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## Janet Holt Hilton: My Time at the Oasis

We humans have a penchant for collecting beautiful things. We see it, we like it, and no matter the consequence, own it. Despite all the negatives, we acquire that beautiful object. At first, we can't get enough of it. We take it out and look at it every day. We show our friends. We give it a place of honor. We tell everyone, and we can't wait to show off our latest acquisition.

And then it happens. We run out of time. It doesn't happen all at once. One day we just forget to bring our "pretty" out and admire it. No worries, we will make up for it tomorrow. But then, something else happens and before we know it, we've almost completely forgotten about our latest pretty thing. Maybe it is another pretty thing that we must have. Maybe it is a change in jobs, mates or homes. The potential changes are limitless. So our pretty object languishes, and is pushed further into the corner, sad, alone, bored and left to its own devices.

But let me digress. This past week, my dear friend Lisa and I were able to volunteer at the Oasis Sanctuary in Benson, Arizona. While I have followed and supported the sanctuary over a few years via the Internet, I had absolutely no idea what to expect. The Oasis is home to 700 birds, as well as dogs, horses, sheep, and other "not so desirable critters." Our first walk through the compound left me speechless (not a common occurrence) and extremely teary-eyed. Most of these once "beautiful objects" had been transformed into sad, lonely, paranoid, plucked remnants of what they once were.

In a few short years, the individuals at the Oasis, under the influence and leadership of Sybil Erden, have created a miraculous last chance for these creatures to call home and live out the remainder of their (often extremely long) lives. Sadly, they have already run out of space for the larger birds.



*Life behind bars...*

The "barn" is where the feed preparation takes place and where dishes are manually washed, soaked for three minutes in a bleach solution, rinsed and then refilled. Believe me when I tell you this is no small feat. While we were at the Oasis we began gathering food dishes and cleaning soon after 7:00 a.m. No one stopped until everyone had been fed, watered, and in some instances medicated, and had their cages cleaned.

The "flock" and "herd" must be fed and tended to every day, several times a day. They are fortunate enough to have 8 fantastic people caring for them. But can you really imagine 8 people caring for so many animals? Just do the math. With 700 birds alone, that entails a minimum of 2 and possibly 3 bowls per bird depending on how many birds occupy an area. Lisa commented that she washed more dishes during her time at the Oasis than she did during the entire year 2009. How wonderful if they could afford duplicate food dishes for each bird/or aviary, and an industrial sized washing/sanitizing machine. The timesaving alone would be the equivalent of adding one additional staff member.

Food is only one part of the daily routine. Every day in addition to feeding, additional tasks are performed. One day it may be hand washing cages, or raking around the outside cages. New birds are brought in and must be evaluated and properly placed. Toys and stimulation must be provided for every bird. Birds have to be counted several times a day. Since the misting system is under repair, the birds have to be manually given their baths. Cages must be checked, and when required, repaired. Perches must be monitored and replaced when called for. Beaks and nails, when required, must be trimmed.

The birds must be monitored for compatibility issues. Often "breeder" pairs will come in, and one bird will subsequently pass away. The staff tries to find another "friend" for the remaining bird, but this is no easy task. There is no "E-Harmony" for bird match making!

Once a week the staff prepares the gourmet fare that is supplemented with a mixture of pellet, seeds, nuts and other goodies. Even while all of this is going on, each staff member gives their love and attention to the birds. Everyone seems to have their favorites but no one is overlooked.

Everything about the Oasis is amazing, including the flight aviaries for the male cockatoos, the female cockatoos, the African Greys and the Macaws. The aviary is a wonderful attempt to return a bit of freedom to these beautiful creatures.

But why should they even be living there? What has caused these intelligent, beautiful creatures to end their days at a place such as the Oasis?

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## Letter from the Director

Dear PEAC Members,

The past couple of months have been a whirlwind of PEAC activities! Our Parrot Training Workshop on 7/31/10 featuring Barbara Heidenreich was a fabulous event with 75 folks in attendance. The full day included numerous live demonstrations featuring PEAC foster birds supplemented by a few personal birds from our volunteer ranks. Don't miss the photos of this event on pages 5 and 11. Thank you to April Adcock, Melanie Ariessohn, Teri Irvin, Andrew Harding, Judy Michaels, and Craig and Kylene Smartis, whose hard work made this wonderful event possible!

The Annual Association of Avian Veterinarians Conference & Expo was held in Downtown San Diego from July 31 - August 5. A significant portion of the curriculum was devoted to behavior management using positive reinforcement techniques. PEAC was honored to provide the parrot participants for two hands-on lab sessions for small groups of delegates. Thank you to April Adcock, Melanie Ariessohn, Judy Michaels, and DJ Sommers, who graciously volunteered not only their time but also their personal parrots and PEAC foster birds for this experience. We were all amazed at how eagerly all the birds responded to positive reinforcement training!

Recently, I was honored to provide a half day of learning about parrot care for our own San Diego Animal Control Officer Training Academy. New Animal Control Officers must successfully complete a rigorous 10-week curriculum. For the first time this year, their program included a segment to provide the officers with resources and tools to use when interacting with companion parrots in both private homes and the retail setting.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toy-making Workshop will be held on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see page 10 for more information - and join us for an afternoon of fun!

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Crouse

### 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.
6. Potential adopters of medium to large birds are required to attend at least the following three seminars: "Avian Basic Care," "Parrot Personalities," and "Behavioral Problems."
7. Potential adopters will receive a copy of our adoption application after attending the required seminars.
8. All potential adopters will receive a home visit performed by one of our volunteers before being approved for adoption.
9. Approved adoption applications will be placed on a waiting list if a bird is not currently in our system that would be a good match for the approved adopter.
10. Only one parrot acquisition/adoption per home or PEAC membership is allowed in an 18-month time period.
11. Adopters are required to pay an adoption fee and reimburse PEAC for veterinary fees the bird may have incurred.
12. Adopted birds are to remain in the home and be treated as a member of the family.
13. Adopted birds may not be sold, given away, bred, or used for any type of monetary purposes.
14. After attending the mandatory seminars, those wishing to adopt a first-time large bird, such as an Amazon, African Grey, Cockatoo, or Macaw, will be required to spend hands-on time with the species of their choice under supervision of one of our volunteers before being approved.
15. As a general rule, we will not place a Cockatoo, Macaw, or other noisy bird in an apartment or condominium.
16. PEAC will not adopt birds as companions to other birds.
17. PEAC does not place birds into aviary situations.
18. Birds must remain in a 100% smoke-free environment.

## Available for Adoption in San Diego/So. California

Contact Barbara at 619-287-8200



### Cockatoos

- Umbrella: 16-year-old **"Honey"** is a very sweet girl, as her name implies.

- Sulfur-crested: **"Milo"** aka **"Cupcake"** was found 18 years ago, and is a real sweetie!

### Amazons

- 28-year-old **"Roz"** is quiet, tiny for a blue-front, and very sweet-natured. She eats her veggies and pellets with gusto. She enjoys flapping wildly and is learning to play with foot toys. She steps up, gets along well with other birds, and is an all-around cutie who's looking for a new nest.

- White-fronted: **"Sweet Pea"** was found and turned in to PEAC in Jan. 09. She now steps up easily onto a bare hand. She has adjusted to new routines very readily, and recognizes "Nut Time," "Shower Time", "Dinner Time", and "Nighty-Night Time." She talks and laughs along with phone conversations, and has turned out to be a very adaptable, delightful little girl.



*Congratulations,  
Pickle,  
on finding your  
forever home!!*

### Macaws

- Green-Wing: 29-year-old **"Red"**, who came to us in April because his family needed to travel, adjusted in just two days to a new foster home and a new diet! He's a really sweet guy, intelligent and a quick learner, with a laid-back personality. He gets along with birds, cats, and dogs, and would love a new permanent home.

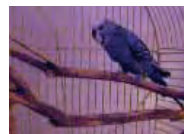


- Hybrid: 14-year-old **"Kiki"** is a beautiful bird who loves to take daily walks. She is very talkative and speaks her mind, and has a great sense of humor.



### Budgie

- **"Gatsby"** is a 13-year-old male budgie looking for a home where he can live out his golden years. He is untamed, but will fill your house with his beautiful songs, especially if caged near other birds.



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 If you're interested in adopting any of the birds listed above, you must attend all the seminars required for adoption and complete an application for approval. You must also show proof that you have an adequate cage and are acquainted with an avian veterinarian before taking your bird home. Adopted birds may not be bred, sold, given away or used for any type of monetary purposes! A minimal adoption fee is required, in addition to reimbursement for any vet fees that the bird you are adopting has incurred.

## *A Double Whammy of Positive Reinforcement*

PEAC San Diego was very fortunate to have two days with Barbara Heidenreich. On July 31 we hosted her eight-hour Behavior and Training workshop; and we were also invited to provide the “demo birds” for her two August 2 lab sessions at the Association of Avian Veterinarians Conference in San Diego.

Here is just a little bit of what went on there!



Sweet Pea, Socrates & Mica are doing target training each night now and are having fits waiting for their turn! They seem to love the chance to do it. I can see now that I was not encouraging them to achieve their potential.  
- Judy M.

Loved the workshop. Such a privilege to see you interacting with the birds. Two of my problem issues were addressed - - I just couldn't figure out what to do, but now I know.  
Thank you.  
- Carolyn



I went to the lecture last Saturday and I was so impressed with everything! I would love to help the organization in any way I could. I would definitely like to be kept abreast of what is happening and learn how to join.  
- Beverly B. (via voice mail)

Just wanted to thank you for all the hard work it must have taken to organize the event yesterday. I really enjoyed it and it exceeded my expectations.  
- Debbie A.

I enjoyed the Parrot Behavior Training seminar this weekend. I am planning on attending future seminars and workshops.  
- Billy S.



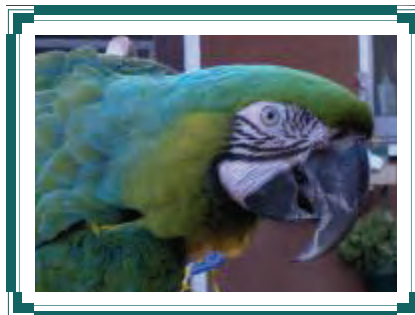
## Now, We Need Even More Foster Help!

PEAC San Diego and PEAC Anchorage still have an incredible need for foster homes. Who's on our waiting list? In San Diego, we already have several birds who have been waiting for months to come into our program; and just recently, we've also had to put on the list an unwanted parrot who lives in an extremely small cage and is allowed to come out only once a month. In addition, just as the newsletter was going to press, we received a call about a woman who passed away this week, and her dying wish was that her parrot be found a good home. 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 off 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 the 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 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 it backfires, and the foster parent ends up adopting the bird! Why do we call this "backfiring"? Because it permanently closes up one opening in our foster parent program. But you can't always help who we fall in love with!

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treats, fruits, veg, and pasta; clean water and a clean cage everyday, varying degrees of patience, and a whole lotta love.

permanently closes up one parent program. But you can't always help who we fall

foster homes with an playstand when possible, a pellets, an initial batch of toys whenever available, and all the for. All you need to supply is

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

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

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Thanks to our volunteers for all of your help this quarter!!

## PARROT EDUCATION & ADOPTION CENTER – SAN DIEGO 2010 SEMINAR SCHEDULE

While many of our seminars are required for adoption, others are also encouraged to attend, to expand their knowledge in order to provide 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-Michel Cousteau**

### NEW INFO: HAVE YOU BEEN TO A PEAC SEMINAR LATELY?

We are constantly changing the content of our seminars as new information becomes available in the world of parrot care and behavior. So the seminar you attended even two years ago may well be different now, with updated information.

Come back - - we'd love to see you again and share with you all that's new.  
 And with pre-registration, it's free to members!!!

Oct 17: Parrot Personalities (*required for adoption*)  
 Understanding, Preventing & Resolving Behavior Problems (*required for adoption*)

Nov 21: Holiday Toy-Making Workshop (special pricing for this event; see page 10)

Seminars are held at Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way, Room D-6, San Diego. Regular seminars begin at 1:00 pm; second seminar begins at 2:15 pm. Seminar check-in begins at 12:30 pm. When possible, program birds will be present from 12:30 to 1:00 for “Meet and Greet.”

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

\*Advance registration is due on or before the Wednesday prior to the seminar;  
 NO EXCEPTIONS.

Credit card payments (\$20.00 minimum) can be faxed to 909 563-8418  
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~ WE LOVE YOUR BIRDS, but please leave them at home while you attend our seminars ~



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REGISTER ME!

Sign Me Up in Sunny San Diego for these 2010 Seminars:

DATE	TITLE	# PEOPLE	AMT DUE

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## PEAC San Diego Presents Holiday Season Toy-Making Workshop

Sunday, 11/21/10; 1:00 to 4:00 pm  
Check-in: 12:30 pm

Marina Village Conference Center  
1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109

PEAC Members: \$20.00/person by 11/12/10; \$30.00 after 11/12/10  
Non-members: \$30.00/person by 11/12/10; \$35.00 after 11/12/10

*Holiday fun!*

This hands-on workshop includes instruction on identifying various parrot play styles, hands-on instruction on making a variety of bird toys, ideas for toy-making materials, and much more. Participants can expect to complete at least two parrot toys for their own bird(s) or for holiday gift giving. Cost of workshop includes all needed materials. Light refreshments will be served.

*Yes, I want to register for the Toy-Making Workshop!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Bird/s I'm Making Toys for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Workshop (PEAC members): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Workshop (non-members): \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00/person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Late registration (after Nov. 11) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30.00/person (PEAC members) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Late registration (after Nov. 11) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$35.00/person (non-members) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I'd like to donate an additional amount and be recognized as a sponsor of this event \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: (check one)

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## My Time at the Oasis

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It goes back to our “need” to possess these creatures of such grace, intelligence and beauty. Nature never intended for we humans to “own” these creatures; rather, we must admire them and respect them in their God-given environment.

I must commend the dedication and hard work that takes place every day at the Oasis. But beyond that, I must commit my efforts to ensure that fewer of these birds need this environment. Somehow, someday, we need to put an end to the breeding of these birds. We need to take those unwanted, tortured and available birds and allow them to live in all the splendor, beauty and grace they were created for.

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Ops Manager 's Note: The PEAC San Diego Leadership Team (April Adcock, Melanie Ariessohn, and Barbara Crouse), plus father of April and trailer hauler *par excellence*, Ken Adcock, will be leaving on a brief Mission to the Oasis in about a week, to take a load of donated and much-needed supplies and to provide a couple of days of volunteer work, to give a few of their six (yes, only SIX now!) volunteers some much-needed time off.

Shipping to their remote location is extremely expensive, so we are loading up a pickup and trailer and setting off for the desert! Should you wish to help out, please contact April at [parroted@peac.org](mailto:parroted@peac.org) for their list of immediate needs. The trailer needs to be packed by Oct 8, so if you have anything they can use, please get your best hustle on and get in touch with April ASAP!



*Red, using his best Ostrich Technique, attempts to ignore Barb Heidenreich and the nut in her hand*

*We all learn a little something*



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## DIRECTOR 'S MESSAGE:

I don't know what your perception about our summer was, but my birds were starting to wonder when they were going to sprout webbed feet. They kept asking, "Do my feathers look moldy to you?" Considering we had 30+ days in a row of rain (a



new record for Anchorage), it wouldn't surprise me in the least if they were getting a bit musty. The slugs took over the garden before I could get a grip on them, so the birds didn't even have fresh squash to look forward to (there's lots of sugar snap peas, though, which they are very happy about). And now here we are at the end of the season, needing to start the preparations for winter.

Speaking of winter...it never hurts to make sure your emergency preparedness materials are in order. In the past three days we've had hurricane-strength winds, power outages, a 5.5 magnitude earthquake, and now today...the ultimate four-letter word...snow.

Keep your eyes open for our 2011 seminar schedule which will be released in the next edition of *Beak to Tail*. We will be holding our Emergency Preparedness Planning seminar, and will be raffling off an avian "emergency kit".

Now's also a great time to sit down and review your bird "to-do" list. First up is make sure your bird's up to date on their veterinary records. Annual well-bird exams should not be overlooked – an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Also time to get those wing and nail trims taken care of, if necessary. Since we are going into winter months, make sure you've got fresh bulbs for your bird's supplemental lighting needs – just because a bulb "lights up" doesn't mean it's doing what it's supposed to (full spectrum lights do need to be replaced...and yes...BEFORE they burn out!). ☺

Karen Webster

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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

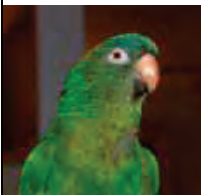
Name: **Wilson**

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 - Senegal

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*

#### **The administrative office of PEAC always appreciates donations of the following:**

*Stamps*  
*Photocopier paper*  
*Photo paper for color printers*  
*Ink for color printers*

**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 call or email us!**  
**907-929-BIRD (2473)**  
**akpeac@gmail.com**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PEAC AK is in need of volunteers for all positions: booths, administrative, special events, and most of all, foster homes!!

We are so grateful for our current foster families, but still are constantly turning away birds in need, due to a surfeit of foster homes. Please contact us if you can help! 907 929-2473, akpeac@gmail.com.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PARKER (“THE PERFECT PARROT”) on finding his forever home!



*And most of all, best of luck to Karen and Dan (chortle!!)*

Parker decided that life with PEAC volunteers Karen and Dan Ottenbreit was pretty sweet; they even had a turtle for him!! Does it get any better than that? Karen and Dan have adopted from PEAC before – another African Grey named Jinx. After time in Parker’s company, they’ll probably have to change his name to “Hi-Jinx”.

Welcome, Krys Traver, our newest volunteer!!

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:

Alaska Mill and Feed  
Grey Feather Toys  
TOPS (Totally Organic Pellets)

Jackie Frederickson, DVM  
Robert A. Rehbock  
Lin Westgard

Ginger Memorial Fund  
Layne Dicker & Sally Spencer  
Rayna Neumiller-Duenas

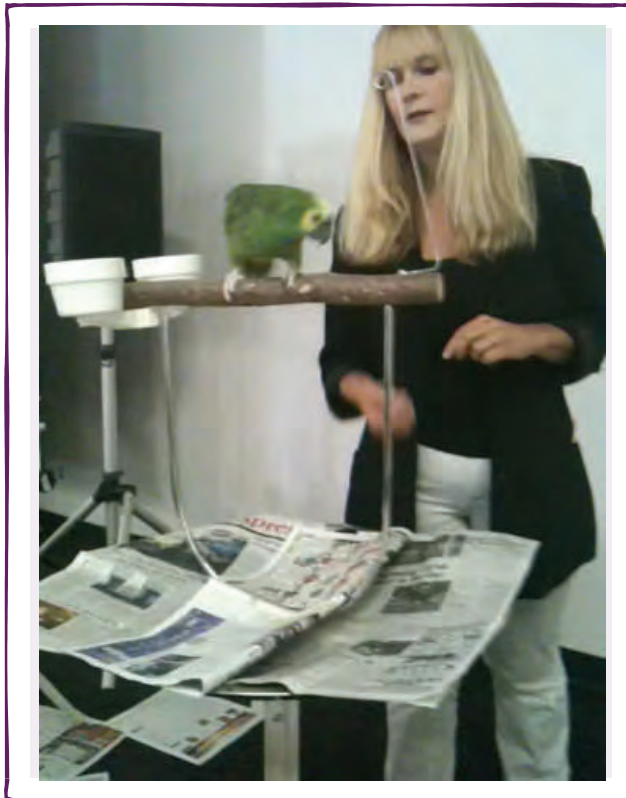
**SEMINAR FEES (per person/day)**

	ADVANCE REGISTERED	AT THE DOOR
PEAC Members	FREE!	\$5.00
Non-Members	\$10.00	\$15.00

Our seminars are held at the BP Energy Center, 900 E. Benson Blvd., Anchorage from 7:00-9:00pm. Advance registration must be received no later than three days prior to the day of the seminar. To register, please email or mail the seminar date you want to attend, and the number of people attending. If you are a PEAC member and are registering in advance, registration over the phone or via email is accepted. For fax or USPS registrations, please use the registration form above.

Seminars are subject to change or cancellation. Registration fees for non-members will be refunded only if a seminar is cancelled.

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



PARROT EDUCATION AND ADOPTION CENTER ANCHORAGE  
SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Tel: 907-929-BIRD

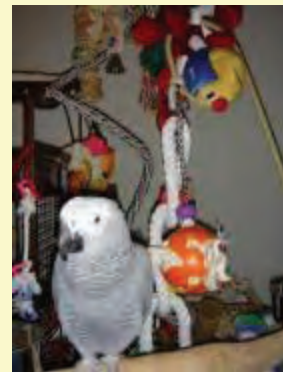
E-mail: akpeac@gmail.com

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

Thur, Oct 14    Basic Care/Lifestyles for the Successful Parrot Caregiver  
7:00 - 9:00 p    *(required for adoption)*

Thur, Nov 18    Parrot Personalities *(required for adoption)*  
7:00 -9:00p

December        TBD



*Lacey and her favorite toy*

REGISTER ME!

I Want to Be Inside (where it's warm) Getting My Parrot Education in Anchorage

DATE	TITLE	# PEOPLE	AMT DUE

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ (VISA MC AMEX) Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to PEAC and mail with this form to PEAC, PO Box 91707, Anchorage, AK 99509-1707





## 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.

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

### THE GINGER MEMORIAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM 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.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 VISA/MC/AMEX Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Or make check payable to PEAC and mail with this form to PEAC, P.O. Box 91707, Anchorage, AK 99509-1707



### 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

Anonymous  
Lucia Blades  
Gale Chan  
Mike & Julie Comella  
Layne Dicker  
Kelly Flynn  
Kathy Fraga  
Lisa Greeson  
Jim & Karen Hodson  
Philip & Lee Jenkins  
Beverly Kirkegaard  
Debra Kolen  
Judy Lazar  
Patrice Marcks  
Ann Palik  
Rene Pina  
Geneva Potepan  
Jean Rockwell  
Chloe Rogers  
Steve Scott  
John & Janet Smith  
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

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 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.

### PEAC MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

Check it out! The following companies are supportive of PEAC's work and have graciously offered to give PEAC members a discount on items ordered from them.

**Advanced Avian Designs, Inc.**  
888-408-4967 - 10%

**Artistic Avian Accessories**  
209-748-5631 - 10%

**Avian Antics**  
734-782-5270 - 10%  
www.AvianAnticsBirdToys.com  
Coupon code: PEAC2010

**Avian Gourmet**  
1-888-88-AVIAN  
www.aviangourmet.com - 10%

**AviTech, Inc.**  
1-800-646-BIRD - 10%

**Bell Plastics**  
1-800-235-8265 - 20%

**Birds by Donalee**  
520-574-7290  
www.birdsbydonalee.com - 10%

**Charlie Macaw**  
Companion Birdwear  
800-704-3003  
PEAC member price: \$19.50

**Featherwear**  
925-280-9666 - 10%

**Feathered Follies** - 10%  
www.feathered-follies.com  
925-681-2473

**Firefly Studios**  
800-777-9242 - \$2 off shirts

**Freeway Enterprises**  
Home of the Birdie Play Stand  
707-678-9065 - 10%

**Grey Feather Toy Creations**  
www.GreyFeatherToys.com  
866-355-5904 - 5%  
(must use discount code: PEAC)

**Hidden Forest Art Gallery**  
Fallbrook, CA  
www.gaminiratnavira.com - 10%

**Manzanita Avenue  
Fred Bird & Company**  
530-347-6339 - 10%

**Noah's Kingdom**  
1-800-662-4711 - 10%

**Parrot Island**  
952-928-9985  
888-9PARROT (Orders only)  
www.parrotislandinc.com - 10%

**\*\*\* Parrot People \*\*NEW!!!\*\***  
www.parrotpeople.com - 10%  
toys, food, perches, etc.

**Premium Pet Kitchen**  
1-800-945-2451  
20% off first order

**Puppy Paws**  
www.puppypaws.com  
Coupon Code: PEAC - 15%

**The Purring Parrot** - 10%  
619-223-2326  
www.thepurringparrot.com

**Rose's Pet Emporium**  
888-418-2269  
www.rosespet.com - 10%

**Scooterware**  
914-255-MOON  
www.scooterware1.com - 10%

**Southern Cross**  
941-283-3037 - 10%

**Sunrise Solutions/Hide N Sleep**  
303-469-4217 - 10%

**White Wing Farms**  
360-942-3669  
25% (write "PEAC member discount" on order form)

**San Diego Stores**  
**Feathers** - San Marcos  
**Birdland** - North Park  
**The Purring Parrot** - Point Loma  
20% discount for 1st time boarders

**Cleveland Area Store**  
**Pet Paradise** - Willoughby

**Anchorage Area Store**  
**Alaska Mill & Feed**  
10% discount on companion bird food, toys, supplies, etc.

**Costa Rica**  
**Laguna del Lagarto Lodge**  
25% off prevailing room rates.  
www.lagarto-lodge-costa-rica.com

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## Upcoming Events

October 14, 2010

Avian Basic Care/Lifestyles  
(Anchorage)

October 17, 2010

Parrot Personalities/Behavior Problems  
(San Diego)

November 18, 2010

Parrot Personalities  
(Anchorage)

November 21, 2010

Annual Holiday Toy-Making Workshop  
(San Diego)