's Report

The month of May was another slow month for income. The general operating fund remains fairly steady with spending only \$45.00 more than we brought in. As expected, the Adopt-A-Bird Program was hit hard with Veterinary care and supplies needed for foster birds. These funds will be recouped when the birds are adopted, but at the moment the Adopt-A-Bird Program only has \$202.00 and has just received another \$800.00 Vet bill.

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
Treasurer



Adopt-A-Bird Report May 2007

The Adopt-A-Bird Program has just enlisted the help of 3 new committee members: Marta Muth, Debbie Lloyd, and Jason Palmer. We had a great training day, and are now working on getting our new members familiar with all the details this program requires.

The Adopt-A-Bird Committee tries hard to respond to new applicants and relinquishing owners in a timely manner, however, as we found out, when one of has either a family emergency or illness, the program grinds down to a crawl. We are working on cross training so several people can run the program and keep up with the mountain of paperwork this program demands.

Please remember, we are all volunteers and are doing our best to help those needing to place birds and those wanting to adopt.

We still have 4 cockatiels that are up for adoption with NO adoption fee. These poor birds have been in foster care for 11 months. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please fill out an application and give these sweet cockatiels a forever home. They certainly deserve it.

Cindy Welbourne
Adopt-A-Bird Director

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★ Healthiest Brown Rice - only whole grains. Asian Rice Stick Noodles? YES NO
★ 6 Types of Beans plus Soybeans? YES NO
★ 5 Fun Pasta Shapes? YES NO
★ Cook Daily? NO* YES - every 1 - 4 months
★ Generously Handpacked? Handful of Banana Chips - Scoop of Pistachios, etc. YES NO
★ Dyes? NO YES - in some
★ Ethoxyquin? NO YES -
★ Sulfites? NO YES - often, i.e. coconut
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| BRUSSELSPROUTS | CHICKEN | WALNUTS | RICE |
| CHILIPPPER | SPINACH | CORN | CARROTS |

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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.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Membership is due annually, and runs from January 1st—December 31st. (rate discount of 50% applies to members joining in August and later). New members receive membership packets and free newsletter mailings.

___ Single: \$20.00 ___ Family: \$25.00 Mail Payment and form to:

The Alaska Bird Club, PO Box 101825, Anchorage, AK 99510

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail address _____

Type of Companion Birds you live with and their names:

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?

Adopt-A-Bird: ___ Lost/Found-Rescue Committee ___ Sunshine Committee: ___ Membership Committee: ___

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