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Strategies to Utilize when a Flighted Parrot Escapes

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My blue fronted Amazon parrot, Tarah, does not have clipped wings. However like many birds that were clipped during the fledging process, he has never quite learned the kind of flight skills that might earn him the title of a “flyer”. I often said “He’s has his flight feathers, but he doesn’t fly.” One day I learned, the hard way, that this wasn’t exactly true.

I was visiting my parents as I was moving from southern California to northern California. When I arrived I brought Tarah in his cage to my old bedroom. I opened the door to the cage to allow my bird some much needed free time. Before I knew it, he bolted off his cage, through the bedroom door, took a right and made his way down the hall. He then banked left and flew through the living room. At that very moment my father was just opening the sliding glass door to step out onto the deck. Guess who went through the door too? The deck was on the second floor, so my bird had two stories of lift to assist him on his grand flight down the fairway of the golf course behind the house. Thank goodness he was a green flying brick. He ran out of gas and slowly descended to the soft green grass before a tree offered its branches as refuge. Juiced by adrenalin, my feet barely touched the ground as I ran after my bird.

I have always been very careful about the choices I make having a flighted bird in the house. But I was very surprised by the amazing flight my bird made on that day. Sometimes birds that we think will never fly do indeed fly. Sometimes birds that have flight feathers trimmed surprise us when feathers return. Sometimes experienced flyers get frightened or find themselves in unfamiliar territory. Whatever the situation, there are some strategies that can be very useful to recovering a bird that has flown to a location undesired by you. The following information is provided to prepare you for that day when your bird may find itself airborne and heading in the wrong direction. These strategies apply if you bird has no flight skills or is a world class flying athlete.

Bird is flying away

- Call to your bird loudly as he is flying- it may help him find his way back to you.
- As your bird is flying, do not take your eyes off of him. Note the last place you saw him, the level of his flight, how tired he looked. He may have landed in that area. (Radio or phone contact for a group of people searching can be very helpful in this situation. Grab your cell phone!)

Searching for your bird

- If you have a group of people, spread out and circle the area you last saw him.
- If you cannot locate him, call to him. He may call back. Say words or sounds he knows or mimics. Most parrots are located by their screams.
- If he has another bird he likes, put that bird in a cage and bring it to the area you last saw him. Walk away from the bird in the cage. It might encourage the bird in the cage to scream. This may inspire the lost bird to scream. Keep talking to a minimum so you can listen for the scream.
- Look carefully in a limited area (within 1 mile) in the early stages of your search. Parrots usually do not go far unless, blown by the wind, chased by a bird of prey or extremely frightened.
- Keep in mind your parrot may see you before you see him. When this happens, parrots are sometimes very quiet. This may be because the parrot is more comfortable now that you are present.
- Despite some parrots’ bright colors, they can be very difficult to see in trees. Look for movement buried in the trees as opposed to your whole bird perched prominently on the tree.

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear PEAC Members!

Spring is in the air in Southern California and our birds welcome the chance to get outside and enjoy the benefits of fresh air and sunshine. Please of course use appropriate safety measures to prevent predatory attack or your bird's escape when transporting them to and from outdoor enclosures.

Meanwhile our PEAC foster flock is growing again thanks to our foster volunteers, Beverly Berkowitz, Judy Michaels, and now Dr. Martin Buncher. Please check out Popeye, our newest flock member on page 5. A currently behind-the-scenes foster bird is Ralphie, a Red-lored Amazon. Although we typically don't take in birds from the naturalized flocks in Southern CA, on New Year's Eve we were alerted about a parrot, with a severely broken leg, pulled from a shelter outside San Diego County just hours before he was scheduled for euthanasia by a small animal exotic rescue. We elected to provide Ralphie with an attempt at repairing his smashed leg. His leg has healed sufficiently to allow climbing and playing; however, its function is not 100% and our avian veterinarian has advised that releasing Ralphie would certainly result in a quick demise. Ralphie is progressing very nicely, now remains calm with people in close proximity and is learning to step on to a stick for transport. As he appears to be less than 1 to 2 years old, we believe in time he will make a splendid companion.

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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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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.
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You have located the bird, but he is out of reach

- Once you find your bird, relax (unless the bird is in immediate danger.) It is better to let the bird sit where he is (if he is inaccessible) while you work out a strategy. Do not frantically try to grab the bird, hose or scare him down.
- If the bird has just landed. He will probably not fly again (if at all) for awhile.
- Bring the bird's favorite person and/or favorite bird friend (in a cage) to the area where your bird is located.
- Bring favorite food items, familiar food bowls and the bird's cage if possible.
- Be careful not to ask your bird to fly from a great height or a steep angle. Try to position yourself (or bird buddy, or bird cage) to allow short flights or short climbs to lower places.
- Try to lure your bird to fly or climb to branches/objects that are similar to those upon which he is sitting if possible. A bird may be too frightened to climb onto a distinctly different perch. (For example, the bird might be afraid to climb off of a tree onto a fence.) If you have no other option, expect the process to be slower and be patient with your bird as he builds his confidence. He may also fly again if he touches the new perch and is frightened by it.
- Do not raise unfamiliar objects up to your bird to have him step onto it. More than likely this will only scare your bird to fly farther away. If you have a familiar item, you may have a chance that the bird will step onto it. Keep in mind things like ladders, people climbing trees, cherry pickers etc. may also scare your bird. Go extremely slowly if you resort to using these items. Stop any action if your bird looks like he wants to fly away.
- Try to call your bird down when his body language indicates he is ready to try to come down. Do not constantly call.
- Try hiding from your bird on occasion. This will create a level of anxiety in your bird which may cause him to try to come to you once you reappear. Usually birds will scream and or start moving around a lot when they are ready to make an effort to return to you. If you notice this activity, come out from hiding.
- If you hear your bird screaming while you are hiding, he may be ready to fly or is already in the air. Come out of hiding right away. Most parrots scream when they are flying in this type of situation.
- Birds also often relieve themselves and also scream right before they fly. Be alert for this. You may need to see where your bird flies. Be ready to run if necessary.

- Avoid having a crowd of people around the bird's favorite person. A scared bird may not want to fly into a crowd of strangers. Give the bird's favorite person lots of room.

The sun is setting and your bird is still out.

- Parrots will usually fly again shortly before the sun starts to set. This is probably your last opportunity to get your bird back before he will begin to roost for the night. Take advantage of it. You can try to get the bird "pumped" up by yelling and creating a level of excitement. This may encourage one last flight.
- As the sun starts to set, your bird will start to fluff his feathers and get ready to roost for the night. At this point it is best to just allow him to go to sleep. Keep an eye on him until the sun has set completely. Remember his exact location.
- Before the sun rises the next day, return to that location. Your bird should still be there, unless he was frightened in the night (owls can cause this).

- Usually by 8:30 or 9:00 AM your bird will be ready to fly again or make an attempt to get to you. Repeat the steps described in the section "You have located your bird, but he is out of reach".

Your bird has flown off and after 24 hours of searching he has not been spotted.

- Contact the following people and let them know you are looking for your bird. If a person finds your bird they may contact one of these organizations.
 - Call animal control
 - Call the SPCA/humane society
 - Call local veterinarians
 - Call local zoos
 - Call local pet shops
 - Call local police
- Place an ad in the classified section of the paper for a "lost" bird.
 - Note: Don't give out the bird's band number. If your bird accidentally falls into the wrong hands this could lead to removal of the band.
- Check the classified section of the paper for "found" bird. Answer all ads. People are sometimes unaware of what they have found. A Congo African grey may be mistaken for the mythical red tailed pigeon by a helpful stranger who is unfamiliar with parrots.

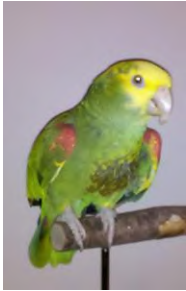
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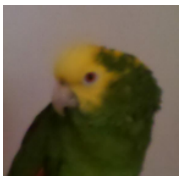
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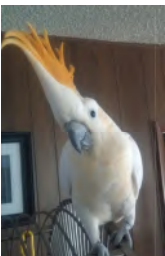
- Blue-fronted Amazon, Rox, is 28 years old. She is quiet, tiny for a blue-front, and very sweet-natured. She eats her veggies and pellets with gusto. She enjoys flapping wildly and playing with her foot toys. She steps up, gets along well with other birds, and is an all-around cutie who's looking for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



- Popeye is a 31-year-old DNA-sexed male double-yellow head Amazon. He is extremely new to our program so we're currently evaluating his personality. So far he's pretty laid back, will step up politely when given a choice, and gives kisses to his foster volunteer. We're working on getting him onto a healthier diet which will help him shed some excess weight. His feather condition is excellent; attached photo was taken shortly after a shower.



- Saffy is a beautiful 13-year-old double-yellow Amazon; she is in gorgeous feather and was in the same home her whole life. She speaks several words and phrases quite clearly and has a generally animated personality. A growing family in her previous life limited her time with the family and she is looking for a loving home that can give her the time and attention she desires. Although she had little out of cage time in recent years, she is stepping up for her foster volunteer and eagerly learning new things.



- Sugar is a 14-year-old male Citron-crested Cockatoo who, like many 'toos, loves to be the center of attention and join in flock/family activities. He's 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 his new flock.

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- Senegal "Pickles" is a sweet, loving, quiet little girl whose age is unknown. She gets along great with women and enjoys hanging out on her play gym and shredding her toys. She steps right up when asked and likes to be cuddled and scratched. Pickles is afraid of men, so she is looking for a forever home with a woman. She will make a wonderful companion.



- Honey is a 16-year-old Umbrella Cockatoo. She is a very sweet girl, as her name implies.

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He is a very active fellow, readily eats a wide variety of healthy foods including pellets, and eagerly destroys his toys; he's no Amazon perch potato! In the meantime, please consider making a donation towards the nearly \$1600.00 in veterinary costs Ralphie has incurred; and stay tuned for updates on his progress.

Finally, we'll have the flock at the San Diego Pet Expo at the Del Mar Fairgrounds on April 14 and 15, and at America's Family Pet Expo at Orange County Fairgrounds on April 20 -22. Come on out and show your support!

Sincerely,

Barbara Crouse
Director, PEAC San Diego

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Tigertail Foods* (*10% of your purchase is donated to PEAC;

be sure to mention you are a PEAC member)

Welcome to our newest volunteer - Dr. Martin Buncher!

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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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

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Kelly Flynn

Kathy Fraga

Lisa Greeson

Jim & Karen Hodson

Philip & Lee Jenkins

Beverly Kirkegaard

Paul & Debra Kolen

Judy Lazar

Ann Palik

Rene Pina

Jean Rockwell

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.
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Name: _____ Phone: _____

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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

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| Sun, 3/25/12: | 1:00 pm 2:15 pm | Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>) Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>) |
| Sun, 5/20/12 | 1:00 pm 2:15 pm | Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>) Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>) |
| Sun, 6/24/12: | 1:00 pm 2:15 pm | Parrot Body Language Parrot Safety |
| Sun, 7/22/12: | 1:00 pm 2:15 pm | Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>) Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>) |

Temecula Area Seminars

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| Sat, 3/17/12 | 1:00 pm 2:15 pm | Parrot Body Language Parrot Safety |
| Sat, 5/19/12 | 1:00 pm 2:15 pm | Foraging & Nutrition Emergency Preparedness |
| Sat, 6/16/12 | 1:00 pm 2:15 pm | Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>) Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>) |
| Sat, 7/14/12 | 1:00 pm 2:15 pm | Excessive Screaming Living with Cockatoos |

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.

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| Seminar fees (per person/day): | <u>ADVANCE REGISTERED</u> | <u>AT THE DOOR</u> |
| 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 |
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Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____ Total Amount Due: _____

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Phone Number _____ E-mail: _____

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Total Amount Due: _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature _____

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

I'm not a huge fan of fingernails. Normally they're not anything I even concern myself with. After my hand surgery, though, I had a nail start to grow funny. Since I have to be able to type in order to do my job, I had a silk wrap (protective coating) applied to my nails to see if it would help my "wonky finger". Lo and behold, it did! So, it looked like the nails, albeit short nails, were going to stay for awhile.



For years I've been one of the people intimating that one of the things which can provoke parrot bites is "brightly painted fingernails". This week I decided to test that statement and had my nails painted a bring red (OPI Red, to be exact). As my birds haven't seen my nails painted anything other than "au naturel" for more than a decade I wondered, "How would they react?" Well, the answer was pretty anticlimactic; not one of them even noticed.

Everyone stepped up politely, took treats politely from my fingers, and accepted their evening scratches without issue. Now, this doesn't mean that brightly colored fingernails aren't an issue for birds, just that at this point in time they don't appear to be an issue for MY birds.

When someone contacts a parrot behavior consultant for issues they may be having, determination of the origin, causes, and possible treatments of the undesired behaviors is typically not a quick or simple process. I can think of no instance where "avoid painting your finger nails bright colors" has been the entire solution to an issue. However, "painted nails" may be a bit player in a complex, multi-act play. So might the diet the bird is on, the amount of sleep the bird is getting, the types of toys and materials the bird has access to, what time of year it is, what clothing you're wearing, what other pets are in the house, where the cage is placed.....see, not simple. The biggest issue, in my opinion, stems from humans not understanding parrots as prey animals and treating them accordingly. They are not human babies, nor are they cats or dogs – which incidentally have been bred to live with man as companion animals for more than 10,000 years (longer in the case of dogs, and those who know cats may argue that we've never domesticated them at all). They are parrots, and essentially still undomesticated creatures....reacting with all the instincts they've developed over time, and with all their hormones intact. How to live with them successfully takes a LOT of effort on our part.

SEMINARS: Because of the brutal winter we have had, we elected to not schedule any seminars until the weather improved. And then it just kept snowing, and snowing, and snowing. As of the writing of this, we are less than 4 inches from breaking our snowfall record (we're currently a 129.1"). This photo is no joke – we've had so much snow this moose calf walked right up onto the roof of that garage!



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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

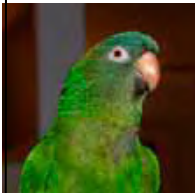
Name: **Wilson**

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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We are trying to get something scheduled in April at the BP Energy Center, but we don't have a confirmed date yet (though it's looking like April 17 from 6-9pm). If we are able to confirm April 17 – it will be a toy making seminar!! Please watch our website (www.akpeac.org) or join us on Facebook (**AKPEAC (Alaska - Parrot Education & Adoption Center)**) for additional updates and information.

EVENTS: We do have two events coming up that we'll be appearing at...mark your calendars for Saturday May 12, 2012 for the **12th Annual Reading Rendezvous** from noon-4:00pm on the lawn at the Anchorage Loussac Library. We will have parrot-related word and puzzle games for the children, and will have parrots on hand for question and answer sessions.

Sunday, May 20, from 11am – 5pm we are excited to have been invited back to participate in **International Migratory Bird Day** at the Alaska Zoo. This event is a blast for adults and children alike. More details will be posted as soon as they are available, either at our website or on the Zoo's (<http://www.alaskazoo.org/>). This is without a doubt our favorite event of the year, and since 2012 marks IMDB's 20th anniversary, it's sure to be something you and the family won't want to miss. As part of the 20th anniversary celebrations, the annual bird conservation theme will focus on 20 ways people may help preserve birds every day.

ADOPTION UPDATES: there are no adoption updates for PEAC birds, however we were able to help assist with the placement of a few of the parakeets which were seized in the animal hoarding raid back in January. More than 40 parakeets in all, all birds were evaluated and examined by a veterinarian and, once the owner –surrender paperwork was in place the birds were available to adopt from Anchorage Animal Care and Control. I'm happy to report that all the birds were adopted in a fairly short period of time.

Happy Birding!

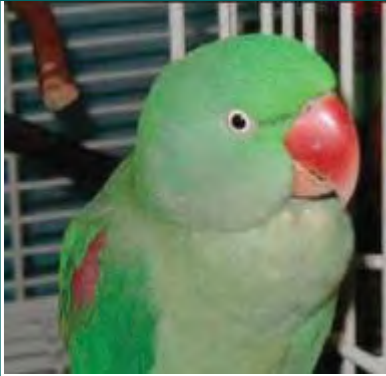
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Your membership, support, and participation at our events are essential to the future of our chapter and our foster birds! Thank you for your generosity!!

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

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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.

THE GINGER MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM ENROLLMENT FORM

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- \$50/mo. Macaw/Large Cockatoo \$25/mo. African Grey/Amazon/Eclectus
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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:

"The only constant is change." -Heraclitus

Another quarter has transpired, much too quickly for this director's liking, and PEAC is changing again. In order to grow, an organization must be fluid to the forces around it. The Pittsburgh affiliate of PEAC recognizes this and strives to remain relevant. It is our mission to provide the highest standard in quality education in the specialized care of companion birds in Pittsburgh. It has been over a year now since we have had the privilege of being partnered with the National Aviary in this endeavor. It has been going well and we have opened PEAC to an otherwise untouched audience. PEAC and the National Aviary are both pleased with the past year's results. However, in an effort to consolidate our resources and use each of our infrastructures more effectively, we have decided to rearrange things a bit. Presently, we offer three different seminars at monthly intervals. This will be changing to a single, all day seminar covering all three topics. This super-seminar will be conducted three or four times per year depending on demand. The event will be a National Aviary event, in conjunction with PEAC. This will take much of the onus off of PEAC's volunteers on a monthly basis. It will also allow for better, more focused mass marketing. The curriculum will be acceptable to meet the minimum requirements for adoption and/or fostering. This is the natural evolution of lessons learned. Currently we do not have specifics available for public release. However, the administration at the National Aviary, PEAC's leadership team, and I, are currently hammering out the details of these events. We do know that April will be the last month that we are offering the current schedule. Hopefully, by June we should be starting the new format. This is going to be a great thing and we are really looking forward to seeing you at the event. Keep an eye on our website www.pitpeac.org. Better yet, sign up for our emails in the lower right hand corner of the aforementioned website.

In other news: In the past few months, PEAC and its members have suffered the loss of several of its flock. One of our foster birds, Benny (a double-yellow headed Amazon), passed away from cancer and another foster bird, Juliette (a hyacinth macaw), passed away from a chronic kidney disease. As unfortunate as these events can be, it is important to learn from them. In each of these cases both birds seemed healthy, were socializing, vocalizing, moving and eating well until just a few hours before their deaths. In all cases a significant weight loss was the only evidence of illness. We talk about this phenomena in our basic care class. Birds are flock animals. As such a weak flock member may make the entire flock more prone to predation and impede its survival. Because of this a weak member will fake being okay until it is physically not able. They will even pretend to eat normally. By the time this occurs, the bird is so ill a recovery is extremely difficult, if not impossible. Although earlier detection of these two particular pathologies would not have prevented these particular outcomes, it stands as a perfect lesson as to why you should weigh your bird on a regular basis and keep a written log of such.

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An \$80 or \$90 dollar scale and 5-6 minutes a week is a small investment to make for our flock's good health and longevity. PEAC is currently in the process of acquiring several scales to be distributed to its foster homes for this purpose. If you are able or would like to donate to help provide for this endeavor, it would be greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming event. Please feel free to write me too at info@pitpeac.org (put to my attention in the subject) ; we are always looking for suggestions of how to do this better!

PEAC out!

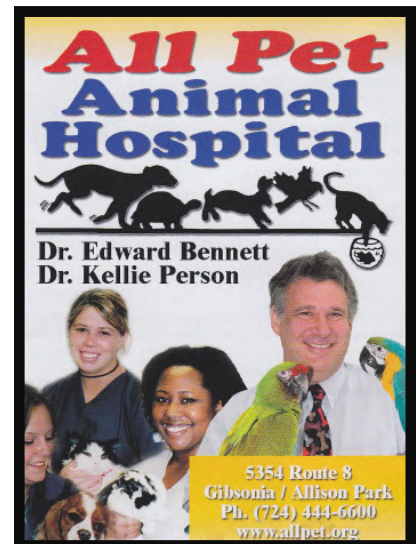
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Do not give up

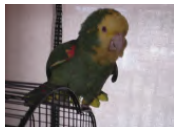
The key to getting a bird back is perseverance. Do not accept that you will not get the bird back once you have lost sight of him or her. As a professional bird trainer that free flies many types of birds on a regular basis, I can attest that parrots are often the easiest type of bird to locate and recover. Trust me - nothing is more frustrating than searching for the silent, but observant owl who has buried himself in the bushes and has watched you walk by 100 times! Thankfully our parrots often seek out human or bird companionship if and when they have a big flight adventure.

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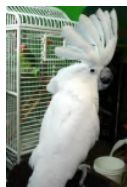
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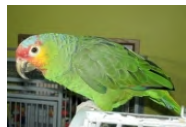
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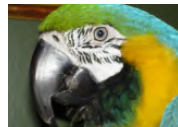
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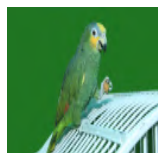
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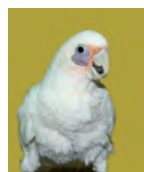
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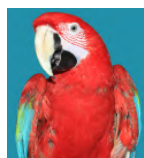
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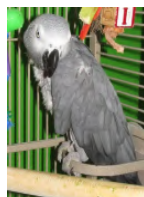
Doug is a female orange-wing Amazon. She's a beautiful, somewhat shy, bird who enjoys destructible toys and all kinds of fruits and veggies. She would love to become part of your family!



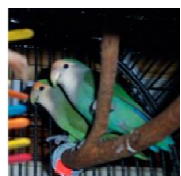
Einstein is a male, bare-eyed cockatoo. He's quite the chatterbox, saying "Wanna come out," "Love you," "Good Bird," and lots more.



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!

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Congratulations Izzy Bell on her recent adoption!



THE PARROT EDUCATION & ADOPTION CENTER OF PITTSBURGH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Behavior Problems: Using Positive Reinforcement

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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Sun, 5/20/12 (San Diego)

1:00 pm Parrot Personalities *(required for adoption)*

2:15 pm Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training *(required for adoption)*

Sat, 5/19/12 (Temecula Area)

1:00 pm Foraging & Nutrition

2:15 pm Emergency Preparedness