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## Problematic Avian Behaviors May Stem From Sexual Frustration

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“It is not how you think of your bird that determines its fate, it is how your bird thinks of you.”

A basic biological urge that is common to all species is the desire to produce and raise offspring. This urge may be more and less obvious in some species depending on the observer’s level of understanding of the species or individual behavior. As pet bird owners, it is our responsibility to understand what our bird is communicating to us by its body language. It is also our responsibility to understand what we are communicating to the bird (how they respond to the environment we create).



Birds are built to be relational in a flock environment. They have flock mates (friends) and a pair bond (mate). At certain times of the year and depending on the species, the pair bond relationship is heightened. Courtship and other reproductive behaviors become the central focus of a bird’s attention. Mates will leave the flock of large and begin their families. Birds in captivity are no different, but their behaviors are manifested in diverse ways based upon the perceived current social

structure and previously reared socialization. When birds are pair bonded to humans, variable medical and behavioral problems will result. The medical problems associated with abnormal reproductive stimulation in a captive environment include becoming egg bound, calcium depleted, and protein depleted; compulsive regurgitation on various cage articles, cloacal infections from perch rubbing, and cloacal prolapse. The behavioral problems associated with reproductive stimulation are screaming, aggression (especially toward spouse of human), feather destructive behavior, mutilation, etc.

These behaviors and medical issues are often not favorable to maintain their homes long-term or to their survival in captivity. Stewards of birds (owners) often tire of the resultant medical/behavioral problems or become injured. Guilt is a common human emotional outcome from lack of understanding the type of avian companion we unintentionally created. The evolving understanding of avian behavior/socialization/natural history has given us a glimpse of how we may be triggering these reproductive behaviors.

### Photoperiod

Chickens lay eggs more frequently with longer light cycles. While parrots are not chickens and have a relatively stable light cycle in their equatorial origins, it is worth mentioning that as our pets, we tend to keep them up later at night than their wild counterparts that roost about one half hour after sundown.

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## Letter from the Director

Dear PEAC Members,

Approximately two years ago, I was shopping at the Unleashed store in Hillcrest on Washington St. with my partner, for dog food for our Italian Greyhound, Jasper. At the front of the store was a table with several volunteers and some beautiful birds that were up for adoption. I stopped and spoke with Barb and explained that several years ago I had two Green Wing Macaws that I lost custody of during a divorce, and I still missed my big guys very much. I had recently retired and was looking for an organization to donate my time to, so I took the brochure and sent in my membership and registered for the upcoming seminars that are required for volunteering and/or adopting. That was my beginning of helping PEAC with the work it does in educating the public as well as current or future bird owners. I have had the privilege of meeting many of the members of PEAC at the seminars and public functions we have participated in, and I look forward to meeting all of you that I have not yet had the privilege to do so.

I came to PEAC with 16 yrs. of grant writing experience and was able to put that to good use in developing our first campaign with GlobalGiving, which to date has brought in just over \$10,000. We originally started out with a goal of \$5000, which assures us membership in the GlobalGiving network, and as you see, we have well surpassed this goal. We will be sponsoring another GlobalGiving project, focusing on Sponsors for PEAC. Though one-time donations always help, sustained monthly sponsorship will allow PEAC to develop a more stable working budget. Normalized funding can be allocated for our educational outreach programs as well as for support and care for the parrots in our foster program. As with all 501(c)3 organizations, donations are what keep the wheels of PEAC turning and moving forward in its mission.

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### WHAT WE ARE

Parrot Education & Adoption Center is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt 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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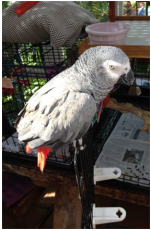
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Policies and Procedures**

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/Southern California

Call 619 287-8200 or email [adoption@peac.org](mailto:adoption@peac.org) to find out more about any of these birds!

### African Greys



**“Buddy,” 17+-yr-old m. Congo.** Buddy came to PEAC when his owner of 17 years passed away. He had not been out of his cage since the owner had purchased him, but through positive reinforcement he is learning how to play outside his cage, and eventually to step up. He is in beautiful feather and has shown no fear of people, although too many at once cause him to be a bit nervous. He has an extensive vocabulary and mimics many sounds. Buddy needs a quiet environment and someone who has worked with training parrots. He has a long way to go, but in the end he will make a wonderful companion parrot in the right forever home.

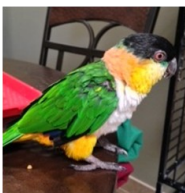
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**“Morris,” 37-yr-old m. Congo.** Morris came to us when his elderly owner could no longer care for him or Lolita (yellow-naped Amazon). Due to a seed-only diet and a stressful environment, he developed feather destructive behavior and barbered a large portion of his plumage. He is now on medication and an appropriate diet, and has begun growing his feathers back and playing with foraging toys. Morris is a very gentle and calm African grey who wants to share his life with a human companion who understands the intricacies of his species.

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### Caique



**“Bailey,” 22-yr-old f. Black-headed.** Bailey was relinquished by her only owner, who is elderly and no longer able to care for her. She loves interaction with people, but needs boundaries, as she was permitted free run of her former home. She is adjusting well, and will make some lucky person a splendid companion.

### Cockatoos



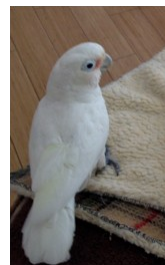
**“Baby,” 18-yr-old f. Umbrella.** Baby was relinquished by her only owner due to changes in the family dynamic. She is learning to play with toys and eat a balanced diet, and has stopped her feather destructive behaviors. Baby tends to make very loud vocalizations, especially when left alone, as well as when she first wakes up and at dusk. She enjoys human interaction but is also learning to play independently. She requires someone with cockatoo

experience who understands the loudness and demands for attention that many of them tend to express.



**“Frances,” m. Moluccan.** Frances entered PEAC in June of 2012 when his owner surrendered him for what we were told was a screaming problem. On receiving Frances he was not handle-able and had a lot of phobic behaviors. He has now improved greatly. His screaming is mainly now only fear driven and tattling on his

foster’s other cockatoo. He’s no longer phobic, he now chews on toys, and he is eating a better diet and starting to explore his surroundings. He is working on stepping up, but is still nervous when left alone. Frances may be best suited to a home with another bird. He will require someone who has a great deal of cockatoo experience, and with some more work, he is going to be a wonderful companion parrot.



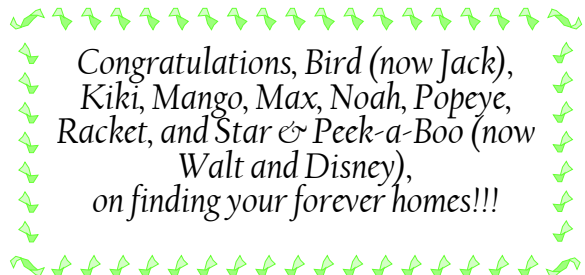
**“Frosty,” m. Goffin’s.** Frosty entered PEAC when the dynamics of his home changed and his owner was no longer able to provide him with the care and attention he needed. Due to domestic issues in his prior home, he is very fearful of men and is only comfortable being handled by women. He has a large vocabulary and calls to “step up” when he wants

your attention. He is a loving and gentle cockatoo and is looking to find a forever home where he can feel safe and cared for.



**“Rosie Bubbles,” f. Moluccan.** Rosie came to us in 2012 from a hoarding situation. With surgery followed by a handmade specially-fitted apparatus to prevent self-mutilation, she has made phenomenal progress. Her surgical wound has healed completely, and because of the apparatus and her change in environment, she has completely

stopped her feather picking and self-mutilation. At present, she is still in need of the handmade “bibby,” but each day she is making great strides in her healing.


  
 Congratulations, Bird (now Jack),
   
 Kiki, Mango, Max, Noah, Popeye,
   
 Racket, and Star & Peek-a-Boo (now
   
 Walt and Disney),
   
 on finding your forever homes!!!

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### Cockatoos (continued)



**“Sugar,” 15-yr-old m. citron-crested.** Sugar loves to be the center of attention and join in flock/family activities. He came from a home that was not prepared to handle the personality of a ‘too and thus he developed some behaviors which we have been working on with positive reinforcement. He’s in gorgeous feather, in spite of an initial sub-optimal diet. Sugar speaks appropriately

and is adapting well to life with his new flock. He would be best suited to a household of women, due to a screaming problem with men.

### Amazons



**“Lolita,” f. 26-yr-old yellow-naped.** Lolita’s elderly owner of 25 years became unable to care for her and Morris (Congo African grey), and they came to PEAC. Lolita sings in tune and talks, and although she previously received little handling due to

her owner’s declining health, she steps up for multiple people and has an exceptionally sweet personality. Lolita has been fostered successfully in homes with cats and small dogs. She tends to be reserved in a new setting but once she becomes accustomed to it, she opens up like a spring flower. She is a very unique Amazon who needs to find her new forever home.



**“Ralphie,” m. 2-yr-old red-lored.** Ralphie came to PEAC on January 1, 2012. He apparently had been part of a wild flock near Los Angeles, CA, and had been hit by a car, breaking his leg and bursting his air sacs. He was taken to a shelter and

then brought to San Diego, where he underwent surgery. Over a period of months, he began losing his fear of humans, and now steps up on a stick, whistles, says “hello,” and is beginning to mumble along to “Old McDonald Had a Farm.” He is a wonderful, playful companion parrot who is looking for a forever home.



**“Samantha,” 20-yr-old f. double-yellow head.** Sam was turned over to our Anchorage Chapter by Dept. of Animal Services from a horrendous hoarding situation. Now, Sam loves showers! She clearly enjoys ambient attention now from the people in her life, but prefers not to be touched. She has a beautiful, melodic voice, speaks clearly, and like many Amazons, loves to laugh along with you.



**“Tatonka,” 15-yr-old m. white-fronted.** Tatonka was relinquished to us when his previous owner no longer had enough time for him. He prefers men in general, but will interact politely with most women.

He speaks clearly with an adorable child-like voice, does several whistles, and is generally very animated. He plays independently with his toys, and loves to hang out with his human flock, as well. He’s a fun little bird who will do well in a home knowledgeable about positive reinforcement of his many desirable vocalizations, while avoiding the visual triggers for louder calls.

### Poicephalus



**“Jordie,” m. Jardine’s.** Jordie is a busy body! He loves to play independently with a variety of toys, and has also been known to climb down from his cage or play gym and follow his people around the house (although we don’t encourage this for safety reasons!). He is not noisy and will keep you entertained with various whistles. Jordie has exhibited

feather destructive behavior for a prolonged time, so an appreciation of bare chests is a must, although recently his FDB has lessened and he is showing new feather growth.



**“Kito,” f. Senegal.** Kito was surrendered to PEAC when her owner no longer had enough time to devote to her. Now on a balanced diet, Kito is in beautiful feather. She is an extremely fun little bird who enjoys dancing to music and hanging out with her human flock members. She

says a few words, but more often she likes to do all kinds of whistles, clicks, and other vocalizations. She interacts well with most people in her life and steps up well. She loves a good head-and-neck-rub. She is relatively quiet, and could live in an apartment or condo.



**“Sami,” m. Senegal.** Sami came to PEAC after he escaped his cage and was found in someone’s backyard 10 months later. He was taken to the vet and was found to be in excellent health after all that time! The former owner no longer could take Sami back, so he was placed with a PEAC

volunteer. He steps up easily and has a wonderful voice and makes many different whistles and sounds.

## HELP WANTED!

PEAC San Diego still has an incredible need for foster homes. We have a considerable waiting list and continue to receive applications from people wanting to give up their birds. 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, 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 you think would be best we are placing with you as its succeed with you as its such a good job at this that ends up adopting the bird! Because it permanently foster parent program. But can't always help who we



what species and personality type for you, to ensure that the bird one that we think can best foster parent. Sometimes we do it backfires, and the foster parent? Why do we call this "backfiring"? closes up one opening in our you know, love is love, and we fall in love with!

PEAC provides our foster homes with an appropriate cage, a playstand when possible, a travel carrier, and all the support you could ever ask for. All vet care, including grooming, is also provided. Additionally, each foster home has access to wholesale purchases of food and toys each month. 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 could that be?

*Call 619.287.8200*

*or email [parroted@peac.org](mailto:parroted@peac.org).*

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

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We welcome our new volunteers, Arlinda & Rick Goodrich, Fiona Marie, and Marie Walton!





## SECOND SEMINAR LOCATION!

In our constant quest to bring parrot education to you, we are now holding So. California seminars in a second location! Wildomar is located in Riverside County, in the Temecula area.

5/31 Sat. 1:00-3:00pm Nutrition Workshop: Cooking for your Parrot

6/21 Sat. 1:00 pm Parrot Behavior (*required for adoption*)  
2:15 pm Enrichment for Parrots (*required for adoption*)

When possible, program birds will be present from 12:30 to 1:00.

Seminar Location:  
Animal Friends of the Valleys  
Southwest Communities Animal Shelter  
33751 Mission Trail, Wildomar, CA

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 by the Wednesday prior to the seminar; no exceptions.

### REGISTER ME!

Sign Me Up in Wild, Wild, Wildomar for these 2014 Seminars:

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As a result they are exposed to increased amounts of light, and potentially more important is they may get a poor amount or poor quality sleep in the captive environment, as they are either on us (their people) getting rubbed and attention, or disturbed by our evening activities such as television, lights, music, etc. A future trend will be to maintain sleep cages.

### Food

Food availability and protein quality is highest in the spring for most birds in the wild. In captivity, free choice feeding (overabundance) and or high fat/protein feeds (beans, corn etc.) signal that it may be time to reproduce. Pelleted diets minimize the variance and therefore the reproductive stimulation.

### Nest and cage furnishings

Appropriate nesting spots stimulate reproductive activity in the wild and captive environments. Nest boxes, under the cage/cage papers, and cardboard boxes can all trigger egg laying onset and reproductive activity in males. Cage furnishings such as happy huts or mirrors may also increase the amount of sexual stimulation in the single bird and their use should be reconsidered if the bird is excessively involved with it.



### Courtship



Pair bonding is heightened when birds feed (regurgitate), preen, and segregate from the flock. It should be no surprise when we are watching TV with our birds on our laps/chest and we are petting them that the magical genie (their sex drive) pops out of the magic lamp. Birds are not dogs with feathers and unfortunately, early avian socialization in captive environments tends to focus on this type of affection instead of teaching the bird how to succeed in the specific captive environment it will live its life in. Cockatoos and cockatiels are over-represented in reproductive-related physical touch stimulation with resultant high incidences of all the above medical/behavioral consequences of such activity.

Unknowingly stimulating pair bonding and enhancing the sexual relationship is extremely stressful to a bird that didn't choose to be celibate. Sexual frustration can ultimately lead to many direct and indirect consequences. Feather destructive behavior may be a symptom of this problem. Many avian stewards feel extremely guilty, as viewing their companions in this way reflects on the relative dissatisfaction. Until education at the level of the breeder/pet store selling to the buyer understand, warn, and explain the complexities of the avian psyche, these problems will continue to occur. As stewards of our avian companions we must continue to try to understand our individual birds and their unique needs and requirements.

*Photos courtesy Janet Trumble, The Oasis Sanctuary*

## Director's Letter (cont from page 2)

On a sad note, PEAC is in desperate need of foster volunteers. We currently have a significant list of parrots waiting for a foster home, as we only have a small number of volunteers able to offer their homes and time for these birds in need. I have reached out to many of the other parrot rescue organizations in CA as well as the Oasis Sanctuary in AZ, and we are all dealing with the same issue, "no room." Many of the birds being relinquished have behavioral issues that need to be worked on with positive reinforcement and other options available to assist in this process. Some of these birds have been with PEAC for years, as they are not suitable for adoption to people without a great deal of experience in working with their challenging issues. Well-qualified adoption candidates are few and far between for these special birds.

PEAC is very fortunate to have Rebecca O'Connor and Hillary Hankey. Rebecca is an author and animal trainer who currently is working in conjunction with PEAC and Caitec on Project Parrot Positive, starring Morris, an African grey who is a foster bird in the PEAC flock. Hillary is the owner of Learning Parrots and offers PEAC members a discount on helping to evaluate parrots with behavioral issues. It is my hope that PEAC may continue to work with both of these outstanding professionals in helping to evaluate and work with some of the behavioral issues some of the parrots in our foster flock currently have.

Outside of fundraising and foster volunteer recruiting, PEAC plans on continuing to participate in Petco events throughout San Diego County and other public events. We are all very excited about the upcoming America's Family Pet Expo at the Orange County Fair and Event Center. Keep checking our website and Facebook page for up-to-date activities that PEAC is participating in.

In closing, I would like to mention that my family, since joining PEAC, has grown considerably. My partner and I have adopted two parrots, Angel and Kiki, through PEAC and the Olive Branch Parrot Rescue. We also inherited Paco from a family in LA, and are very happy to be able to provide him and our other two parrots a forever home. Recently we have also added Rambo, a second Italian Greyhound, to the family. We continue to open our home and hearts, currently fostering two PEAC birds, Buddy, the African grey, and Baby, the umbrella cockatoo. I want to thank everyone for their positive encouragement in my new position with PEAC, and I want to invite all of you to please email your thoughts and ideas, as it is only through members that PEAC continues its mission forward.

Respectfully,

Eric Kern  
Executive Director

## Letter from Past Director Barbara Crouse

Dear PEAC Members,

As many of you know, 2013 was an exceptionally busy year for PEAC, with a number of public events, bird adoptions, and, of course, our fund-raising drive in December. Without YOUR support, PEAC would not exist! I want to extend a huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, with special thanks to Eric Kern, April Adcock, and Judy Michaels.

However, the most exciting news is our recent Board-of-Directors approved change in leadership. I'm proud to have served as Director for the past five years; however, the demands of full-time employment combined with the logistics of living 100 miles from San Diego have made it extremely challenging at times to grow this wonderful organization. I'm thrilled to introduce Eric Kern as our new Director, effective 1/1/14, and I hope that you will all join me in supporting him in his new role. Eric comes to us with 16 years of grant-writing experience and has the dedication and vision to grow PEAC as a successful rescue organization.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Crouse  
Director, PEAC San Diego 1/1/09 – 12/31/13

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Meredith Lewis (cont pg 14)

## “SPOTLIGHT” on ROZ

In each issue, we will focus attention on one of our foster birds, in order to give our members a more in-depth understanding of the bird, its history, and its current situation. We will start with our blue-fronted Amazon, Roz.



Roz, a female blue-fronted Amazon, entered the PEAC foster flock in 1999 when her owner of many years passed away. His only written instructions found after his death was a directive that PEAC care for and find appropriate homes for his birds.

Roz is now 31 years young, and in gorgeous feather. She eats her veggies and pellets with gusto, and enjoys playing with her foot toys. Roz takes considerable time to warm up to new people in her life; however, an experienced Amazon/parrot owner who is patient will be well rewarded with a loving and loyal companion.

If you're interested in adopting any of our program birds, 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 a PEAC bird, visit [http://peac.org/?page\\_id=40](http://peac.org/?page_id=40).



PEAC Booth at the San Diego Pet Expo last month

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2749 Via de la Valle, Del Mar 92014

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Orange County Fair and Event Center, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa 92626 [Map](#)  
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Feather Destructive Behavior  
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June 29, 2014

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