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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2011!!

UPCOMING IN SAN DIEGO

Wow! At PEAC San Diego we've had an extremely busy year in 2010, with our Parrot Training Workshop featuring Barbara Heidenreich, the Annual Avian Veterinarian Conference, and a four-hour segment for the San Diego Animal Services' Animal Officer Training Academy. Also, we were thrilled to have been invited to provide a segment on Body Language for Bird eUniversity on www.birdchannel.com; please check out our video and article on their website.

In preparation for 2011, our website has been completely overhauled, with a new look, additional resources, updated pages, and on-line seminar registration! Please come back often and visit us at www.peac.org, as more information and functions will continue to be added. These fantastic new resources have been made possible by Jeff Morneweck, our new webmaster, who is a key volunteer with our Pittsburgh Chapter.

And speaking of Pittsburgh, please join me in welcoming Scott Reichert as the new Director of PEAC Pittsburgh. We'd like to thank Christy Kaufmann for her years of service and leadership with our Pittsburgh Chapter and wish her well in her retirement from PEAC. Scott brings an abundance of fresh ideas and tremendous energy to our national presence; please see his message on pages 19 and 21.

We are also developing a partnership with the PetCo Foundation and anticipate holding Meet & Greet Events with PEAC foster birds regularly at their Del Mar location. As dates are confirmed we'll be certain to communicate the details to you.

A new event is planned in Del Mar also - - the first annual San Diego Pet Expo. The Expo will be held January 29-30, 2011 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, and we hope to see many familiar faces come out to see our display at this exciting event.

Our regular monthly seminars continue to be updated as new information becomes available, and in 2011 our focus will be on making our seminars more

interactive and fun!

We are pleased to welcome new Board Members, Dr. Jeffrey Jenkins and Dr. Brian Loudis, with thanks to Dr. Todd Cecil and Jeff Greer for their past service on our Board. Finally, please join me in welcoming April Adcock as our new Volunteer Coordinator and Yvette Gray and Hillary Hankey as our newest Volunteers! Volunteers truly are the lifeblood of PEAC, and I deeply appreciate your efforts on a daily basis with our foster program, maintaining our administrative functions, preparing for events, teaching seminars, sharing ideas and supporting each other.

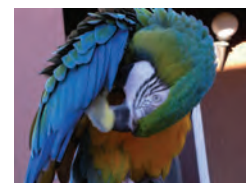
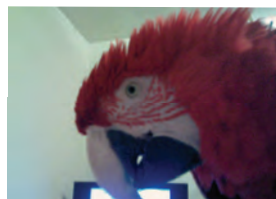
From our flock to yours – wishing you a joyous, safe holiday season and good health in 2011.

Sincerely,

Barbara Crouse
Executive Director

COME SEE US AND SOME OF OUR PROGRAM BIRDS AT THE SAN DIEGO PET EXPO

DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS
SAT 1/29 10a-7p
SUN 1/30 10a- 5p



Letter from the San Diego Operations Manager

Dear PEAC Members,

Along with the new year, a lot of welcoming is in order!

First, I am pleased to welcome PEAC San Diego's new Adoption Coordinator, April Adcock, who is also one-third of the PEAC San Diego Leadership Team. Last year, April adopted Casey, a plucked African grey who had been in our program for 5 years, and who now is a very feathered, very happy camper! April rescued her first parrot when she was only 16, and has been successfully taking in and adopting out parrots on a private basis for over 15 years now. She has that extra "intuition" that makes people like herself so successful in "parrot-human matchmaking." April has also offered her services as Interim Volunteer Coordinator, and of course, we have gladly accepted! You may want to visit April's new store at www.parrotpeople.com, where she offers discounts to PEAC members.

I'd like to welcome Jeffrey Jenkins, DVM, DAAVP-Avian, to our Board of Directors. We are most fortunate to have Dr. Jenkins, a world-renowned avian veterinarian, to help guide us in the proper direction. We are also very fortunate to be able to welcome Brian Loudis, DVM, DAAVP-Avian our PEAC avian vet for the North County, to our Board. Thank you, Dr. Todd Cecil, for your service on our Board over the past year.

We are sincerely thankful to Jeff Greer, for his service on the Board and for the countless hours he has donated to us over the last two years! We are highly indebted to Jeff, who has taken time out of his busy schedule to orient and train two of our volunteers, successively, in keeping our books.

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WHAT WE ARE

Parrot Education & Adoption Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to educating its members and current and potential bird owners about the proper care of pet birds. Unwanted or found parrots are accepted at PEAC and in turn are adopted to qualified applicants.

Sharing current information and correcting misconceptions about parrots are the major aims of PEAC. Our goal is to keep abreast of the latest developments in the world of aviculture and share them with you, our members.

PEAC was founded in 1996 by Bonnie Kenk, who served as the Executive Director for our first 12 years.

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**PEAC
Policies and Procedures**

1. PEAC does not purchase birds, even to remove them from bad situations.
2. PEAC will accept birds donated to our organization.
3. PEAC does not breed birds or place any birds into breeding situations.
4. PEAC does not adopt birds to children.
5. Potential adopters of small birds are required to attend our "Avian Basic Care" seminar.
6. Potential adopters of medium to large birds are required to attend at least the following three seminars: "Avian Basic Care," "Parrot Personalities," and "Behavioral Problems."
7. Potential adopters will receive a copy of our adoption application after attending the required seminars.
8. All potential adopters will receive a home visit performed by one of our volunteers before being approved for adoption.
9. Approved adoption applications will be placed on a waiting list if a bird is not currently in our system that would be a good match for the approved adopter.
10. Only one parrot acquisition/adoption per home or PEAC membership is allowed in an 18-month time period.
11. Adopters are required to pay an adoption fee and reimburse PEAC for veterinary fees the bird may have incurred.
12. Adopted birds are to remain in the home and be treated as a member of the family.
13. Adopted birds may not be sold, given away, bred, or used for any type of monetary purposes.
14. After attending the mandatory seminars, those wishing to adopt a first-time large bird, such as an Amazon, African Grey, Cockatoo, or Macaw, will be required to spend hands-on time with the species of their choice under supervision of one of our volunteers before being approved.
15. As a general rule, we will not place a Cockatoo, Macaw, or other noisy bird in an apartment or condominium.
16. PEAC will not adopt birds as companions to other birds.
17. PEAC does not place birds into aviary situations.
18. Birds must remain in a 100% smoke-free environment.

Available for Adoption in San Diego/So. California

Contact Barbara at 619-287-8200

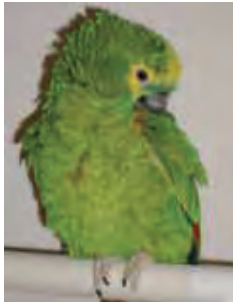
Cockatoos



- Umbrella: 16-year-old **"Honey"** is a very sweet girl, as her name implies.

- Sulfur-crested: **"Milo"** aka **"Cupcake,"** who was found 18 years ago, is a real sweetie!

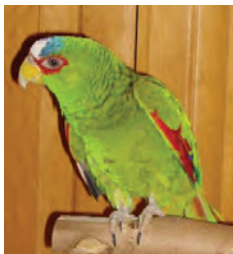
Amazons



- Blue-fronted: 28-year-old **"Roz"** is quiet, tiny for a blue-front, and very sweet-natured. She eats her veggies and pellets with gusto. She enjoys flapping wildly and playing with her foot toys. She steps up, gets along well with other birds, and is an all-around cutie who's looking for a new nest.



- Red-lored: 20-year-old **"Polo,"** who was rarely handled in his former home, is already stepping up and soliciting scratches from his foster family! He is very gentle, eats a great diet, and loves his baths. Overall a very quiet boy, Polo does have a great repertoire of whistles and several clearly-spoken phrases.



- White-fronted: **"Tatonka"** is approximately 12 years old and brand new to our foster program. He is very active, eats a great diet, loves to beat up his toys, and speaks quite clearly in an adorable child-like voice. He seems to prefer men. Stay tuned for more as we become better acquainted with him!

Macaws



- Green-Wing: 29-year-old **"Red"** is a really sweet guy, intelligent and a quick learner. He loves "hunting" for his daily ration of nuts, gets along with cats and dogs, and has a typical male green-wing's laid-back personality.



- Hybrid: 14-year-old **"Kiki"** is a gorgeous bird who loves her daily walks. She is very talkative in English, Spanish, and macaw-ese, and speaks her mind and has a great sense of humor. She loves her showers and is always up for trying a new food to add to her diet of pellets, veggies and fruits, pasta, and treats.



*Congratulations,
Sweet Pea, on
finding your
forever home!*

If you're interested in adopting any of the birds listed here, you must attend the three seminars required for adoption and complete an application for approval. You must also show proof that you have an adequate cage and are acquainted with an avian veterinarian before taking your bird home. Adopted birds may not be bred, sold, given away or used for any type of monetary purposes! A minimal adoption fee is required, as is reimbursement for any vet fees that the bird you are adopting has incurred. For more information on adopting, visit http://peac.org/?page_id=40 or email adoption@peac.org.

*COME SEE US AT THE FIRST ANNUAL SAN DIEGO PET EXPO!!
Saturday-Sunday, 1/29-1/30 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds*

SPOTLIGHT ON POLO, ONE OF SAN DIEGO'S NEWEST FOSTER BIRDS:



Polo is a DNA-sexed male Red-lored Amazon who came to us after living in his first home for 20 years. In spite of living in an under-sized cage with minimal stimulation or interaction with people for a number of years, in just 9 days after coming to us, he began to step up and solicit head scratches! He is very gentle, watches the cats closely, and is responding well to positive reinforcement training. He does not appear to have a gender preference toward people. A true Amazon, he eats a wide variety of foods, and came to us on a good quality pelleted diet. Overall, he is very quiet, but he does a lovely variety of whistles, as well as several phrases in very clear speech.

Letter from the San Diego Operations Manager

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Next, please join me in welcoming PEAC Pittsburgh back into our flock. Under the directorship of Scott Reichert, PEAC Pitts will again be included in our newsletter.

Thank you so much to those who made our Annual Toy-Making Workshop a success this year: April Adcock, Ken Adcock, Alan and Barbara Crouse, Larry Doria, Yvette Gray, Teri Irvin, Judy Michaels, and DJ Sommers. Turn to page 11 for photos of this year's workshop!

Yes, we still need volunteer help: April has graciously taken on the positions of Adoption and Volunteer Coordinator for the time being. Our long-range focus is to keep April as Adoption and Bird Intake Coordinator, and recruit a second person for Volunteer Coordinator. Of course, being responsible for not only our volunteers but also our foster homes, the Volunteer Coordinator will work hand-in-hand with April and very closely with the rest of the Leadership Team, as well. We are also still in need of foster volunteers - - we finally whittled our waiting list down to just one bird, and then two more were immediately accepted onto the list (not to mention the 20-30 birds in need who we have to turn away each month).

By the way, in case we didn't mention it before, PEAC had a very successful booth at the Parrots International Symposium last May, which gave us the chance to reunite with several old friends and make some valuable new contacts.

Random Winter Tip: As we heat our homes, let's be sure we pay attention to the humidity in our birds' environments. One of my macaws starts plucking whenever I run the heater, as it dries her skin out. So I finally bought a humidifier for the bird room, and everyone's feathers are looking great!

Warmest wishes for the new year,

Melanie Ariessohn

Operations Manager

Parrot Education and Adoption Center, San Diego

Yes, Virginia, PEAC Does Need More Foster Homes!

PEAC San Diego and PEAC Anchorage still have an incredible need for foster homes. Who's on our waiting list? In San Diego, we had just whittled our waiting list down to one bird, when we received several new applications from people wanting to give theirs up. With unemployment benefits running out for many people, surely the coming months will be filled with a new surge of people needing to relinquish their parrot companions. What can we do? How can we say no to these poor birds in such great need? Desperate people who are unwilling or unable to wait for their birds to move up our waiting list and into our program can end up selling or giving their birds to yet another parrot-clueless person, and in a year or so, the bird will be in another unwanted situation, with perhaps additional behavioral problems. Some people will even go so far as to euthanize the pet parrot that they consider a "problem" when they "can't" wait any longer for an opening to become available in our program.

We still continue to receive large numbers of calls and emails from people wanting to relinquish parrots to our adoption program, and **we are still turning away, on average, 20 parrots each month, just in San Diego, due to a surfeit of foster families.**

Our foster birds come to your home pre-vet-checked and usually pre-quarantined by us. During their initial 30-day quarantine period in the home of one of our most experienced volunteers, each bird is evaluated for personality and behavior traits, to help us place it with the best possible foster match. We also evaluate your lifestyle and personality and your comments with respect to what species and personality type you think would be best for you, to ensure that the bird that we think can best succeed Sometimes we do such a good the foster parent ends up call this "backfiring"? Because it opening in our foster parent love, and we can't always help



we are placing with you is one with you as its foster parent. job at this that it backfires, and adopting the bird! Why do we permanently closes up one program. But you know, love is who we fall in love with!

PEAC provides our foster homes with an appropriate cage, a playstand when possible, a travel carrier, TOPS organic pellets, an initial batch of toys and later replacement toys whenever available, and all the support you could ever ask for. All you need to supply is treats, fruits, veg, and pasta; varying degrees of patience; and a whole lotta love.

You may be able to save a life this holiday season.

Call 619.287.8200

or email parroted@peac.org for San Diego

or 907.929.BIRD or akpeac@gmail.com for Anchorage

or 724.378.7588 or info@pitpeac.org for Pittsburgh

PEAC San Diego thanks the following Avian Board-certified veterinarians, who have generously agreed to provide discounts on veterinary care for our program birds:

Dr. Jeffrey Jenkins, San Diego 619.260.1412

Dr. Brian Loudis, Encinitas 760.634.2022

Dr. Todd Cecil, La Mesa 619.462.4800

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Dr. Jenkins provides a complimentary exam for newly adopted PEAC San Diego program birds and a discount on care for our foster birds.

Dr. Loudis will give a certificate good for one exam (to be used within 10 days of adoption) to new adopters of PEAC San Diego foster birds, and provides a discount on care for our foster birds.

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Dr. Cecil provides a 50% discount on non-emergency services to our foster birds and 20% on emergency/after hour care.

We welcome Yvette Gray and Hillary Hankey, our newest volunteers!

PARROT EDUCATION & ADOPTION CENTER, SAN DIEGO 2011 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

While many of our seminars are required for adoption, we encourage others to attend, to expand their knowledge in order to provide the best home possible for their companion birds.

“People protect what they love. We need to provide the information so that they can love.”
- Jean-Michel Cousteau

NEW INFO: HAVE YOU BEEN TO A PEAC SEMINAR LATELY?

We are constantly changing the content of our seminars as new information becomes available in the world of parrot care and behavior. So the seminar you attended even two years ago may well be different now, with updated information.

Come back - - we'd love to see you again and share with you all that's new.
And with pre-registration, it's free to members!!!

2/20	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities <i>(required for adoption)</i> Behavior Problems: Using Positive Reinforcement Training <i>(required for adoption)</i>
3/20	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Feather Destructive Behavior Sex and the Single Parrot
4/24	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities <i>(required for adoption)</i> Behavior Problems: Using Positive Reinforcement Training <i>(required for adoption)</i>
5/22	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Living with Cockatoos Excessive Screaming
6/19	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities <i>(required for adoption)</i> Behavior Problems: Using Positive Reinforcement Training <i>(required for adoption)</i>
July through October seminars TBA		
11/20	1 – 4 pm	Holiday Toy Making Workshop (special pricing to cover cost of materials)

PARROT EDUCATION & ADOPTION CENTER, SAN DIEGO 2011 SEMINAR INFORMATION

Seminars are held at Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way, Room D-6, San Diego. Regular seminars begin at 1:00 pm; second seminar begins at 2:15 pm. Seminar check-in begins at 12:30 pm. When possible, program birds will be present from 12:30 to 1:00.

Seminar fees (per person/day):	ADVANCE REGISTERED*	AT THE DOOR
PEAC Members:	FREE!	\$5.00
Non-members:	\$10.00	\$15.00

*Advance registration is due on or before the Wednesday prior to the seminar;
NO EXCEPTIONS.

~ WE LOVE YOUR BIRDS, but please leave them at home while you attend our seminars ~

*Check for our email blasts to see which of our birds you can
“meet and greet” at our next seminar!*

REGISTER ME!

Sign Me Up in Sunny San Diego for these 2011 Seminars:

DATE	TITLE	# PEOPLE	AMT
			\$
			\$
			\$

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

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Chloe Rogers
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HUMAN OUTWITS PARROT!

by April Adcock

Baby has gone from 510g to 480g. He is the proper weight for a Yellow-Naped Amazon now, and I have his diet under control. He loves his pellets now that I ate a bunch of them in front of him and stuck them in a chip bag. He is totally fooled. I even let him watch me stick them in the pantry where all the “bad” food goes. He then climbed down the chair as I watched from behind the wall and climbed into the pantry and dragged the bag out and ate them. I grabbed the bag and said, “No, no, Baby!” I have tricked Baby for once in the 17 years we have been together, and it has worked like a charm!



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

In October, PEAC Leader April Adcock and her two rescued Amazons visited Francis Parker Lower School in Mission Hills for their Pet Day, to teach students a little about parrots and their care, including our message "DON'T BUY - - ADOPT!"



Students in front, Baby and Thomas in rear

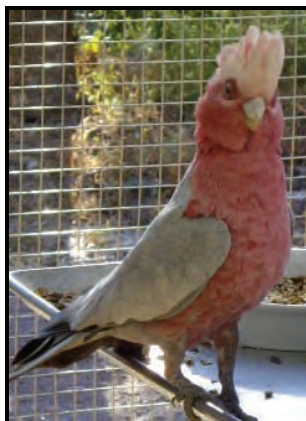


Baby demonstrates to students how to eat!!

Ok- - who let the balloon go??



From our November Toy-Making Workshop



Our trip in October to the Oasis Sanctuary in Arizona

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DIRECTOR 'S MESSAGE:

As the days get shorter, darker, and colder we find that our parrots, not being able to get outside, start looking for ways to get into mischief. Whether it's shredding the phonebook, "customizing" the new window trim you just installed, or hacking into your computer to order toys online (you know who I'm talking about...yeah, Parker...I'm talking about YOU!), this is the time of year when we can all use a refresher course on enrichment. It seems like such a



big word, but really the smallest things can be enriching to our birds. I could fill pages with suggestions and tips, but there's no need to reinvent the wheel. Since I've been getting a number of calls and emails regarding consultations for enrichment, I decided I would put forth some reminders about what's already out there for your perusal – for free in many cases, or at least minimal cost.

For immediate, inexpensive and creative ideas at your fingertips, check out the Parrot Enrichment Activity Books by Kris Porter. We've mentioned them before, but it's information worth repeating. Volumes 1 and 2 are available by download (for FREE!) from several locations, but why not go to the source?

<http://www.parrotenrichment.com/>

You can also become of fan of Parrot Enrichment - Kris Porter on FaceBook and receive additional tips and suggestions.

For foraging, I highly recommend the "Captive Foraging" DVD by Dr. M. Scott Echols (available from several sources online).

These are just two examples; you can find many, many more if you spend the time looking. PEAC holds toy-making seminars from time to time, as well as a seminar specifically on Environmental Enrichment. Watch our upcoming seminar announcements and register early so you don't miss out on these great learning opportunities!

What are some of the toy or food enrichment ideas that you've done for your bird(s)? Go to our FaceBook page and post your ideas, or send us an email and we'll try to compile all the suggestions for a future newsletter segment.

Stay warm, be creative, and be thankful you don't have bears at home; they're a whole other can of worms when it comes to "enrichment"!!

Karen Webster

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PEAC AK is in need of volunteers for all positions: booths, administrative work, special events, and most of all, foster homes!!

We are so grateful for our current foster families, but still are constantly turning away birds in need, due to a surfeit of foster homes. Please contact us if you can help! 907 929-2473, akpeac@gmail.com.



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This is Jake, the male Brown Bear at the Alaska Zoo enjoying his “snack” that was part of “Bear Enrichment Day” at the zoo.



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African Grey

Name: **Jayla**

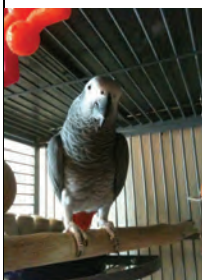
Species: Red-tailed (a.k.a. "Congo")

Age: 3 years

Sex: Female

Notes: Jayla is a very young, very sweet little girl. Despite having the best intentions and making all the right moves and choices, life sometimes throws us humans a curveball.

Unfortunately, Jayla's owner developed a life-threatening allergic reaction to her, and it became necessary for Jayla to come to us to find her a new forever home. She's essentially a little Grey sponge, soaking up all life has to offer her, and will make someone a fabulous lifelong companion.



Amazon

Name: **Samantha**

Species: Double Yellow Head

Age: 17 years

Sex: Female

Notes: Friendly in that she wants to be around people, but reserved in that she would prefer not to be touched. A true Amazon, Sam does love her showers! Definitely not a cuddler, but she does have a very sweet voice and personality.



Conure

Name: **Wilson**

Species: Blue-crowned Conure

Age: unknown

Sex: unknown

Notes: Wilson was a found bird, rescued after spending a day hanging out in several very tall trees close to an Italian restaurant. Care to guess what his favorite food is? He talks quite a bit, and while there's interest in getting scratches only from favored people, he's VERY interested in getting attention from that person, as well as playing with toys, etc.



Poicephalus - Senegal

Name: **Sassy**

Age: unknown

Sex: unknown

Notes: Sassy was found and turned over to us. She can be social and outgoing when she wants to, yet, like a lot of Senegals, she can be somewhat territorial of her space. She has a healthy appetite and loves to play with her toys and get cuddles and scratches from her favorite people.



WAYS YOU CAN HELP!!

Have you ever wondered how you could help PEAC, but thought "I just don't have the ability to foster"? That's okay, there's lots of ways people can help PEAC...

The Program Birds always appreciate these donations:

*New toys
Harrison's Bird Food
(including Bird Bread Mix)
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Nuts in the shell
(almond, walnut, etc.)
Seasonal fruit
Travel carriers
Large cages
Perches*

If it were not for our volunteers, members, and public donations, we would not be able to do what we do. A large part of our funding comes from special events and fundraisers.

**We are always looking for donations for the events we put on throughout the year. If you have an item you'd like to donate, please call or email us!
907-929-BIRD (2473)
akpeac@gmail.com**

Your membership, support, and participation at our events are essential to the future of our chapter and our foster birds! Thank you for your generosity!!

We would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the following individuals, organizations, and businesses who have donated to our Anchorage chapter:

Alaska Mill and Feed
Grey Feather Toys
TOPS (Totally Organic Pellets)

Jackie Frederickson, DVM
Robert A. Rehbock
Lin Westgard

Ginger Memorial Fund
Layne Dicker & Sally Spencer
Rayna Neumiller-Duenas

SEMINAR FEES (per person/day)

	ADVANCE REGISTERED	AT THE DOOR
PEAC Members	FREE!	\$5.00
Non-Members	\$10.00	\$15.00

Our seminars are held at the BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage from 7:00-9:00pm. Advance registration must be received no later than three days prior to the day of the seminar. To register, please email or mail the seminar date you want to attend, and the number of people attending. If you are a PEAC member and are registering in advance, registration over the phone or via email is accepted. For fax or USPS registrations, please use the registration form above.

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Though we love your birds, PLEASE leave them at home while you attend these seminars!

Gimme Four!!



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While many of our seminars are required for adoption, others are encouraged to attend to expand their knowledge, in order to provide the best possible home for their own companion birds.

- Tues, Feb 15 6:30 - 9:00 pm** – Environmental Enrichment
- Tues, Mar 15 6:30 - 9:00 pm** - Preventing or Avoiding Common Behavior Problems (required for adoption)
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- Tues, May 10 6:30 - 9:00 pm** – TBA
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*Mirror, mirror, on the wall,
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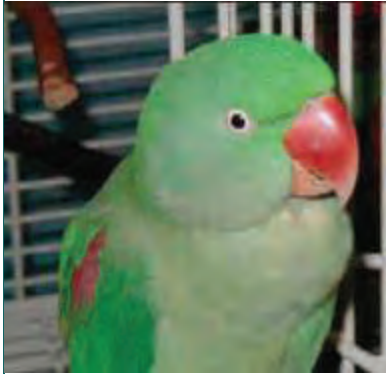
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THE "GINGER" MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM*

Ginger was one of the first birds Anchorage took in, and the difference we were able to make in this bird's life was remarkable. Unfortunately, we were not granted enough time with Ginger on this earth; let the story of her life carry the message of birds in need to future generations. May she rest in peace.

Through word of mouth, PEAC has become widely known. With this notoriety comes an increase in the number of birds needing our help. The increased volume of birds coming through our door has placed an additional financial burden on the organization. Just one of our macaws requires a \$20-\$30 toy at least once a month, in addition to the food costs (and thanks to the difficult times we are facing, food costs have risen dramatically). Sadly, we have numerous parrots of all sizes, needing food and a variety of toys, waiting to enter our program.

We are appealing to you as a fellow parrot lover to help us help these homeless birds. Please consider enrolling in our sponsorship program. For a monthly contribution, you can sponsor one or more of our birds. In return, you will receive the satisfaction of knowing that a parrot's life was enriched by your donation, and your name will appear on our Sponsorship List in our quarterly newsletter, *Beak to Tail*. (If you wish to remain anonymous, just check that box on the Sponsorship Enrollment Form.) All donations are tax-deductible and directly benefit our birds. Simply fill out the enrollment form and return it with your donation.*



After enrolling, for your convenience, you will receive an envelope each month in which to return your donation. The birds are waiting and thank you for your contribution.

** All donations to the Ginger Sponsorship Program remain at PEAC's Anchorage chapter.*

THE GINGER MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FORM

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THE "CHICKEN" MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Chicken, a "Festive Amazon" (*Amazona festiva*) was imported in about 1970, as an adult, wild-caught bird. He was first owned by an elderly woman, a chain smoker, who had him for about 15 years and taught him to be a phenomenal talker. When she passed away, Chicken was left to her two sons, neither of whom liked him, and they kept him in isolation. Their sister rescued Chicken and gave him to a vet tech at the hospital where he was a client. The tech kept Chicken for a few years, until becoming engaged to someone who was allergic. In 1993, she called Layne Dicker, who was doing bird adoptions; Layne immediately fell in love with Chicken. He says that Chicken was affectionate, personable, and completely trustworthy. He would sit on Layne's shoulder for an hour with his head down getting scratched, and if Layne stopped, he'd nibble at his ear, making a little growling sound. In 1998, Chicken died of lung cancer. Layne has never completely gotten over it.

Participants

Anonymous
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Mike & Julie Comella
Layne Dicker
Kelly Flynn
Kathy Fraga
Lisa Greeson
Jim & Karen Hodson
Philip & Lee Jenkins
Paul & Debra Kolen
Judy Lazar
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*(in memory of Ziggy)

PEAC has set up a memorial fund to help homeless birds with stories like Chicken's. But we can't do this without your help. Just one of our Amazons or macaws requires a new \$20 or \$30 toy at least once a month, in addition to the food costs. And we have numerous birds of all sizes waiting to enter our program! We are appealing to you as a fellow parrot lover to help us help these homeless birds. Please consider enrolling in our Sponsorship Program. For a monthly contribution you can sponsor one or more of our birds. In return you will receive the satisfaction of knowing that a parrot's life was enriched by your donation, and your name will appear, if you wish, on our Sponsorship List in our quarterly newsletter. All donations are tax deductible and will directly benefit our birds.

Simply fill out the enrollment form and return it with your donation.* After enrolling, for your convenience, you will receive an envelope each month in which to return your donation. The birds are waiting and thank you for your contribution!

* All donations to this program remain at PEAC headquarters in San Diego. For sponsorship opportunities in your area, contact your local Chapter.

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Letter from the Director, Pittsburgh Chapter

Hello, PEAC!

“My name is Scott Reichert. It is very exciting to be able to address you as the newly appointed Director of the Pittsburgh Chapter. I succeed Christy Kaufmann upon her retirement. In so doing I have quite a reputation to follow. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors for selecting me to lead our organization’s mission into the future. My primary goal is to follow the original mission laid out for PEAC by the founder, Bonnie Kenk: to educate the public about responsible companion bird care and ownership. I hope to be able to transcend personalities and focus on solidifying our national ties. I also want to remove any perception of PEAC as a “secret society”, to make its operation more transparent and to bring it into the vernacular.

“PEAC is a professional volunteer organization. In so being it is absolutely dependent on its volunteers! I have made a commitment to retain as many current volunteers as possible, to recover any former resignees, and to recruit responsible, willing new volunteers. I aim to increase the transparency of the [Pittsburgh] organization, decentralize tasks, and allow our volunteers to be as active as they choose to be in both the active ‘pounding the pavement’ tasks as well as the decision making process. ANY amount of time, ANY skill a person is willing to give is a treasure that will be greatly appreciated.”

This is the beginning of the letter that I wrote to our volunteers in Pittsburgh on September 25, 2010, shortly after taking the helm. Since that time, we have had a very successful volunteer meeting, which accomplished the tasks I laid out. Our volunteer ranks have significantly increased and number over twenty now. We have attended several public events, including the Circleville Exotic Bird Expo, PETCO Adoption Weekends, Cranberry Public Library’s Adoption Expo, as well as others. Our number of foster homes has more than doubled. Lots of new ideas were presented at our meeting that have already been implemented, for example, a new and improved quarantine procedure for every bird that enters our program. The decentralization and transparency aspects of my commitment have been realized in the development of our “Volunteer” communication page and planned posting of public documents on our website, as well as the assembly of a new Leadership Committee. We have filled many coordinator positions, as well. It has only been a few short weeks, and we are already well on our way. Thank you all for your participation, energy, ideas, and hard work.

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It is also important to recognize the help we have received from the national organization. PEAC as a whole has been incredibly supportive of this transition. Educational materials, cages, financial consideration, and even personal encouragement have been readily provided by the other PEAC chapters, their directors, and their staff. I was overwhelmed. You have made an otherwise daunting task so much more manageable. Thank you.

I would like to recognize a couple of our volunteers: Tambri Iriti-Tiwold as our Education Coordinator and Tom Murphy as our Adoption Coordinator. Thank you so much for your service. Tambri was a former member of PEAC. She is an active volunteer at the National Aviary, and participates with the Gabriel Foundation as well as several other avian organizations. She is well-versed in many aspects of avian care, as well as administrative tasks. Tom Murphy is a long-standing member of PEAC. He has adopted from PEAC and fostered for us in the past. He is well educated, and has spent over thirty years as an educator himself.

Tom has already gotten into full swing in his new position. Welcome aboard, both of you! Dr. Edward Bennett of All Pet Animal Hospital in Gibsonia has also agreed to come on board as our primary consulting avian veterinarian. He has agreed to a very advantageous financial arrangement for our foster birds' veterinary care, and has agreed to provide a benefit for members, as well. Thank you, Dr. Bennett.

Last, but MOST important, our membership has been wonderful. In a transition such as the one we just traversed, it would not be unusual to lose membership. This has not been the case, and our membership actually has increased by over 20%. Your memberships are ABSOLUTELY vital to the mission we pursue. Without your financial support, we could not do anything for these wonderful creatures.

I would love to hear from each and every one of you, with suggestions on how we can improve this program. You can reach me at s.reichert@pitpeac.org. I encourage you all to visit our redesigned website at www.pitpeac.org and register on the right-hand side for our email updates. You can also find a link there to follow us on FaceBook, if that's your preferred communication method. We need you now more than ever. If you haven't been around for awhile, come join us for some of our new happenings!

Sincerely yours,

Scott Reichert
Director, PEAC Pittsburgh

Your membership, support, and participation at our events are essential to the future of our chapter and our foster birds!
Thank you for your generosity!

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What's New for 2011? By Scott Reichert, Pittsburgh Director

We are revamping our educational seminars. "How are we revamping them," you ask? In a few ways. The number one reason I have heard, that people aren't attending the seminars, is that they are too far away. We are answering this challenge by adding seminars in the East. We will now be giving six seminars in the North Huntington area, which are proposed to be held Friday evenings at the Norwin Public Library. We would like to start this in February. When it is firmed up, we will have definite details posted on our website, and advertising in place.

The second most common reason given is that the same content is repeated in multiple seminars. To answer this, we are in discussion with our other chapters about consolidating the number of core curriculum courses taught. This will free up resources to be able to teach more elective classes. Additionally, we are discussing changing the format. More participation and feedback will be encouraged, real birds will be utilized for demonstrative purposes, and suggestions for topics are welcome. There will be an open 30 minutes at the beginning of each seminar for guided discussion by one of our volunteers. In case anybody didn't catch it, I will repeat it once more: we are discussing reducing the core curriculum courses to once a year in the eastern location and once a year in the southern location. This may initially seem like a bad choice. After all, won't this hamper our adoptive processes? No it won't, because of the ***really exciting news***. PEAC-Pittsburgh is partnering with the National Aviary to teach our core curriculum courses every month! Every, single, month we will have a core curriculum course taught at the Aviary. The first month and every other month thereafter (i.e. Jan, Mar, May, July...), the Aviary will teach a "Basic Care and Behavior Problem" course. The alternating months (Feb, Apr, Jun...), there will be an "Enrichment" course. These two sessions will serve in lieu of our "Basic Care" and "Behavior Problem" courses for the purposes of adoption requirements. (We have also proposed to the other chapters that The "Parrot Personalities" course be given on a personal level during the home interview process.) The courses will be taught by Cathy Schlott, the Director of Animal Training, with some of the birds coming from the Aviary's show. We will have volunteers present to answer questions, distribute literature and promote our organization. There will be a nominal charge for this (PEAC and Aviary members will receive a discount). However, this charge also includes admission to the Aviary for the entire day, including their new and improved indoor bird show. In addition to this Steve Sarro, Director of Animal programs and Cathy Schlott, Manager of Animal Training at the Aviary have agreed to speaking engagements for us. This is an outstanding opportunity for PEAC to partner with an organization that is respected nationally as well as internationally. We thank the National Aviary for considering us in this endeavor and hope this partnership will prove to be beneficial for all of us well into the future.

We have also joined with Rus Tyson of Ohio Bird Fairs. Rus organizes several bird fairs in Pennsylvania. We will have a presence at these events to distribute literature and answer questions and offer the adoption alternative. Rus has agreed to donate 100% of raffle and concessions proceeds to PEAC as well as many in-kind donations. Thank you, Rus!

I am sure many new things will arise in the next year to challenge our ability to provide the best in education about companion bird care, and careful, thoughtful re-homing of unwanted birds. However, as a team, with your support, I am confident we can meet those challenges and grow this organization, one day at a time, one step at a time. -SR



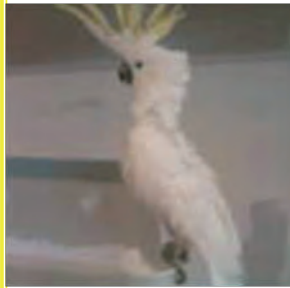
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Species: Citron-crested Cockatoo

Age: 8

Notes: "Mango" is a very sweet and quiet bird who is mostly recovered from feather-picking. She likes to talk, enjoys out-of-the-cage time, seems to prefer men, and loves her pellets, fresh fruits and veggies, and an occasional sunflower seed.



Species: Lesser Sulphur-crested Cockatoo

Age: 3

Notes: "Baby Doll" is very friendly, and seems to prefer females. She is recovering from feather-picking and loves to dance. She bathes in the shower and eats pellets, fresh veggies, and fruit. She can be noisy to get your attention, but once she has it, she loves to cuddle!



Species: Orange-winged Amazon

Age: 26

Notes: "Carlos" came into our adoption program when his owner passed away. Although he is not hand tame, he loves out-of-the-cage time, fresh foods, and destructible toys. He prefers women to men and will make a great addition to a home with someone who understands him.



Species: Yellow-naped Amazon

Age: 23

Notes: "Lucky" is a very sweet female who is guaranteed to brighten your day! She loves people, can talk up a storm, is healthy and full-feathered, and enjoys bathing in the shower. Her diet consists of pellets, fresh fruits, and veggies.



Species: Blue Peach-faced Lovebirds

Ages: 3

Notes: "Stanley" and "Stella" are a male and female bonded pair who came into our adoption program when their owner was no longer able to care for them. They prefer to remain in their cage together, but will provide you with entertainment as only two healthy, happy lovebirds are able to do!

THANKS TO OUR DONORS

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following individuals, organizations, and businesses that have donated to our Pittsburgh Chapter:

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Special thanks to PEAC Cleveland and PEAC San Diego for their invaluable assistance, advice, and patience during our transition.



Species: Timneh African Grey

Age: 25

Notes: "Timba" is a quiet, easily-managed Grey who talks and makes numerous interesting sounds. He likes to play with his toys and bathe in the shower. He eats pellets, fresh veggies, and fruits.

Congratulations to Jan, Marsha, and Cindy – a trio of budgies who recently went to their forever home!



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