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Researchers Discover Thousand-Year-Old Remains of Tamed Scarlet Macaws in New Mexico February 18th, 2016 by LubosTomiska



Colorful tropical macaws were kept as pets by ancient Indian tribes in America much earlier than anybody expected. Researchers dug out skeletal remains of Scarlet Macaws which are, according to results of radiocarbon dating, from 900-975 AD. Bones were found in Chaco canyon, Pueblo Bonito, New Mexico. Between the 9th and 12th century, this place was inhabited by Anasazi Indians. We also know that Anasazis traded with other Indian tribes on long distances. The news was published by Knau Arizona Public Radio.

Anasazi Indians lived in New Mexico but also in Arizona, Colorado, Utah, and the northeastern part of Mexico. Parrot bones have been found in their dwellings before; however, up to now, nobody knew how old they really were.

Today, because of exact radiocarbon dating, researchers are sure that the Indians brought the parrots to USA territory earlier than it was originally suggested. This means that macaws had to be transported for more than a thousand miles. Obviously, it was worth it. Colorful parrots represented a symbol of power and wealth, and macaws were owned by rulers.

Researchers are still not sure if parrots were transported to New Mexico by Anasazis or if other Indian tribes brought the macaws and then traded them for other goods. The means of transport is also unknown. Researchers suppose that Indians had them in wicker baskets which were carried on the back. However, macaws could easily destroy such wooden obstacles and then escape. Maybe Indians clipped their wings so they couldn't fly. These are theories which will probably never be verified.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hello Members of PEAC,

Such a busy summer it has been. We have had lots of interest in adoptions, which is always a positive we can focus on when those moments arise where we wonder why we do what we do. PEAC continues to have a very thorough application process prior to adoption which has made the return rate only 2%. Compare that to many animal shelters, which report a much higher rate of return. Though an adoption can take several weeks to complete, the day the parrot goes to its new forever home is one of the most rewarding for the foster volunteer and happiest for the adopter. We are always looking at ways in which to improve our educational seminars, not only the required one for adoption and volunteering, but those on other subjects of interest.

At the upcoming Advisory Committee meeting, we will be discussing a few possible changes. First, we are considering changing our adoption/volunteer seminar to giving this in a one-on-one setting, or to a very small group. With this change, the seminars for adoption and volunteering will be held at my home or the home of a volunteer who is comfortable with giving the seminar and inviting possible adopters into his/her home. This will provide us the opportunity to give a more in-depth presentation, with more time for discussion of the topics that are being covered. Another positive is that we will have the ability to show in person different-sized cages and their setups with a variety of perches and toys.

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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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**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 are required to attend an afternoon class focusing on Basic Anatomy and Health, Nutrition, Enrichment & Environment,, and Body Language.
6. All potential adopters will then receive a home visit performed by a PEAC volunteer.
7. Potential adopters will receive a copy of our adoption application after the home visit has been completed.
8. 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.
9. Only one parrot acquisition/adoption per home or PEAC membership is allowed in an 18-month time period.
10. Adopters are required to pay an adoption fee and reimburse PEAC for veterinary fees the bird may have incurred.
11. Adopted birds are to remain in the home and be treated as a member of the family.
12. Adopted birds may not be sold, given away, bred, or used for any type of monetary purposes.
13. After attending the mandatory seminars, those wishing to adopt a particular bird will be required to spend hands-on time with that bird at least three times under the supervision of one of our volunteers, to ensure that there is a good match between the bird and the potential adopter.
14. As a general rule, we will not place a Cockatoo, Macaw, or other noisy bird in an apartment or condominium.
15. PEAC will not adopt birds as companions to other birds.
16. 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 to find out more about any of these birds!

Indian Ringneck



“Joey,” <2-yr-old m. Indian ring-neck parakeet. Joey was found and turned over to us by the Dept. of Animal Services. We believe he is an escapee from a backyard aviary as he was wary of human approach; he has now learned to target to a small stick and eagerly accepts treats from fingers. He does not yet have his neck ring so he is believed to be less than 2 years old.

Joey is a charming little guy in spite of not being hand tame yet. He chirps and squeaks, holding entire conversations by himself! He plays with a variety of softer toys such as fabric, yucca and birdie bagels. Often after changing his cage papers he'll climb down and literally race in circles around the bottom of his cage. He eats a wide variety of vegetables and loves his parakeet-sized Nutriberries. Please stay tuned for further updates as Joey progresses with taming and training.

African Greys



“Doc,” 18-yr-old m. Congo (aka red-tailed)

**ADOPTION
PENDING!!**

African Greys (cont)



“Kasuku,” (aka “Cori”)m. Congo (aka red-tailed), age unk. Kasuku was taken in as a stray appx one year ago, and when the woman realized he needed someone with more experience that she had, she relinquished him to PEAC in April 2016. He is not yet trained to step

up and he has a significant fear of hands, but he is slowly settling in and will now take treats that are dropped into his food dish. He also has started saying Hello, his first discernible word.

Kasuku is on a great diet. He is in beautiful feather. He plays with foraging toys and has not shown any aggression. He will need to be adopted by someone with a lot of patience and significant experience in using positive reinforcement training with parrots.

Cockatoos



Paris,” 11-yr-old f. Moluccan. Paris's history is not entirely clear; she was purchased at a swap meet and later turned in to a local animal shelter. Our vet estimates her age at appx 11. Like many 'toos, Paris is very social and steps right up. She seems to trust women more than men. She is quite expressive; her body language is very clear.

Paris loves veggies, and also eats pellets, fruit, and almonds and walnuts. She is not nearly as loud or noisy as most Moluccans, although she does call the flock an hour before sundown. She is a classic escape artist and knows how to pick the lock on her cage. Paris loves to chew wood toys. She is naked on her legs, breast and back, and we dress her in protective clothing, which she doesn't seem to mind. Paris would love to be a single bird in a home with a cockatoo savvy family.



“Bezul,” appx 7-yr-old m. medium sulfur crested.

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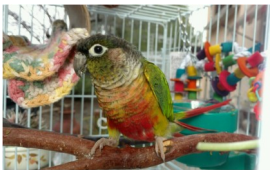
Cockatoos (cont)



“Tootsie,” 13-yr-old f. umbrella. Tootsie came to us in April of 2014. The couple that had Tootsie for her first 12 years moved and had to confine her to a very small cage. Tootsie was unable to adjust and pulled most of her feathers from her chest and legs.

Since coming to PEAC and getting an appropriate cage, Tootsie has grown back most of her feathers. She is gentle and loves to cuddle and be around her people. She LOVES her toys! Tootsie knows a few words such as “hello” and “I love you.” She requires someone with a great deal of cockatoo experience. She is a fast learner and just wants to be with a forever family that will love her the way she deserves.

Conures



“Merlin,” f. pineapple, age unknown. Merlin came to PEAC via the Department of Animal Services after having been in a fight while trying to survive out

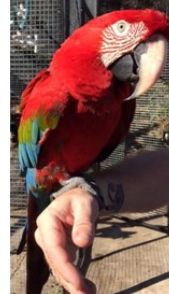
in the wild on her own. Her foster mom keeps her cage in the kitchen and when they have left the cage door open so she can come out to explore, Merlin bolts to the sliding glass door. Merlin cannot be easily handled yet and the fosters are working on settling her down to finger train. When holding her, one must cuddle her against ones chest for head scratches. As we have only had her in the foster program a couple of months, we are still seeing her true personality come forward. She is going to make someone a fun little bird to have.



“Peanut,” m. Jenday, age unknown. Peanut was found and turned in to the Bonita shelter, which tried unsuccessfully to find his home and then turned him over to us on 10/16/15.

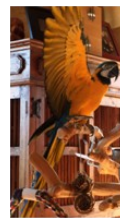
Peanut is fairly quiet for a Jenday once he is used to his surroundings, although he is quite vocal when he can see a person to talk to. He loves attention and will babble and whistle if you talk to him. Peanut is not yet comfortable at stepping up to a hand when he is inside his cage, but he is working on that. However, once out of his cage he is very willing to step up and be carried around. He does not bite, and will make an adorable addition to someone's family.

Macaws



“Dino,” 17-yr-old m. greenwing.

**ADOPTION
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“Abbi,” 31-yr-old m. blue-and-gold.

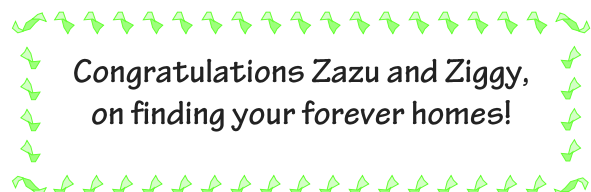
Abbi came to us in January of 2015 after his second home in 30 yrs. His first owner moved out of state, and he was placed for just a short time in his second home, until they moved into an apartment. In Abbi's early life, he sustained a traumatic injury, which resulted in the loss of his left eye and the use of his left wing, which was broken and never set, so he is not able to open and extend it.

Abbi is a bit shy at first, as he has trouble seeing to his left. He generally does better with men than with women. He seems to enjoy the company of the other macaws that are part of his foster flock. Despite what must have been a rough start in life, Abbi seems resilient and is just looking for his new forever home with someone who will respect his slight limitations and love him no matter what.



“Willow,” 22-yr-old f. blue-and-gold. Willow came to PEAC from the Dept. of Animal Services after being found on a rooftop. She has some feather loss on her chest. Willow immediately converted over to a pelleted diet and is starting to show some interest in

her morning vegetables, fruit, and sprouts. She loves her afternoon nuts. She steps up very well, and has shown no aggression at all. Willow is a very sweet girl who will make a wonderful companion for someone who has the time and space for a macaw.



 Congratulations Zazu and Ziggy,
 on finding your forever homes!

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Macaws (cont)



"Baby," 10-yr-old m. yellow-collared. Before being relinquished, Baby had not been let out of his cage, did not step up, and was on a high-fat diet of only sunflower seeds. A vet check after taking him in to PEAC was normal, despite his poor diet.

Baby is now eating a balanced diet and playing well with toys. He is out of his cage for about 10 hours a day. Due to previous long-term feather destructive behavior he has no feathers on his chest and they probably will not re-grow. Baby tends to make very loud vocalizations when not in the presence of another parrot he can buddy up with, and will do best in a home with another parrot near his own size, such as another mini-macaw, an Amazon, or a larger conure.

Baby enjoys human interaction and gets along with both men and women. He says "hi Baby" and "hello." He readily steps up. He is a sweet, fun guy looking for his forever home.



"Iggy," 11-yr-old f. blue-and-gold. Iggy was purchased at a flea market in New Orleans, LA. On arriving at ARC, a PEAC foster volunteer's facility, she was very frightened of her new surroundings and for almost a week did not want to leave her cage. We slowly offered her sunflower seeds to entice her out but she would just take them and drop them, so she turned out not to be very food motivated.

Iggy has come a long way in the last several months since coming into PEAC. While she has her days when she wants to be left alone, she has as many when she is a real love sponge. She will always step up, even on her "moody" days. She likes riding in the car, and loves spending the day outdoors in the aviary. Iggy has a fairly large vocabulary, including Hello, Hi, Is that better, I love you, Good girl, and Night-night., as well as her native Macaw-ese. She gets along with dogs and other birds, but seems to have an allergy to dander, so should not be adopted into a household with a cockatoo.

Iggy is still learning to trust and has a bit of a way to go, but with the right person and the use of consistent positive reinforcement training, she will become an amazing companion for someone looking for a large parrot.



"Lola," 11-yr-old f. blue-and-gold.

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Amazons



"Pickle," 46-yr-old m. double yellow head. Pickle was relinquished to PEAC when his third owner developed health issues. He was in his second home for 35 years and was originally turned over to PEAC around 2008 when his elderly owners could no longer care for him. Pickle loves his foraging toys and eats a well-

rounded diet. He is very smart and in his second home he learned to perform the Chargers' chant, portions of Old MacDonald, roller skating, riding a bird-sized scooter, playing basketball, turning in a circle, and spreading his wings on cue. Although he hasn't done these behaviors in a number of years, he would likely enjoy re-learning them with a new family. Pickle is somewhat reserved at first, although he started stepping up after only 2-3 days in his foster home. He is a bit wary of some men. He is generally a very quiet Amazon, even in the presence of other Amazons. He's an amazing fellow; still very active, and climbs all over his cage and around his play areas.

"Bucky," 30+yr-old m. blue front.



**ADOPTION
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PEAC 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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~ We welcome our new volunteer, Addie Vernaci ~

PARROT EDUCATION & ADOPTION CENTER 2016 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

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

We encourage everyone to attend our Volunteer and Adoption Required Seminar, "Understanding this Unique Wild Companion Pet," which is a comprehensive seminar for everyone, incorporating the latest information on everything parrot, from anatomy and behavior to care and enrichment. To ensure that the education in this seminar is disseminated in the most effective way, it will now be held one-on one, or at most, in small groups, at the home and ARC parrot facility of the Director of PEAC. To register, leave a message at 619 287-8200, and we will get back to you with possible dates/times. The last Sunday of the month seminars with special topics will be at 5480 Gaines St., San Diego, the Dept of Animal Services.

8/28 Sun	1 pm 2:15p	"Understanding Parrot Language, both Physical and Verbal." "Become a Foster Volunteer," foster volunteer requirements and updates
9/25 Sun	1 pm 2:15p	Check Facebook or our website, www.peac.org , for upcoming lecture topics "Become a Foster Volunteer," foster volunteer requirements and updates
10/30 Sun	1 pm 2:15p	Check Facebook or our website, www.peac.org , for upcoming lecture topics "Become a Foster Volunteer," foster volunteer requirements and updates
11/27 Sun	1 pm 2:15p	Check Facebook or our website, www.peac.org , for upcoming lecture topics "Become a Foster Volunteer," foster volunteer requirements and updates
12/25	CHRISTMAS— NO SEMINAR	

REGISTER ME!

Sign Me Up in Sunny San Diego for these 2016 Seminars:

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PEAC RIVERSIDE COUNTY 2016 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

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Due to a recent decline in attendance, our seminar will be held on an as-requested basis. If you would like to attend our seminar in Riverside County, please call us at (619) 287-8200 and we will return your call with available dates.

"Understanding this Unique Wild Companion Pet"
(required for adoption and volunteering)

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

Registration is due by the Wednesday prior to the seminar; no exceptions. Seminars are subject to cancellation if not enough people are registered by midnight Wednesday.

REGISTER ME!

Sign Me Up in Wild, Wild Wildomar for these 2016 Seminars:

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR (continued from page 2)

Overall, this new approach will be discussed and a decision will be made as to whether or not it is implemented. Another subject that will be covered is the adding to the adoption requirements a short presentation on the species the person is interested in adopting. This will go into more detail as to species-specific behaviors and ways to work with your parrot for a positive outcome with training, as well as ways to work with a parrot that has a less-than-desirable behavior that can be corrected with the dedication to positive reinforcement training.

With these possible changes, our normal meeting at the Gaines St Animal Shelter on the last Sunday of the month will open up for us to start presenting seminars on a wide variety of subjects from current scientific findings from research that is going on regarding companion parrots and parrots in the wild. PEAC's first mission is for education, and we hope to present topics that are of interest to our membership. We hope to implement this change the 1st of September. If you have any topics you would be interested in hearing about, please email or call and let us know.

A subject of most importance is that of fundraising and ways to use social media to drive home the tremendous need for more financial help. Over the first two quarters of this year we have had significant veterinary bills for intake workups and special requirements for some specific birds that needed special cages for advanced atrophy of the tendons in a particular parrot's feet, to some with advanced arthritis issues. As you might recall, our year-end fundraiser last year yielded \$10,000 short of our estimated 2016 budget of \$20,000. We are hopeful and excited to be able to reach more donors than ever before via our Facebook and twitter accounts. Much of that success is in thanks to Kelly Flynn, one of our newer volunteers but one who has jumped right in and has become a valuable asset to all of us at PEAC.

PEAC this year has been in operation for 20 years, which is a significant achievement for a non-profit working in animal rescue. Many of our fellow nonprofit bird rescues have closed or have become overwhelmed with the number of parrots in their care. PEAC has worked hard at networking with organizations that meet the high level of care, education, and real time evaluation by realizing the "we cannot save them all" approach to parrot rescue. Currently we are working with Last Chance at Life, located in Oceanside CA; Mickaboo, in the San Francisco Bay area; Best Friends Animal Society in Utah, and the Macaw and Cockatoo Rescue of New Mexico, located in Albuquerque, New Mexico. These few organizations have proven to hold the high standards of care and education that PEAC does, so we are comfortable in recommending them to people should we not have space in our program at the time they contact us.

So there you have it, a quick note as to what we have been doing this quarter and what we hope to accomplish in the months and years to come. We are working very hard at ways to get our membership more involved in the organization, as we would not be able to do the work we do without your generous financial donations and donations of time and items. I look forward to seeing many of you at our first new seminar in September.

Sincerely,

Eric Kern



Eric, our Director, with Dino

Iggy



OUTREACH EVENTS IN TEMECULA!

PEAC is appearing at Petco Adoption Fairs in Temecula!
Come check out our booth!

9/18 Sunday 2:00-5:00 pm

10/16 Sunday 2:00-5:00 pm

11/20 Sunday 2:00-5:00 pm

Program birds will be present for you to meet and greet!

Location:

Petco at the Promenade Mall in Temecula
40474 Winchester Road
Temecula, CA 92591
951 296-0388

BRING YOUR FRIENDS! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Thank you to the following people
who have so generously donated to the birds of PEAC:

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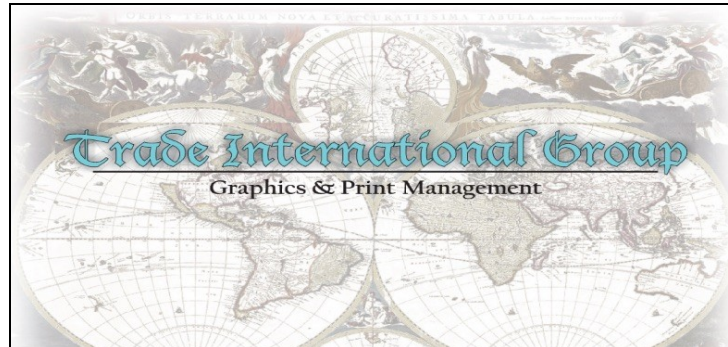
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Kathy Fraga

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PEAC would like to give a special thanks to the Thiem family. Not only did it take a special kind of family to open their hearts and home to Surfer (now Santiago), the scarlet macaw with arteriosclerosis and foot arthritis, but they have also donated their time and expertise in website design and videography, as well as the services of their printing company (Trade International Group) to us, and have printed hundreds of business cards, Avian Basic Care brochures, PEAC brochures, and fundraising materials for us at no charge. Please look to them for your printing needs, as a way of saying thanks for their generosity to PEAC.

<http://tradeintlgroup.com>



PEAC Booth at the Annual Doggie Street Festival

PEAC will have an informational booth at the Doggie Street Festival Adopt-a-Thon and Pet Celebration on Saturday, August 27 at NTC Park at Point Loma's Liberty Station. The event will be held from 9a-3p.

Although our foster birds won't be present, we'd love to have you come on out and say hello to Melanie, your Faithful Editor/Operations Volunteer; Kelly, our new Get-It-Done Social Media/Fundraising Volunteer; Up-'n-At-'Em Yoli, of Advisory Committee fame; and I-Have-Reservations Bobbie, the most infamous member of our Adoption Committee! An exciting cameo appearance may also be made by Our Fearless Leader, Eric!

Although present at this event will be primarily dogs and cats, we will have our adoption folders there for anyone interested in photos and bios of our available birds. And of course, as with every event, we're ready to answer any and all of your questions concerning everything parrot!

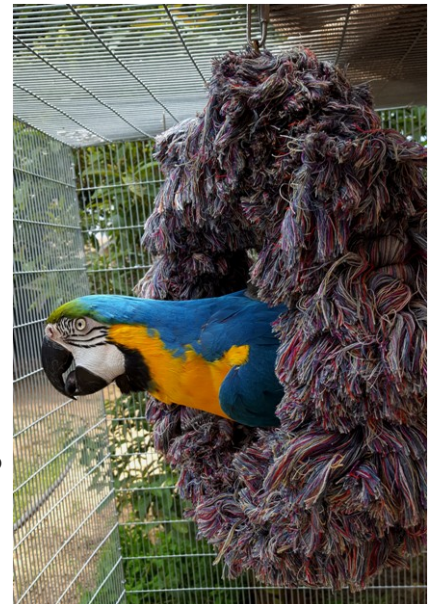
SPOTLIGHT on IGGY

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Tootsie

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

August 21, 11:30a Advisory Meeting,
General Volunteer Meeting to immediately
follow .

October 9, 11:30a Advisory Meeting,
General Volunteer Meeting to immediately
follow .

PLEASE NOTE that the start time is 11:30a
now, and not 12:30p .

Please submit suggested topics to Eric or
Melanie by 7 days prior to meeting.



The "Chicken" Memorial Sponsorship Program

Many people have been asking why, in a parrot rescue organization, requests are being made to sponsor chickens! Here is that story:

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 would later become involved with the now-defunct PEAC Anchorage Chapter. Layne was doing bird adoptions, and he immediately fell in love with Chicken. He said 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 and make a little growling sound. In 1998, Chicken passed away from lung cancer, and Layne never completely got over his passing.

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 toy at least once a month, at a cost of \$40 to \$100, in addition to 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'll 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 Donor List in the quarterly newsletter. All donations are tax-deductible and directly benefit our birds.

Simply fill out the enrollment form and return it with your first donation, by check. For credit card or Paypal donations, please leave a message at 619 287-8200 and we will return your call as soon as possible.. For your convenience, each month afterward you will receive an envelope in which to return your donation. The birds are waiting and thank you for your contribution!

THE CHICKEN MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Sponsorship Levels:

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

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

STAR VOLUNTEERS: LORI AND KAELE

Our Star Volunteers this time are Lori and Kaela. While this mother/daughter team has not yet finished their one-year apprenticeship and become full-fledged volunteers, you'd never know it by their unflagging enthusiasm and willingness to do whatever is needed for PEAC! Lori and Kaela have been present at most of our local events since becoming volunteers and are the "point people" when it comes to transporting, setting up, and breaking down our educational exhibits.

Additionally, they are fostering Lola, an 11-year-old blue-and-gold macaw who was relinquished to PEAC in October of 2015. Lola came to us a shy macaw who was "addicted" to animal cookies, and with Lori and Kaela's help, she has come out of her shell and has also forsaken the sugar-laden human treats for the more appropriate Caiotec parrot "cookies." Lori and Kaela also do the "dirty work" of keeping other PEAC birds' cages and aviaries clean and stocked with fresh meals and toys at the home of PEAC's director. They always give their extra time to socialize or work with the parrots, getting them adjusted to their new environment or just providing a much needed cuddle session.



Lori, Kaela, and Lola

What got you interested in parrots, and what was your first bird? Lori: We first got interested in birds while in Hawaii on vacation when a cab driver took his darling cockatiel to work every day on his dashboard and we got to hold him. We then got two rescue cockatiels from our vet when she called us and said their owner passed away. They came as a pair and we've had them about four years now. They whistle "Andy of Mayberry" and are so fun!

What do you like most about volunteering and how did you first hear about PEAC?

Lori: We love the interaction and socializing all of the birds at the Director of PEAC's house, as he helps so many birds and takes such great care of them! At first they are scared of you and then the more you talk to them, sing to them, and give them treats, the more they trust you and their darling personalities come out. It is so rewarding! Kaela wanted to volunteer with birds and so she searched the internet and found PEAC.

How do you spend your spare time, when not volunteering? Kaela: We love to spend time with family, including our dogs, two cats, and two cockatiels, as well as going to movies, tap dancing, making jewelry, and of course spending time with our foster macaw, Lola, who has taught us a lot, as she's quite the character. She's slowly warming up to us. She is sometimes warm and loving, but also has her moments. She requires a lot of time and attention, but helping PEAC birds is so rewarding! Lola is growing on us more each day.

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In order for PEAC to continue

the work it does in Southern CA we need your financial gift. No matter how small the donation it all will go to help PEAC continue its ongoing projects focusing on education in all things parrot and just as importantly financially assist with the care of the parrots that make up our foster flock. At no other time in PEAC history going back to 1998 have we ever needed your support more. Each year we see more and more

parrots needing assistance in being rehomed either by entering our foster flock or obtaining our help in locating another organization.

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What they do:

- Strive to achieve and maintain high standards of avian care.
- Conduct business and related matters in a professional, ethical manner.
- Are open to oversight by professional, accrediting, and/or regulatory organizations.
- Provide accountability to donors and comply with best-practice nonprofit governance standards.
- Have appropriate educational materials and public outreach programs to generate awareness of the plight of parrots and other captive birds.
- Advocate for social, legislative, and policy changes aimed at improving the lives of birds in captivity.
- Promote respectful collaboration and share expertise and resources with colleagues to benefit birds.
- Maintain all required licenses and permits in good standing as well as their federal 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit status.
- Conduct fundraising with honesty and integrity and avoid sensationalistic and manipulative funding appeals.
- Allow access to birds only under conditions in which visitation does not invade the birds' privacy or result in disruptions of their routine.
- Acknowledge their limitations and enlist the assistance of veterinarians and other supporting organizations and professionals as needed.
- Have an active independent board of directors without conflicts of interest.
- If they are a permanent sanctuary, they provide professional and humane care through all phases of a bird's life and assume lifetime responsibility for animals placed in their care. (This may include rehabilitation and transfer to another facility that is better suited to their needs and where similar or higher standards of care and prohibitions on breeding and commercial activity are complied with.)

What they don't do:

- Breed birds or place birds in breeding situations
- Engage in the commercial trade in birds
- Profit from or support the wild and exotic animal trade
- Use birds or other animals for research, entertainment, commercial purposes, or purely for exhibition.
- Support captive breeding programs for any commercial purpose. (Exceptions may be made on rare occasions when a species is on the verge of extinction and where a credible, scientifically based breeding and reintroduction program is in place.)
- Use birds in their care to satisfy human expectation or amusement, nor put their emotional needs, financial gain, or self-promotion before the needs of the birds.

If the organization places animals, it should have firm policies that do the following:

- Prohibit animals from being placed in breeding situations or for commercial purposes.
- Provide for a thorough screening process for potential placement partners, educational outreach, and a follow-up to ensure that animals placed are thriving in their new environment.
- Provide them with legally binding contracts to ensure that animals can be recovered if they are not receiving proper care or if the present guardian is no longer willing or able to care for the animal.

EDITOR'S CORNER

SOCIAL MEDIA— IT'S HAPPENING!!!

Ever look at that sad little box at the bottom of page 16 and wonder why we don't poop or get off the perch, so to speak? Well, finally ...Finally, we have grabbed social media by the horns and aren't letting go! Kelly Flynn, or Gung-Ho Flynn, as she's known around here, has dragged PEAC, flapping and vocalizing, into the 21st century. Go to Facebook and search for Parrot Education and Adoption Center, and follow us on Twitter at @peacsandiego, to find the wealth of information that Kelly has tapped into for us! We are also in the process of updating our website to make it more current and user-friendly.

PEAC— 20 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

It seems like only yesterday that Bonnie started doing seminars at the Marina Village Conference Center, and Layne Dicker and Gary Walian would come down for events and make us all laugh so hysterically that our wine would start coming out our noses.... But I digress. Kelly has asked that in celebration of the 20 years, if you have a parrot 20 years old or older, please contact her at my email, peacoperations@gmail.com, so that she may interview you briefly for an article she will be writing.

So, back to that wine.... Just kidding. Those were some of my fond memories of PEAC in its early days. We'd like to hear yours! Send me a little somethin'-somethin' about your earliest memories of PEAC, and if I hear from enough of you, I'll put it into a column to share with everyone. Also let me know whether or not you want your name published with your memory.

PEAC-out,
Melanie

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 21, 2016

Petco Adoption Fair
(Wildomar)

August 27, 2016

Doggie Street Festival
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August 28, 2016

Understanding Parrot Language, Both
Verbal and Physical
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September 18, 2016

Petco Adoption Fair
(Wildomar)

September 25, 2016

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