

WAES MONTHLY

WASATCH AVIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

Next Meeting
April 14, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Salt Lake County Complex
2001 So. State,
Room N1100
(North Building)
Salt Lake City

WAES in April presents – Debbie Schluter

Our speaker will be Debbie Schluter, she was the founder of the WAES back in February 1994. She has been an avian vet tech for many years in the Salt Lake area. She's going to have an informal discussion on foraging ideas, techniques, toys, the theories that avian behaviorists have on need for foraging, especially on how it can help divert negative behavior Debbie will be bringing lots of common items that can be adapted for foraging.

We hope to see you there.

Our raffle and light refreshments while meeting other parrot enthusiasts will follow this.

Waes President - Carol Crane

WAES is about the birds. There is nothing more inspiring than a positive rescue story. This month Carol would like to turn her regular scheduled "letter" over to Shawna Augustine, Rescue Coordinator, and new bird mom, Lisa, for a very legitimate cause very close to Carol's heart....

Scooter's story

Three happy adopted parrots, Smokey, Dickens and Goliath. Read their stories on our web site's Adopted Bird's page. If you have a adoptee we'd like to hear his/her story and put it on our web page

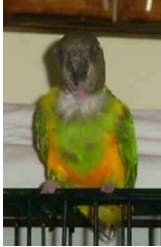


Scooter is a Congo African Grey that was hatched July of 2003. Scooter had been a feather plucker since she was 6 months old. She came into rescue because the owners did not know what to do. After two foster homes, and one semi-permanent home, Scooter was adopted. This time, we're sure it's permanent! Scooter was such a picky eater. She was terrified of people and shook non-stop. She was cage aggressive and jealous. Scooter did not like to be alone and when the household was away, she would pluck. Finding a home for

The perfect family came to be for Scooter in October 2006. Talk about patience, this family waited to adopt Scooter for 5 months prior to the adoption approval. It was definitely the right decision. Here's what we learned this month from Scooter's new mom, Lisa, about how well Scooter is doing, and how much love and attention this beloved bird receives. "I thought you might like to see some pictures of Scooter! The first photo is December 2006, the second March 2007...you can see Scooter's progress. The improvement is amazing! I was shocked at how bad he really looked back in December. We had him about six weeks by then and I thought he was looking pretty good. I can now see the dark circles around his eyes and how skinny he was. It's amazing how much better he looks now. He eats very well and gets at least 11 or 12 hours of uninterrupted sleep in his carrier. Scooter still has a



Adopt These Rescue Birds...



Demon - Conure, Green Cheek

Adoption fee: \$180

Demon is a green cheek conure about 10 years old, he loves to go exploring and visiting people throughout the house. He is a very adventurous eater (he loves berries, bananas and oatmeal) but mostly he eats Zupreem and a variety of seed, he loves being spoonfed! Demon is afraid of large groups of people (he gets right in his cage and doesn't want to come out) but he is quite friendly in smaller groups. He knows how to step up and he loves doing the dishes with his foster mom.

Gizmo - Poicephalous, Senegal

Adoption Fee: \$180

Gizmo is a great bird who likes to sit on your shoulder. He talks some, saying "Hello Buddy", "night-night", "Hello" and whistles and calls often. He will step up to anyone willing to hold him. He does pluck some but wears a collar and doesn't seem to mind it at all. He was donated because his owner has recently passed away. He is an "awesome" bird. He seems to prefer men, and can deliver a good bite to others.



Monroe - Cockatoo, Medium Sulpher Crested

Adoption Fee: \$200

Monroe is a personality-plus Medium Cockatoo. He will be a delight in the right situation. Each time Monroe picks out one favorite family member (usually the male of the house), then attacks all other family members. He will go to women and bond with them now. His overall problem of dealing with jealousy remains a problem—this is a one person bird.

Chester - Cockatoo, Moluccan

Adoption Fee: \$250

Chester is a male Moluccan Cockatoo appx 30 years old. He is a vocal bird and can get loud. Chester does not like males. He has an unpredictable attitude, but has gotten a lot better in the short time that he has been in his foster home. He needs someone who will have a lot of patience and time to work with him. He doesn't seem to mind other animals such as cats and dogs, and other birds.

Foster Update: Chester has recently begun starting to form a bond with the man of the house. It has taken a lot of patience and time with his foster family working with him, and he will step up when told it's "OK" by his foster mom and she is there with him coaxing him on. Vet results returned within normal range."



Jasper - Amazon, Orange Wing

Adoption Fee: \$250

Jasper is approximately 11 years old, male, and has a couple of deformed toes. His favorite foods are tomatoes, apples and bananas. He does talk and has been known to be a bit nippy, but he loves head scratches! He's gotten pretty good about stepping up although he still is aggressive in his cage. He's fairly vocal but usually not annoyingly so. He only screams when he feels he's not getting the attention he deserves and is mollified by us coming in and talking to him.



Pepe - Amazon, Red Lored

Adoption Fee:

\$250

Pepe is an unpredictable bird. He prefers to remain in his cage and not be handled. He is not friendly and is NOT good with children. He bites very hard. Pepe will step up onto a stick, and then to your hand. He will move out of the way while you change his food and water. He eats Pretty Bird pellets and nearly everything else he is offered. He is not loud, and is rather quiet for an Amazon. He only says "Hello".

He will now step up to a stick and then go to a hand. He is approximately 10 years old.



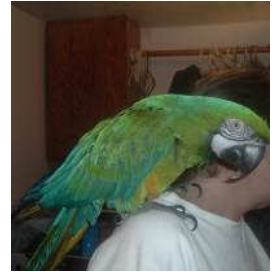
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Jazz - Miligold Macaw

\$300

Jazz is a healthy female Miligold Macaw approaching 16 years old. She can be a delightful loving bird, although she has jealousy issues. She needs to be watched around other birds.

Adoption Fee:



Brocklin – White Eyed Conure

Adoption Fee: \$200

Brocklin is a White Eyed Conure that is 18 years old. He has personality plus! He is very comfortable being near you, and even on your shoulder, but he does not like to be touched. He is not mean and has not bitten. He will step-up but he is skittish when you want to handle him. Brocklin really enjoyed being near his four year old boy companion. He has been a feather

plucker, and shared a cage with another Conure who was also a plucker. The feather plucking was caused from trauma after the two daughters that were the responsible caretakers for the birds went off to college. Veterinary Diagnostic results of Chlamydia, Beak & Feather Disease, and Psitticid Herpes Virus were all negative. He will need an



Baby – Cross Umbrella and Moluccan Cockatoo

Adoption \$250

Baby is a cross between an Umbrella and a Moluccan Cockatoo. He/She is approximately 7 years old. Baby has spent some of his/her time plucking. In the previous home, baby loved the man of house, and would attempt to attack the lady of the house. However, in the current foster home, Baby loves her Momma and is very friendly so far with other members of the house. He/She will even snuggle up to strangers. Baby has a large appetite for greens and other fresh foods and is very loud. Baby loves music and loves to dance and show off. Vet results pending.



Cleopatra – Umbrella Cockatoo

Adoption Fee pending

"Cleo" – joined our family eight years ago when she was nine. After shopping for months, we settled on her. She was living with a couple who loved her but had just had their first child and found they could not give her the attention she deserved. Nathan our son was thrilled with her sweet personality. Last fall he went away to college, and his life has become too busy to care for her. So she has stayed home with us. She misses Nathan, and since he left has taken to plucking her chest. Cleo loves to take showers with us. She laughs with us at family meals, and enjoys drinking whatever we're having. She also likes any kind of nut in a shell. I buy shelled, unsalted peanuts in bulk. She eats bananas too, preferably from our hands. She likes toast – I think it's the butter, actually. Cleo likes men best, but tolerates women who are bird-lovers. She doesn't seem to like small children much. One of my favorite activities is lounging with her when I watch TV. I put on an old pair of socks and she plucks it to shreds. She loves to dismantle pens and pencils, though I try to discourage her. Now we're moving to New Zealand, and have learned that while dogs and cats are welcome, birds are not. So we must find a loving home for this loving bird.



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. I think it will take at least a year or maybe longer for him to come around completely. We find joy in the little achievements. Scooter is such a part of our lives it would be hard to imagine our home without him. He continues to surprise us with new words, songs and noises on a daily basis. A couple of weeks ago I had laryngitis so my voice was really gravelly. Scooter picked up on that voice right away! He also whistles an off key version of the march from "Bridge on the River Qwai", which my husband taught him. He loves to eat meals with us--he actually eats better if we sit down to eat with him. He hardly shakes at all any more, only when he is really afraid. We take him in the shower almost every day. He's not crazy about it, but you can tell he feels better when it's over. Scooter has always come to me (most of the time). At first he was crazy about my daughter. Then he decided he didn't like her so much. Kelcey was heart-broken. But now Scooter has decided she's okay and he likes to ride on her shoulder. He loves it when we go around in a circle really fast and he can "fly". He even flies upside down! He has never stepped up for my husband--partly because Joe is a little afraid of Scooter's bite. He really doesn't bite very much or too hard--again, mostly when he's afraid. But the other night we were watching TV and Scooter decided he wanted to be on Joe's lap. These are the kinds of things that show us Scooter is indeed becoming part of our flock. Scooter loves the pinecones Madeleine suggested. He loves them--tears them to shreds!

For more information about WAES Rescue Birds, visit our web site.

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Hey There



We welcome **SNPERRS** now serving the southern Nevada area..
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Madeleine Franco is one of our past officers and a longtime member of WAES. She was also a past officer and longtime member of the Las Vegas Avicultural Society. The rescue component of LVAS (Madeleine and others) recently formed the new organization.

Please check out the new link on our links page.

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This is in **Spokane County WA** for those of you in **WA & ID** who might like to attend:

The first annual Spokane Parrot Festival will be held Saturday May 12th from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 7501 W Enoch Rd, Deer Park, WA. The festival is a fundraiser for two local 501(c)(3) non-profit parrot rescues. Admission is free and parking is free! Come and be entertained by our live music, dancers and children's activities! The festival will have a wide variety of vendors to appeal to everyone including a few food vendors. Well-known parrot speakers include: Dr. Stewart Metz, Pamela Clark, Robin Deutsch and more. Check out our website for information on attending, being a vendor, volunteering, or entertaining: <http://www.spokaneparrotfestival.org/>

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Everyone is Welcome

Stay up to date in a dynamic club

If it looks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, we have at least to consider the possibility that we have a small aquatic bird of the family anatidae on our hands.
Douglas Adams

**I never married because there was no need. I have three pets at home, which answer the same purpose as a husband. I have a dog which growls every morning, a parrot which swears all afternoon, and a cat that comes home late at night.
Marie Corelli**