

WAES MONTHLY

WASATCH AVIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

Paula Davis - Pet Psychic - July 14, 2007

Paul Davis is a pet communicator also known as a pet psychic. She will do an analysis of one of our rescue parrots. There has been a lot of media attention to animal communication. This will give WAES members and anyone else who is interested in attending this event an opportunity to observe this in person. She will also discuss how we can apply animal communicator techniques to better communicate with our own animals.

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

President's Letter

WAES President - Carol Crane

Thank you **Jill** for taking the time and utilizing your incredible organization skills to bring your toy inventory to us for an evening. I could have used a few more hours to wrap up all the great ideas each member contributed about toys. By popular request Chase has been able to get one of the local pet psychics, Paula Davis, to visit our meeting. The meeting should be very interesting. This will be the **last newsletter until September**. We take things just a little lighter for the summer. Watch for a picnic postcard coming in your mail for August. Keep your August 11 afternoon clear. Plan on catching the bird show at Tracy Aviary at 1:00 pm. A **potluck picnic** will follow. And if you want something a little more for the month of August, don't forget the **American Federation of Aviculture Convention** August 22-25 in Los Angeles; www.afabirds.org Finally, multiple members have had the sad experience of losing one of their fine feathered friends this year. I'd like to submit to you a poem that helps me get thru when the day seems hard with grief.

At Rainbow Bridge

By the edge of a wood, at the foot of a hill is a lush, green meadow where time stands still. Where the friends of man and woman do fly, when their time on earth is over and they die. For there, between this world and the next, is a place where each beloved creature finds rest. On this golden land, they wait and they play, till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day. No more do they suffer, in pain or in sadness, for here they are whole, their lives filled with gladness. Their wings are restored, their health renewed, their bodies have healed, with strength imbued. They flutter through the trees, without even a care, until one day they start, and sniff the air. All wings are at the forward, pupils are wide as in shock, then all of a sudden, one breaks from the flock. For just at that instant, their eyes have met; together again, both person and pet. So they embrace each other, these friends from long past, the time of their parting is over at last. The sadness they felt awhile they were apart, has turned into joy once more in each heart. They embrace with a love, that will last forever, and then, side-by-side, they cross over...together. inspired by a Norse legend. **CAROL**

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

For information about adoption visit the rescue page on our web site www.wasatchavian.com

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.



Chester - Cockatoo, Moluccan

Adoption Fee: \$250

Chester is a male Moluccan Cockatoo approx 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. Pepe does not come with a cage. He has passed all of his vet checks.



Jazz - Miligold Macaw

Adoption Fee: \$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. She bonds to one family member, and becomes aggressive around others.

Adopt These Rescue Birds...

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. Veterinary Diagnostic results of Chlamydia, Beak & Feather Disease, and Psittid Herpes Virus were all negative. He will need an upgraded cage



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.



Kiwi - Eclectus

Adoption Fee \$250

Kiwi is a female Eclectus that comes with a big metal cage and toys. She is 14 years old. She has bitten the lady of the house but not the husband. She shares a cage now with a male Eclectus, and they seem to tolerate each other. She had some feather loss but the feathers are slowly growing back in. She says a couple of phrases, but is not often vocal. She says "hello", "who's the pretty bird/girl", and "how are you". She drinks from a water bottle and loves peanuts. She is on a diet of 75% LaFebre's pellets and also eats fruits, vegetables, grains, fish, and meat. Kiwi needs a home where she can get lots of attention, and be more in the mainstream of daily activity. She can open up puzzle toys and loves to chew on wood toys.



Oscar – Meyers Parrot

Adoption Fee \$180

Oscar would be perfect for the right family. He loves to be near people, where he can see them, and loves to snuggle, and be petted. He can and does bite hard. If you have small children, this is not the bird for you. He gets nervous around children. If anyone sticks a finger in his cage, he will most likely attack, and bite down hard, drawing blood. You should not put him next to your face.

Foster Update: *Oscar is a sweet little fellow, the bigger parrots and dogs here are a little overwhelming. He has not bitten. He is quite a sight with a grape or Mandarin orange segment.*



Simon - Congo African Grey

Adoption Fee \$375

Simon is an 11 year old Congo African Grey. He is a great bird that needs a lot of love and attention. He is very smart and very funny. He makes all kinds of funny noises. He is nervous and likes to pull feathers and bite his nails. His foster home is gently working on that problem. He is on a diet of Pretty Bird, fruits, veggies, nuts, and he loves pistachios and enchiladas. Simon loves girls. He should not be in a home with younger children. Simon has been known to inflict some pretty serious bites, all the while saying "No Bite"! . Simon has a history of attacking small birds such as parakeets. Simon will be happiest in a home where he gets to be out of his cage the majority of the time, and right in the family action. He enjoys music, likes to sing, dance and talk up a blue streak. Vet results are pending.





Gigi – Blue and Gold Macaw

Adoption Fee \$400.00

Gigi adores me and absolutely hates everyone else in the family. She is definitely a one-person bird. I got her from an elderly couple that had owned her for at least 12 years. They couldn't sell her because of her beak so they kept her in the petshop. You can tell she has had a lot of people poking at her. She is slow to trust but then very loving once she picks her 'person'. She seems to be in good health. She has lovely feathers and does not pluck. She has a malacluded beak that needs trimming consistently, not grossly malformed but she doesn't wear it down like she's supposed to. Vet results are pending.



Hogan - Red Fronted Macaw

Adoption Fee Pending

Hogan is a 4.5-year-old Red Fronted Macaw. He has lived with one family since he was 10 months old. He comes with a very nice cage, which does not tear down, a play stand, and toys. Hogan has been living in a stainless steel cage, which his family hopes to sell for \$500 to whomever adopts him. He was donated because he has started plucking and the family doesn't know why. It may have been either because of new carpet laid in the house or because of the stress level. There were also health reasons. Hogan is the type of bird you can immediately get attached to. He is quite a sweetheart. He knows many, many words and is very routine. He likes his toys in particular places, likes to eat at certain times, while you sit next to him, and he likes to go to bed and wake up at the same time each day. Vet results pending.

Madeleine Franco at the May meeting with her beautiful **Red-tailed Black Cockatoos**



August is our Annual Picnic

<http://www.tracyaviary.org/about/directions.php>

. Doug has made arrangements for the club to meet at **Tracy Aviary**. Plan on catching the 1:00 bird show in the aviary, directly following the show we will meet at the picnic area. The club will supply the main course. Potluck salad and dessert is appreciated. **Take a one dollar discount for admittance if you bring your post card invitation with you to the aviary.**

We will also have the toy swap organized by Amy at the picnic. Please bring toys you wish to swap.

Rules is on the website.

Amy will also have a craft session and show us how to make a preening swing.

The list of parts will be on the WAES web page.

Safe and Simple Cleaning

by Marilu Anderson, Avian Nutrition, Care and Behavior Consultant

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Most folks who care for parrots know the dangers of using potentially toxic chemicals around birds. By now, the lists of UNSAFE products are popping up everywhere. Birds are particularly vulnerable to toxic products due to their delicate respiratory systems and the fact that parrots use their beaks and tongues to explore EVERYTHING in their environment. So, toxic kennel disinfectants are out, bleach is iffy, what do you use? Due to your requests, let's look at what IS safe to use for cleaning your bird's environment.

Good news! Safe, effective products are right at your fingertips! When cleaning your bird bowls, toys, perches and cages, you want something to destroy bacteria, viruses, molds, fungus and protozoa. One of the most effective ways to do this is with steam. Steam cleaners are available in a variety of sizes and prices and completely residue free. Of course, do not use steamers when birds are in the cage! Weekly steam-cleaning of cages, toys, and perches is a quick and easy way to clean. Adding a pinch of salt to the water increases steam output. Good steamers leave no puddles as the steam basically evaporates. Many steamers come with a scrub brush or sponge to work on tough spots.

The same heat/water principle works well on dishes and toys put in the dishwasher. Use the hottest setting (not the "energy saver") for maximum effectiveness. Medical facilities use an autoclave to sterilize medical instruments with steam heat. We first hand wash our bird bowls with a safe, nontoxic dish soap and scrubbies, then run them through the dishwasher. You can also throw in bottle brushes, sponges, and scrubbies for disinfecting in the dishwasher.

In between steaming, simple white vinegar or lemon juice can be used for spot cleaning. Acrylic cages are best cleaned by spraying with vinegar water solution, then wiping with paper towels. Vinegar won't cloud acrylics as citrus and commercial cleaners can.

[GSE® \(Grapefruit Seed Extract\)](#) is a fantastic cleaner for everything. I use 10 drops to a quart of water as a cleaning soak or spray according to the label. GSE® contains Citracidal®, a natural quaternary compound synthesized from the seed and pulp of certified organically grown grapefruit. The bioflavonoids (polyphenolics) are converted into an extremely potent compound proven highly effective in numerous applications. It is very concentrated and a little goes a long way.

Although I advocate feeding organic fruits and veggies as much as possible, even they need thorough cleaning. Soaking in a solution of GSE® and scrubbing with a small nail brush removes any contaminates. If you don't believe fresh produce is "dirty," soak a few pieces in a glass of GSE® and water for 20 minutes, then look at the brown residue left on the bottom of the glass! Yuk! Lemon water is also an effective soak. Squeeze ½ lemon into the bowl of water and leave produce for 20 minutes. A little sea salt can be used on a brush to scrub root veggies or hard to clean foods.

When using any of these natural products, I always wait 15-20 minutes before washing off for maximum germicidal action. Although I still like to rinse all surfaces well, none of the vinegar, citrus, or GSE® residue is toxic. If using sea salt as a scrub, rinse well as salt can be toxic to birds.

There are now a number of safe commercial cleaning products on the market if you prefer a more "official" cleaner. Check your health food store and read labels thoroughly. These products generally are made from citrus oils, GSE®, and other acidic compounds. Whatever you choose, remember to follow directions and call the manufacturer if you question safety issues at all.

Like most things in life, though, cleaning is a matter of simplicity and safety. Don't take chances with your bird's health by using toxic products. We can effectively protect our birds from microorganisms the old fashioned way – it's simple, cheap and you can rest easy that you're not risking your birds' health. Happy Cleaning!

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What's happening?

AFA CONVENTION - Los Angeles, California.

August 22-25, 2007 the 33rd Annual Convention of the American Federation of Aviculture!

*A speaker lineup that will include a variety of well-known aviculturists.

*The offsite tour this year that will be a special behind the scenes look at the Lost Angeles Zoo.

*A Presidential Gala held for all Registered Attendees, Speakers and Vendors.

More info on our website and also see AFA website at:

<http://www.afabirds.org/>

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Special thanks to Jill Anderson who did our toy making at the last meeting and also put that really nice advertisement on KSL for WAES. Thanks Audrey for the desert at that meeting.... And yes everyone else who makes all the effort for WAES .

SNPERRS Newsletter is available online at their web site [SNPERRS](#) It's filled with all kinds of information. Please check it out. You can find a link on our Link Page at the WAES web site.

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Everyone is Welcome
Stay up to date in a **dynamic** club

The website has new look – and gets updated regularly

See us for the latest in Waes :

<http://www.wasatchavian.com/>

Have you ever wanted to make an aviary for your birds? Check out our Chat group and see how Allen Lawless built his. You can find information here: [WAES Chat Aviary](#) (Email Edition)
Thanks for sharing Allen.

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