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Shaping New Behaviors Susan G. Friedman, Ph.D.

A behavior can't be reinforced until it occurs, which could present a problem when one needs to teach a new behavior to a parrot. Waiting for the behavior to occur by happenstance and capturing it with reinforcement might be an option but some behaviors occur too infrequently or not at all. The solution to this problem is known as shaping, technically called differential reinforcement of successive approximations. Shaping is the procedure of reinforcing a graduated sequence of subtle changes toward the final behavior, starting with the closest response the bird already does. Below are two examples of shaping plans, one for teaching independent toy play and the other, bathing. The reinforcers listed in each plan and the specific approximations are just examples and need to be customized according to the preferences and comfort level of each individual bird. Shaping, as with all behavior change programs, is a study of one.

Shaping Plan 1 Playing with Toys

1. Final Behavior: Independent toy play.
2. Closest behavior bird already does: Looks at toy.
3. Reinforce for each approximation that meets the criterion: Safflower seeds/ praise.
4. Tentative approximations:
 - a. Look at toy
 - b. Move toward toy
 - c. Touch beak to toy
 - d. Pick up toy with beak
 - e. Touch foot to toy
 - f. Hold toy with foot while manipulated with beak
 - g. Repeat previous approximation for longer durations

Shaping Plan 2 Triggering the Bathing Response

1. Final behavior: Step into shallow water dish.
2. Initial behavior: Looks at water dish.

3. Reinforces for each approximation that meets criterion: Applause/ praise.

4. Tentative steps:

- a. Look at dish
- b. Face dish
- c. Take a step toward dish
- d. Take two steps toward dish
- e. Walk up to dish
- f. Look at water in dish
- g. Lift foot next to dish
- h. Touch water in dish with foot
- i. Step into dish with one foot
- j. Step into dish with both feet
- k. Walk around in dish

How Shaping Works

Implementing a shaping procedure requires noticing the subtle, natural variation in the way behavior is performed within a response class (called an operant class). For example, a parrot naturally lifts its foot a little differently every time (left or right; high or low; fast or slow, with toe movement or without, etc.). Typically this variation is unimportant and it is simply classified as one behavior, or operant class, called "lifting a foot". However, this subtle variation is exactly what allows us to shape a parrot to wave with the final criterion being a foot lifted fast, held high and toes opened and closed.

Shaping starts by reinforcing the first approximation every time it is offered, until it is performed without hesitation. Next, an even closer approximation is reinforced, at which time reinforcement for the first approximation is withheld.

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear PEAC Members!

Summer is in full swing, and unfortunately so are bird relinquishments. Our PEAC flock continues to expand with several birds entering our program in the past couple of months; check out our newest flock members on pages 5 and 6. Have we mentioned our need for additional foster homes? Please consider coming out to our seminars to learn more.

Our fall conference details have been finalized! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 15, 2012, for our full day program featuring Dr. Irene Pepperberg ala Alex fame. Dr. Pepperberg will share her insights in avian intelligence and how this impacts parrots in the companion setting. Avian veterinarian Dr. Leigh Ann Clayton will lead us in active participation of positive reinforcement teaching. That's right – everyone will have the chance to practice training! Arianne Mock, a professional biologist and trainer with a passion for creating foraging and enrichment opportunities for companion parrots, will guide you through a hands on session to create a takeaway for your bird. We'll also feature a special segment on Ralphie, our foster red-lore Amazon, formerly from one of the Los Angeles flocks.

More information and registration details are on pages 11 and 12.

Sincerely,

Barbara Crouse
Director, PEAC San Diego

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.

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Once the second approximation is performed without hesitation, an even closer approximation is reinforced while withholding reinforcement for all previous approximations. In this way, the criterion for reinforcement is gradually shifted, incrementally closer and closer to the target behavior. Finally, every instance of the target behavior is reinforced.

If the learner experiences difficulty at any criterion, the trainer can back up and repeat the previous successful step, or the trainer can reinforce even smaller approximations. Once an approximation is performed without hesitation, more variability can be generated from which to select the next approximation by switching from reinforcing every response to withholding reinforcement which will produce a super effort, or burst of behavior, to earn reinforcement. Ultimately, it is the parrot who determines the exact sequence and pace of the shaping plan. This is where sensitivity and experience is required on the part of the trainer to observe the nuances of behavior.

Adding the Cue

With shaping toy play and bathing, the toys and water dish are the antecedents that set the occasion for the respective behaviors. For other behaviors, a cue from the trainer (also called a discriminative stimulus or S^D , pronounced ess-dee) can be added to signal the behavior. To add a cue, start by introducing it while the behavior is occurring. Next, gradually deliver the cue earlier and earlier until it is signaled *before* the behavior. Last, reinforce only cued instances of the behavior and ignore all others. This will establish the relationship between the cue and behavior, called stimulus control. When a behavior is said to be under stimulus control, it is emitted after the cue and rarely or not at all when the cue is absent.

Shaping Touch-to-Target

Regarding cats, Catherine Crammer (2001) describes the technique known as targeting this way:

“If we could get a cat to touch his nose to a stick on cue what could we do with that behavior? The answer is a question: What couldn't we do with it?” (p. 57)

Targeting is the behavior of touching a body part (e.g. beak, wing, or foot) to a designated object or mark and it is taught easily to parrots with shaping. By teaching birds how to target the end of a wooden dowel with their beaks, caretakers can predict and control the bird's movements. For example, an untamed bird can be taught to target a stick while inside its cage, enabling the caretaker to safely increase interaction with the bird, deliver positive reinforcement and establish two-way communication. A bird that refuses to come off the top of his cage can be targeted to a perch inside it; a wary bird can be targeted into a travel crate for veterinary visits; and an aggressive bird can be quickly redirected to the target to distract it from biting. Also, enrichment behaviors can be taught with targeting such as turning in a circle, climbing up and down ladders, and ringing a bell. Target training is an important basic skill for all companion parrots as it opens the door to all sorts of positive reinforcement and management opportunities.

The Sky's the Limit

With shaping we can theoretically train any behavior within the biological constraints of the learner. Husbandry, medical and enrichment behaviors can be shaped to reduce stress and increase physical and mental stimulation. Birds can learn such behaviors as raising each foot for nail trims, going in and out of crates, staying calm wrapped in towels, flying to designated perches, and playing basketball. Shaping can also be used to change different dimensions of existing behaviors such as duration, rate, intensity, topography, and response time.

Not surprisingly, problem behaviors are often unwittingly shaped as well. We inadvertently teach our birds to bite harder, scream louder and chase faster through the subtle mechanisms of shaping. For better and for worse then, shaping is endlessly applicable to teaching captive parrots, making it the sharpest of all training tools. Its uses are limited only by one's imagination and commitment to learning how to use it well.

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Blue-fronted Amazon, Roz, is 30 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.



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. Saffy is a very gentle bird and has shown no inclination to bite or scream as in her previous home.



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

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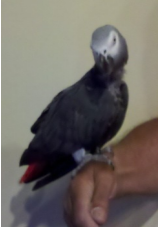


****Adoption Pending****

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.

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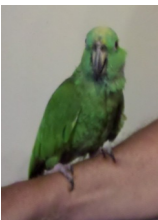
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Morris is a 37-year-old Congo African Grey whose elderly owner could no longer care for him, or Lolita (yellow-naped Amazon). He has been on a seed diet and is being treated for Vitamin A deficiency; we anticipate his feather condition will improve as he is showing great interest in a variety of healthy foods and is already accepting pellets.



Frances is a 16-year-old male Moluccan Cockatoo. He is very new to our program and is just settling in to his foster home, so we are presently evaluating his personality. He appears very interested in human interaction although is hesitant about stepping up just yet. Please check back for updates as we get to know Frances better.



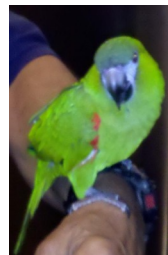
Lolita is a 25-year-old Yellow-naped Amazon whose elderly owner of 25 years was no longer able to care for her and Morris (Congo Grey). Lolita sings and talks, and although she has received little handling recently due to owner's declining health, she has been stepping up for her foster person since the day she entered our program. Lolita's diet now includes a variety of vegetables and other high Vitamin A foods, plus pellets so we expect her feather condition to improve dramatically.



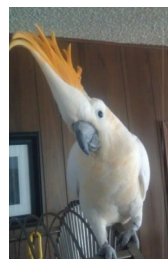
Bert is a 35-year-old Blue-fronted Amazon who entered our program when his owner of 35 years passed away unexpectedly. Bert was obviously much loved and handled as he talks and mumbles throughout the day and is very interested in everything people are doing around him. He has quickly converted to a pelleted diet and eats a variety of vegetables and other healthy table foods. He will make someone a wonderful companion.



Licorice & Jordan are 2 and half-year-old Green-cheeked Conures. Licorice is DNA-sexed female and best buddies with her clutch-mate, Jordan, who is DNA-sexed male. They are both very interested in human interaction and will step up consistently even for strangers. Licorice is pictured on the left. They were fed a seed-only diet and we are working on expanding their diet to include healthy choices as well. We would prefer to place Licorice and Jordan in the same home although they will need to be caged separately to avoid unwanted babies as they become sexually mature. They are relatively quiet even for the smaller conures.



Kiwi is a 2 1/2 year old DNA-sexed female Hahn's Macaw. She was relinquished when her owner left home to attend college; she is very engaging and loves to interact with people. She will entertain you with her antics which include laughing, head bobbing, dancing; she also speaks several words. She is in beautiful feather.



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.

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

PEAC San Diego, PEAC Anchorage, and PEAC Pittsburgh have a constant need for foster homes. 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.

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 lack of foster families.**

Our foster birds come to your home pre-vet-checked and usually pre-quarantined by us. During their initial 30-day quarantine period in the home of one of our most experienced volunteers, each bird is evaluated for personality and behavior traits, to help us place it with the best possible foster match. We also evaluate your lifestyle and personality and your comments with respect to what species and personality type you think would be best for you, to ensure that the bird we are placing with you is one that we think can best succeed with you as its foster parent. Sometimes we do such a good job at this that the foster parent ends up adopting the bird!

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, veggies, 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

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

LaDawn Allan

Ann DeLucas

Larry Ko

Allison and Adam Luther

Brian Palenik

Corinna Bryant - in memory of Cindy Lou Who

Petco Foundation - thanks to Unleashed by Petco in Hillcrest

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**Welcome to our newest volunteers - Lino and
Suzette Valdez!**

Parrot Education and Adoption Center

“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 Parrot Behavior.

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, 7/22/12:	1:00 pm	Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>)
	2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>)
Sun, 8/26/12	1:00 pm	Resolving Biting Behavior
	2:15 pm	Living with Amazons
Sun, 9/23/12:	1:00 pm	Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>)
	2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities
Sun, 10/28/12:	1:00 pm	Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>)
	2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>)
Sun, 11/18/12	1 – 3 pm	Toy Making Workshop ***Special pricing to cover cost of materials*** (<i>this will be a hands on workshop</i>)

Temecula Area Seminars

Sat, 7/14/12	1:00 pm	Excessive Screaming
	2:15 pm	Living with Cockatoos
Sat, 8/18/12	1:00 pm	Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>)
	2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>)
Sat, 9/22/12	1 - 4 pm	Design Your Own Parrot Play Area ***Special pricing to cover cost of materials***
	2:15 pm	(<i>this will be a hands on workshop</i>)
Sat, 10/20/12	1:00 pm	Parrot Behavior: Using Positive Reinforcement Training (<i>required for adoption</i>)
	2:15 pm	Parrot Personalities (<i>required for adoption</i>)

Seminar locations

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):	<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 TWO days 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: _____

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Make check payable to PEAC and mail with the registration form to:
P.O. Box 600423, San Diego, CA 92160 or fax credit card payment to 909-563-8418

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

Mike & Julie Comella

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
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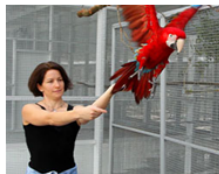
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 Conference Center
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Join us on beautiful Mission Bay!

Our full-day program of speakers will enhance your knowledge of parrot intelligence and help you gain hands-on skills to further enrich the life of your own bird.



Dr. Irene Pepperberg: "Avian Intelligence - What Have We Learned?" Dr. Pepperberg began her pioneering work on avian intelligence with Alex in 1977. Her amazing work has forever changed how the world views animal intelligence - something many parrot owners have known for a very long time. Dr. Pepperberg will share details of her work with Alex and other Grey parrots.



Leigh Ann Clayton, DVM, (D)ABVP-Avian:

"Positive Reinforcement - Making it a Daily Routine"

Dr. Clayton is an avid proponent of positive reinforcement training techniques. She has studied under Dr. Susan G. Friedman and at Steve Martin's Natural Encounters. An accomplished veterinarian, she achieved Board Certification in Avian Practice in 2005 and has founded Animal Behavior Consultants of the Chesapeake, providing behavior management and environmental enrichment services to her clients. You'll have opportunity for hands-on practice of positive reinforcement during her session.



Adrienne Mock: "Enriching Our Birds' Lives"

Adrienne's educational background in Animal Physiology combined with her love of parrots spring boarded her interest in creating housing and environment that capitalizes and promotes natural parrot curiosity and intelligence. Her presentation will provide you with a variety of cost effective ideas on environmental enrichment and also get you participating in making items to take home for your own bird.



Ralphie (Red-tailed Amazon): "Feral - Schmer! This Positive Reinforcement Stuff Really Works!"

Ralphie's amazing journey from narrowly escaping euthanasia in a Los Angeles area shelter to a healthy and happy companion parrot is truly a testament to the power of positive reinforcement training. His story will be shared by his foster volunteer, Judy Michaels, who has done an amazing job teaching him successful skills for life in the companion setting.

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REGISTRATION FORM

PEAC San Diego 2012 Conference

September 15, 2012, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Marina Village Conference Center, 1950 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109

Join us on beautiful Mission Bay for a full-day program of speakers who will enhance your knowledge of parrot intelligence and teach you hands-on skills to further enrich your bird's life.

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE:

It's been a tough summer for Alaskan parrots. We went through a winter with record snowfall, only to enter into our coldest summer in recorded history. It's so wet and cold, even the slugs and mushrooms are complaining. I'm pretty sure most companion psittacines are looking at their owners thinking "I *so* did not sign up for this! When are we moving???" I think many humans are thinking the same thing. So, if you ARE thinking of relocating, remember a few key things about moving with your parrots:



1. Don't plan on driving through Canada unless you have the proper certificates (many parrot species require CITES certificates for international travel). And yes, driving through Canada qualifies as international travel. Alaska is part of the United States, but in order to drive to the continental US, you have to leave the US and drive through Canada (unless you have a spare couple of weeks and plan on taking the ferry).

2. Don't want to drive (don't blame you...)take the plane! Small birds can easily ride in pet carriers that stow under the seat inside the cabin of the plane. Just be sure to make reservations for your pet at the same time as your own as they only let so many pets on board for each flight.

3. Alaska Airlines still has the cheapest rates for pets traveling in the cargo hold, especially if traveling with a ticketed passenger.

4. If you and your pets will be traveling by plane, keep an eye on the temperatures in your destination city. Even though it will likely be cool here, if the destination city is having a heat wave, the airline may not allow your pet to travel.

Know what the airline requires by way of carrier/food dishes/etc. It varies from airline to airline. Make sure you know the rules and regulations of traveling with pets on the airline you plan to use...I cannot stress this enough.

SEMINARS: I have had an unexpected change in jobs, which has resulted in my inability to offer seminars for the past few months. We are hoping to put together a nutrition or toy making seminar this fall. Again, my apologies for the lack of seminars, but due to outside circumstances we just don't have the ability to offer any at the moment. Once we are able to put something together we will make necessary announcements. Please watch our website (www.akpeac.org) or join us on Facebook (**AKPEAC (Alaska - Parrot Education & Adoption Center)**) for additional updates and information.

EVENTS: International Migratory Bird Day was a big success. We talked to many people, and provided a lot of information regarding bird care. Rain, Garry's macaw, was on hand being his usually hammy self. Our location at the zoo for this event is pretty consistent...right by the Snow Leopards. Well, this year was the first year the young male snow leopard, Nakia, has seen our parrots. Needless to say, he was pretty intrigued!

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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
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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!

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Rain, preparing to be admired by the crowds



RAIN! I am macaw!!

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

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Of course, this was right when they were trying to target train Nakia, the young snow leopard



Who quickly realized there was something FAR more interesting on the other side of the enclosure!

ANNOUNCEMENT: Many of us use Dr. Jackie Frederickson as our veterinarian (and yes, she is one of our Board Members). Please note Dr. Frederickson has moved to a new clinic. She is now at Hillside Pet Clinic, which recently moved into their new space at 2011 Abbott Rd, Unit B, Anchorage, AK (907) 344-7913. If you plan on following Jackie to her new location, please call VCA and request a copy of your pet(s) records in advance of any scheduled appointment. This way no one will be scrambling for records at the last minute and more time can be spent on what matters, care for your pet. Congratulations to Jackie on the new clinic!!!



And honestly, what's a PEAC event without a hula hoop??? (thanks to John Gomes for the photo)

*****Dr. Jackie Frederickson has moved to a new clinic!!!!*****

Happy Birding!

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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.

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

Pittsburgh Chapter Fall Schedule

Please join us for our fall seminars at events! See www.pitpeac.org for pricing and registration details.

Date/Time	Title	Location
Saturday, August 18th 1:30 PM	"Foraging and Nutrition" (qualifies as required class)	Northland Library 300 Cumberland Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15237
September 9	Cleveland PEAC is having their 2012 Fall Seminar (see http://www.clevelandpeac.org/conferenceregister.htm for details)	
Saturday, September 15 1:30-2:30 PM	"Parrots, Plants and Foraging" Meet some of the PEAC birds waiting for adoption in the beautiful rainforest at Phipps with your paid admission into Phipps.	Phipps Conservatory
Sunday, September 23 1:00 PM	"Comprehensive Parrot Care Class" and "What Type of Parrot Would You Choose? (classes qualify as a requirement for adoption)	Norwin Library 100 Caruthers Lane Irwin, PA 15642
A two-part series on "Understanding Why Your Bird Acts Like This and How I Can Change It?"		
Saturday, October 20 11:00 AM	"Behavior and Training 101" (qualifies as a required class for adoption)	Northland Library 300 Cumberland Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15237
November 10 11:00 AM	"Behavior and Training 201"	Northland Library 300 Cumberland Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15237
December 1 1:00 PM	Annual Christmas Toy Sale and John Lege, "That guy with the birds"	Garden City Fire Hall 602 Garden City Drive Monroeville, PA 15146

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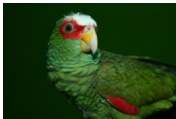
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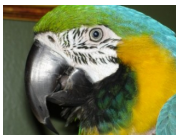
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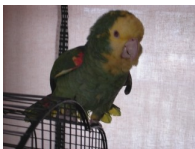
Doug is a female orange-wing Amazon. She's a beautiful, somewhat shy bird who enjoys destructible toys and all kinds of fruits and veggies. She would love to become part of your family!



Sam is a Spectacled Amazon, also known as a White Front Amazon. This species is a smaller size Amazon parrot and known for its good nature and relative calm (for an Amazon!). He likes to eat veggies, blueberries, raw cranberries and raspberries and to just hang out, he's very intelligent.



Gigilo will love you forever, for free. At 21, he's old enough to drink in a bar but he won't start a rumble. He's a really sweet boy. He had some health concerns in his past, but is now signed off by our veterinarian. As he takes his time to get up to optimum condition, we hope some of his missing feathers will grow back.



Here's an oldie but goodie for you. Big Bird is a 45-year-old Double Yellow Head Amazon parrot. She's a happy girl and does not need that much hands on attention, as she will interact with you from the top of her cage. She'll sing her La LA song and say Hello. She's a happy girl and they don't make them like this anymore!

THANKS TO OUR DONORS

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Congratulations to Pandora on her recent adoption!

TAMBOPATA PERU RAFFLE!

RAINFOREST EXPEDITIONS (www.perunature.com/peru-rainforest-wildlife-macaw-html) has donated an eco-adventure of a lifetime to benefit The Tambopata Macaw Project, drawing to be held at **PARROT EDUCATION & ADOPTION CENTER'S CONFERENCE 2012** featuring Donald Brightsmith, Pamela Clark and Kris Porter to be held in Cleveland, Ohio September 9, 2012.

The fabulous trip allows you to tour the Tambopata Research Center where one of the world's largest clay licks plays host to more than 17 parrot species daily. Two lucky guests will stay for 7 days and 6 nights in the **RAINFOREST EXPEDITIONS'** finest lodges. Knowledgeable guides will educate you on daily walks about the many mammals, birds and amphibians that live in this highly biodiverse region. All meals and river transportation included; airfare not included. (Must book between December 2012 - March 2013.)

This trip is valued at \$ 1750.00 per person based on double occupancy. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at: https://chirpingcentral.site-ym.com/store/view_product.asp?id=1175421

Anyone can have the opportunity win this great trip and support the conservation efforts of The Tambopata Macaw Project! The winning ticket will be drawn at the PEAC Conference on September 9, 2012.

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