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What's New for 2012!

Unbelievable! Where did 2011 go? Here at PEAC San Diego we're excited about coming events during 2012 and we think you will be as well. Who is probably the most famous African Grey parrot of all time? Keep reading...

One of our goals for 2012 is to increase our visibility to the public in San Diego and to increase membership as part of expanding our educational scope. We are ecstatic about our new partnership with the San Diego Department of Animal Services and have made arrangements to hold our monthly seminars at their gorgeous Gaines Street campus classroom this year. We are also in communication with San Diego Humane Society and their Animal Rescue Reserve to provide education and training for officers on psittacine care and handling. PEAC will have a booth at both America's Family Pet Expo in Orange County, AND at the San Diego Pet Expo. Both events will happen in April 2012. Please visit their respective websites for more information: <http://petexpoc.com/> and <http://sandiegopetexpo.net/>.

We are pleased to welcome new Board Member, Margo Rose, of Roses Pet Emporium.

Finally, the answer to my African Grey question above is, of course, Alex. Our full day conference this year will include Dr. Irene Pepperberg on our docket of speakers! Dr. Pepperberg's research on avian intelligence is known and respected around the globe and we welcome her scientific validation of what parrot owners have known for decades. Please mark your calendars now for Saturday, September 15, 2012. Additional details will be available within the next month or so; we expect this event to fill up early so please check our home page for details periodically.

From our flock to yours – Best Wishes for 2012.

Sincerely,

Barbara Crouse
Executive Director

New to our Program



Sugar is a 14 yr old male Citron-crested Cockatoo who, like many 'toos, loves to be the center of attention and join in flock/family activities. He is in absolutely gorgeous feather in spite of a sub-optimal diet prior to entering our foster program. He speaks appropriately and is adapting well to life with his new flock. Stay tuned for more details as we get to know Sugar better.

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.

Waiting in the Wings

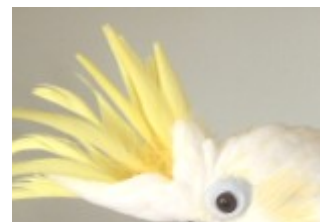
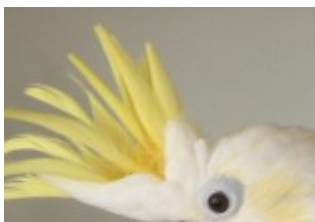
“Popeye” – 30 year old DNA-sexed male double-yellow headed Amazon who has been in one home for the past 28 years. He’ll be joining our foster flock in the next few weeks, so watch for more details as we get to know him.

“Ralphie” – 1-2 year old male red-lored Amazon who narrowly escaped euthanasia in an animal shelter in the L.A. area. His broken leg is almost healed, and he is now climbing, perching and playing with ease. PEAC has incurred over \$1200 in veterinary expenses for Ralphie and donations are most welcome!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS
TO THE BIRDS OF PEAC IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Chloe Rogers	Rene Pina
Judy Michaels	Beverly Berkowitz
Roses Pet Emporium	TOPS (Totally Organic Pellets)
Ken Kitzmiller	Diana King
Kathy Fraga	Michelle Erickson
Sherry & Charlie Trotcha	

Guðrun Maybaum of Totally Organics Pellets (TOPS) has been a long time staunch supporter of PEAC. We are deeply thankful for your support and sincerely regret the omission of TOPS from the list of Donations in the last issue of Beak to Tail.



AWW, C'MON....HELP WANTED!

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 the economy still in the dumps and people losing their homes, the coming months will continue to reveal new 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 the bird we are placing with you with you as its foster parent. This that it backfires, and the bird! Why do we call this closes up one opening in our love is love, and we can't always



would be best for you, to ensure that is one that we think can best succeed. Sometimes we do such a good job at foster parent ends up adopting the "backfiring"? Because it permanently foster parent program. But you know, help 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. How much better can that be?

Call 619.287.8200

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. Cecil provides a 50% discount on non-emergency services to our foster birds and 20% on emergency/after hour care as well as a 15% discount on avian services for PEAC members with a valid membership card.

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



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

Gale Chan

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Geneva Potepan

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Chloe Rogers

Steve Scott

Linda Stuart

Virginia VanDyke*

*(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.

THE CHICKEN MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Sponsorship Levels:

- \$50/mo. Macaw/Large Cockatoo \$25/mo. African Grey/Amazon/Eclectus
 \$15/mo. Conure/Parrotlet \$10/mo. Cockatiel/Budgie/Lovebird
 I wish to remain anonymous. Do not print my name on the Sponsorship list.
 I am unable to give a monthly donation, but I would like to help with a one-time donation of \$_____.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Make check payable to PEAC and mail with the registration form to
PEAC, P.O. Box 600423, San Diego, CA 92160.

Parrot Education and Adoption Center

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

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

- Jean-Michael Cousteau

Required seminars for adoption eligibility include: Avian Basic Care, Parrot Personalities, and Behavior Problems. Those interested in adoption who attend Parrot Personalities and Behavior Problems seminars, will be provided access to our on-line Avian Basic Care (ABC) seminar. You may also e-mail parroted@peac.org for access details.

San Diego Seminars

Sun, 1/29/12:	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>) Behavior Problems: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>)
Sun, 2/19/11:	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Sex and the Single Parrot Excessive Screaming
Sun, 3/25/12:	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>) Behavior Problems: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>)

Temecula Area Seminars

Sat, 1/21/12	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Sex & the Single Parrot Resolving Biting Behavior
Sat, 2/25/11	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>) Behavior Problems: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>)
Sat, 3/17/12	1:00 pm 2:15 pm	Parrot Body Language Parrot Safety

Seminar locations

New

Department of Animal Services Shelter,
5480 Gaines Street, San Diego, CA 92110

Animal Friends of the Valleys/Southwest Communities
Animal Shelter, 33751 Mission Trail, Wildomar, CA

Check-in: 12:30 – 1:00 pm. Whenever possible, foster birds will be present for “Meet and Greet” during seminar check-in.

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 date.

On-line seminar registration is now available at www.peac.org, click on the ‘Calendar’ tab.

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

SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ E-mail: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Ph: _____

Seminar Location: (*circle one*) San Diego Temecula area (Wildomar)

Date	Seminar Title	# Attending	Amount Due

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____ Total Amount Due: _____

Signature _____

Make check payable to PEAC and mail with the registration form to:
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

What is it with people these days?? Several days ago Anchorage had two arrests for animal cruelty; yes, two arrests in one day. One case involved a man living in an unheated connex container while his 20 cats (including one mama cat and her kittens) were living in his car. The temperature has been -10 to -15 below at night. At noon, the temperature in the car with the cats was -5. Cold temps also played a role in the second arrest. A maintenance technician was called in to repair the heating system in an apartment in Eagle River. According to the news accounts, the filthy apartment contained over 30 dogs - many in stacked kennels with fecal matter dripping down onto the kennels below - and over



40 parakeets. Some of the birds were loose in the apartment, and there were eggs in the bottoms of the cages and elsewhere.

Today I see where someone in Abilene, TX was arrested for stabbing his puppy (11-week old puppy!) 11 times and then throwing it away in a dumpster. Miraculously that puppy is still alive and is likely to survive its ordeal. Then there's the man in El Cajon, CA who beat his puppy so severely it had to be euthanized.

I'm sorry, humanity....but WTF??

Compared to the stories of abject cruelty and abuse, the guy living in the connex container seems like a saint. Even though he seemingly couldn't afford to rent a hotel or an apartment, he was trying to care for his pets (food and water were in the connex, and he would run the heat in his car from time to time to try to keep it warm enough for the cats). We don't know his story yet, but it seems he was sort of making an effort - a lame one - but an effort nonetheless. Cruelty was cited due to the subzero weather, not because they were living in filth and excrement. The owner of the connex admitted to letting the guy stay there, and admitted that he wouldn't allow the cats inside because he was concerned about odor...so I find his actions suspect as well. Odor? Really? I'm thinking living creatures potentially freezing to death is a bigger issue but, hey, that's just me. Of course the reality here is that no matter how one looks at it, no one should be living out of a car with 20 cats regardless of the time of year unless the car is an H3 or a stretch limo and comes with a mini fridge full of tuna and about a half dozen litter boxes.

I suppose one could say that 20 cats in a car is about the equivalent of 30 dogs in an apartment. The difference here, at least to me, is the two guys with the apartment were "pooping in their own nest" so to speak. THEY were living in that filth too...at least I assume they lived there based on the news. I have to wonder, how can someone be that lazy/oblivious/uncaring/insert your own adjective here?



Available for Adoption in Anchorage
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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 - Senega

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)
Nutriberries
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 email us!

akpeac@gmail.com

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I get depression. I get hard times. I've certainly been there many times recently. But at no point would I subject my animals to substandardunbelievably substandard....care. We have to learn when to say enough is enough. And I say "we" because we ALL are stewards of this earth, and we all are responsible for helping shape our tomorrows. Do you see someone getting in over their head? Try talking to them, be a friend, ask if they could use some help. If you suspect it's THAT bad, report it to the proper authorities. I'd rather be labeled nosey or a narc than think that my inaction resulted in prolonged animal suffering. There are cases where the person is mentally ill. All we can do there is hope they can get help while at the same time get the animals into a group that can find them new homes. For those who are lazy/greedy/ambivalent about the lives they've chosen to "care" for....shame on them, and shame on us for whatever role we allow ourselves to play even if our only role is silence.

Speak up. Be a friend. Be a neighbor. Be someone who gives a damn about something other than reality tv or Facebook. Even if all someone can do is deliver some old blankets or newspapers to a rescue group, or give a small monetary donation to a worthy cause....do something! The puppy in Abilene, TX is alive because of the quick actions and caring nature of a neighbor. Let's all try to be that neighbor.

Anchorage PEAC has not started it's 2012 class cycle yet. Our weather has been treacherous for months, and our seminars are typically poorly attended in winter/during inclement weather. We expect to start up again in March or April. We will be at Anchorage Animal Care and Control's "Pet New Year 2012", which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Alaska Mill & Feed in Anchorage from 11am - 3pm. Come on by and say "hi"!

With best regards,

Karen Webster
 Managing Director, Anchorage

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:

Ginger Memorial Fund
 Layne Dicker & Sally Spencer

Alaska Mill and Feed	Jackie Frederickson, DVM
Grey Feather Toys	Robert A. Rehbock
TOPS (Totally Organic Pellets)	Lin Westgard
VCA Alaska Pet Care	



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.

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Name: _____ Phone #: _____
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 VISA/MC/AMEX Card #: _____ Exp: ____ / ____

Or make check payable to PEAC and mail with this form to
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* All donations to the Ginger Sponsorship Program remain at PEAC's Anchorage chapter.

Letter from the Director, Pittsburgh Chapter

Dear PEAC Members:

Hello and Happy New Year! It seems like just yesterday that I was writing this article for my first time, for 2011. Time flies when you're having fun (get it, flies, it's a bird pun...).

I have learned a lot in the past year. We started off with a bang last year by introducing a new partnership with the National Aviary. This relationship has been working well and we intend on furthering it. We have changed the curriculum to offer three courses now. The first will be a basic care and behavior problem class that deals specifically with the three major problems encountered with companion birds: biting, screaming, and feather picking. The second will be an enrichment course where one can learn to create D-I-Y affordable items to enrich your bird's captive lifestyle. The new, third class will examine more intense training techniques, trick training, and will even touch on indoor flight training for your bird. The fee structure has been changed to \$15.00 for members and \$18.00 for non-members. This reduction should make it more accessible. The National Aviary has also agreed to more actively promote adoption as an alternative for pet bird acquisition through their "Wings!" bird show and we are currently seeking support for a semi-permanent display by the lorikeet exhibit promoting adoption, and PEAC specifically.

Last year we also tried some new locations for classes which, by attendance statistics, proved successful. This year we will not only offer these new locations, but we will be offering seminars on Sunday and at varying times to facilitate more people's schedules. We will be adding a couple moderated round table discussions to our seminar list as well as bringing back a popular "Ask the Vet" seminar. Although penguins aren't psittacines, we do have the advantage of having the eminent, worldwide African Penguin expert on our Board of Directors, and he has agreed to speak on this subject and answer questions (and you may even get an experience with a real penguin!...no promises though). The seminar will be free with a purchased aviary admission. There's much more to come and I am sure we will keep adding. Keep an eye on our website!

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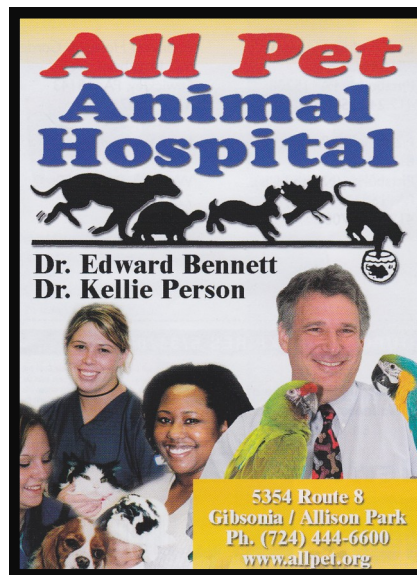
From an administrative standpoint, our Board of Directors has undergone a turn over. Jeff Morneweck, our webmaster, has taken over as the President. We have added two people also. Steve Sarro, the Director of Animal Programs at the National Aviary, was added last February and has assumed the office of Vice President and Secretary. Pam Goretz, our foster coordinator, has stepped up to fill in as acting treasurer. Dr. Kellie Persons DVM, from All Pet Animal Hospital, has agreed to join our Board of Directors. We are currently looking to fill two more positions. Our dream team would be an accountant and a philanthropist. If anyone is interested in these positions, please contact us at info@pitpeac.org.

We are constantly striving to improve members' relationship with our organization. We are trying to streamline our website experience and add a forum where members can share, conversationally. We would also like to solicit your suggestions for improvements. Please feel free to send your suggestions to us via the contact page on our website. As always, we are constantly looking for new members, volunteers, and foster homes.

Thank you so much for everyone's participation last year. I am really looking forward to this year and some new advancements. I am looking forward to meeting ALL of you this year. If you can, come on out to an event or two and strike up a conversation. We are trying to build a community as well as a business. A community of the best educated bird owners in the nation. Help us make that mission come true.

Sincerely yours,

Scott Reichert
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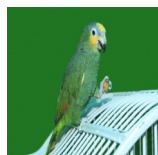
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Let Dizzy Izzy be your umbrella on a rainy day. She (we think) had a bad doo, but now that she knows that it's growing out, she's as happy as can be while she waits to be as beautiful on the outside, again, as she is on the inside. She knows that true beauty comes from within.



Doug is a female orange-wing Amazon. She's a beautiful, somewhat shy, bird who enjoys destructible toys and all kinds of fruits and veggies. She would love to become part of your family!



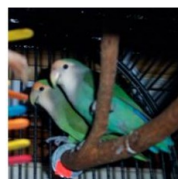
Einstein is a male, bare-eyed cockatoo. He's quite the chatterbox, saying "Wanna come out," "Love you," "Good Bird," and lots more.



Samson is a 14-year-old green wing macaw who talks a lot but doesn't like to spend a lot of time outside of his cage. Maybe that would change in his forever home!



African gray parrots come in two models. Those with red tails and those without red tails. Ajax is a medium-sized African Gray Parrot with a red tail, though we don't know if he came from the Congo. He's 22 and generally a nice boy, but sometimes he seems a little standoffish. Maybe it's just his natural dignity.

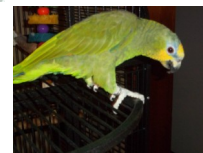
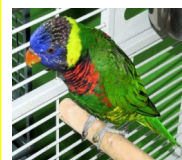


Stanley and Stella are a male and female bonded pair who came into our adoption program when their owner was no longer able to care for them. They prefer to remain in their cage together, but will provide you with entertainment as only two healthy, happy lovebirds are able to do!

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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Congratulations Coffee, Jojo, Carlos, Echo, and Mowgli on their recent adoptions!



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Where: Norwin Public Library

When: Saturday, January 7th TBA

Aviary Pet Parrot Workshop on Enrichment Teri G. will be discussing different kinds of enrichment and techniques for toy making. And you can make a toy to take home. This class satisfies one of the requirements for adoption thru PEAC.

When: Sunday, January 15th 1:00 PM

Where: National Aviary, Arch Street, Pgh. PA 15212

Penguins in Peril

When: Sunday, February 19th 1:00 pm

Where: National Aviary featuring guest speaker Steve Sarro: free with paid admission to Aviary

Aviary Pet Parrot Workshop on Basic Care & Behavior Cathy Schlott will be discussing some common behavior issues, healthy diets and basic care practices and training. This class satisfies one of the requirements for parrot adoption thru PEAC.

When: Saturday February 25th 1:00 PM

Where: National Aviary, Arch Street, Pgh PA. 15212

"Parrots, Plants and Foraging"

When: Saturday March 3, 2011 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Where: Phipps Conservatory (included with admission)

Aviary Pet Parrot Workshop on Training Learn how to train your companion parrot to do simple commands and how to work towards trick training techniques. Cathy Schlott Manager of Training at the National Aviary will be sharing her ideas.

When: Sunday, March 11th 1:00 PM

Where: National Aviary, Arch Street, Pgh PA 15212

Avian Health and Safety Join us in a casual "Roundtable" discussion with a local Avian Vet! Bring all your questions and leave with the answers!

When: Saturday, March 31st

Aviary Pet Parrot Workshop on Enrichment

When: Saturday, April 14th

Where: National Aviary Time: TBA

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