

# WAES MONTHLY

WASATCH AVIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

## "Love The One You're With " Socialization of the Mixed Pet Flock Presented by Madeleine Franco

**Next Meeting**  
**October 13, 2007**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Salt Lake County Complex**  
**2001 So. State,**  
**Room N1100**  
**(North Building)**  
**Salt Lake City**

Rescue birds  
Chester and  
Ricky were  
adopted!

Madeleine, former Vice President of WAES, is a professional business writer, and she is a work-from-home "bird mom" to a mixed—non-breeding but highly interactive and platonic—pet flock. Her 450 square-foot aviary of approximately 30 pet birds is a place where a Derbyan parakeet is housed with an Amazon parrot of the same sex, a conure preens a cockatoo nearly twice his size, a hawk-headed parrot visits with a red-tailed black cockatoo, and the buddy system is alive and remarkably well. Ever since the age of four, when her mother used to tell her that the way to catch a robin was to pour salt on its tail, Madeleine has had an interest in and respect for birds. Her first pet bird, many years ago, was a rather handsome English budgie named P.T. From 1985 to 1989, as the mother of two young boys, she held a U.S. Fish and Wildlife permit in Salt Lake City for the urban rehabilitation of migratory waterfowl. Following a trip to Australia, she became hooked on hook bills. Now 10 years into the mixed flock formation, Madeleine will discuss some of the socialization techniques and avicultural "taboos" that have resulted in what many have told her is at least a highly unusual— if not totally phenomenal—pet flock.

**WAES meetings offer not only educational lectures but also the opportunity to socialize with other parrot enthusiasts over light refreshments.**

### *President's Letter*

*From WAES President - Carol Crane*

Thank you members for your questions at our September Round Table. Thanks also go to our Table: Susie Norton-Laird, Ilene Holdaway and our current Rescue Director, Shawna Augustine. Madeleine Franco will be visiting us again from Las Vegas for October. She will be presenting her second AFA Lecture 'Love the One You're With: Socialization of a Mixed Pet Flock.' I missed it at the convention and look forward to hearing it with you all.

This is your link to access the AFA's 'Fundamentals of Aviculture Level I' online course: [www.afabirds.org/foa\\_intro.shtml](http://www.afabirds.org/foa_intro.shtml)  
You take this course at your own pace, and from the introduction at the convention, looks just fabulous. Join the AFA for a discount on the course.

Before the October Meeting, our final Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at the scheduled meeting place. This will also be our annual Business Meeting per the bylaws as well. We are currently putting together the agenda, so if you have anything to contribute please contact me directly. Board members are required to attend, members by law are always welcome.

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For information about adoption visit the rescue page on our web site [www.wasatchavian.com](http://www.wasatchavian.com)

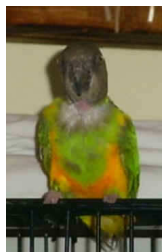
## Adopt These Rescue Birds...



### 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



### 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.



### Oscar – Sulphur Crested Cockatoo

Adoption Fee Pending

Oscar is a Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, who is thought to be around 3-4 years old. He is a very sweet and loving bird who loves to be handled and will let you know when he is not getting enough attention (he can get a little loud). He is good with pretty much everybody including other pets and he absolutely loves his plastic rings and an occasional piece of toast. Oscar needs a family that would have plenty of free time to spend with him and I think he would make a great addition to any family.





### Junior - Moluccan Cockatoo

Adoption Fee Pending

This is Junior. He is a DNA sexed male Moluccan Cockatoo. He came from an animal shelter about 4 years ago. Junior has arthritis in his feet, is quite pigeon toed, and has a crooked beak. A previous family member used to beat his cage with a broomstick and he wasn't let out of his cage for a long time. He never had any toys, and when given a toy, he did not know how to play with it. Junior has been biting quite a bit. He comes with a cage. He enjoys almonds, walnuts, grapes, and cheese with crackers. He can say "I love you", and "Hello". He doesn't mind being around cats and dogs. He will immediately offer his head to be scritchd and will chatter and laugh the whole time. He's been whistling, and seems to be very "laid-back" in his new foster home.



### Keiko - Blue Front Amazon

Adoption Fee \$390

Keiko is a Blue Front Amazon He/she has been in foster care for a couple of months for rehabilitation. He/she has been to the vet twice since being in Rescue and the Doctor said that he/she is back to "whole health and is doing a lot better". He/she has become a complete sweetheart. Keiko has become a great cage mate with Yellow Crown, yet will now come to individuals easily as long as they both get some attention. Keiko will sit and jibbers jabber with you for hours on end and LOVES for you to scratch his head. While in foster care he has gained the nickname of "Socrates" so if he gets to a new home and starts blurting out historical quips that's why. His foster parents enjoys reading to him at night which he really likes, because the next day he might say something that had been read the night before. Hence, the nickname.



### Yellow Crown - Yellow Crown Amazon

Adoption Fee \$390

Yellow Crown is a Yellow Crown Amazon. He/she has been in foster care for a couple of months for rehabilitation. He/she has been to the vet twice since being in Rescue and the Doctor said that he/she is back to "whole health and is doing a lot better". He/she has become a complete sweetheart. Yellow Crown has become a great cage mate with Keiko, yet will now come to individuals easily as long as they both get some attention. Yellow Crown has learned to tell his foster parents when he wants his favorite treat. They will come home, walk in, and instantly hear a "Hello?"..... "HEY!!!!!!!"..... "HEY!!!! PEANUT!!..." While in foster care he has gained the nickname of "Plato" so if he gets to a new home and starts blurting out historical quips that's why. His foster parents enjoy reading to him at night, which he really likes, because the next day he might say something that had been read the night before. Hence, the nickname.



### Puddles - Bare-Eyed Cockatoo

Adoption Fee Pending

Puddles is a male Bare-Eyed Cockatoo. He is very loveable and in perfect feather. He was purchased from Ronie's for the Love of Birds over 10 years ago and has had only one owner. He is used to living with dogs and other birds, which he has been friends with for over 10 years. (Tiger and Pilot) Vet results pending.



### Tiger - Timneh African Grey

Adoption Fee Pending

Tiger is a male Timneh African Grey. He is at least 25 years old and was imported into the USA 25 years ago. He prefers not to be handled but will step up on your hand from the inside of his cage when told to step-up. He is used to living with dogs and other birds, which he has been friends with for over 10 years. (Puddles and Pilot) Vet results pending.



### **Pilot - Yellow Collared Macaw**

Pilot is a male Yellow Collared Macaw. He was purchased from PetsMart and he is terrified of people because of people poking fingers and other items in the cage bars at him, which absolutely traumatized him. He tries very hard to talk. He has lived with one owner for over 10 years. He is used to living with dogs and other birds, which he has been friends with for over 10 years. (Puddles and Tiger) Vet results pending.

Adoption Fee Pending

## **President's Letter continued from page 1.**

Our nominations committee is in place: Audrey Hollaar, Cathryn Passey, and Pat Hall. If you would like to run for one of the many WAES positions please let one of these lovely members know at the October and November meetings. All nominees must be current on their memberships and should look at the responsibilities of the position they are considering: [www.wasatchavian.com/bylaws.html](http://www.wasatchavian.com/bylaws.html)

I need your bird photos. I really wonder why you're all coming to these meetings if you don't have birds? You have them right? Show me!! E-mail your digital photos to [ccc@syptec.com](mailto:ccc@syptec.com) Be part of the December meeting, without even showing your face.

As promised; checkout our new WAES member baby birds list on the web site under For Sale. Visit our Rescue birds while you're at it; they need homes too. Dennis is doing a great job accommodating us crazy bird people and making things look splendid on the web site. Thanks to all of our fosters for their unconditional caring of the rescue birds as they await their forever home.

Finally, it will turn cooler very soon. Don't forget to put new batteries in the Carbon Monoxide Detector and new filters in your furnace. By experience, I place a humidifier in the bird room/bird space for the first month the furnace runs. This puts a little extra moisture in the air and prevents the notorious dry crusty nose that so many of our birds get in this dry climate. Clean the humidifier daily to avoid bacterial growth. I also use distilled water as one more safe guard.

### **WANTED '08 WAES BOARD**

The WAES Nominating Committee was formed in September to compose a nominating list for members to vote on in December. What can you do for WAES? Check out the Bylaws on the WAES web site and consider running for office.

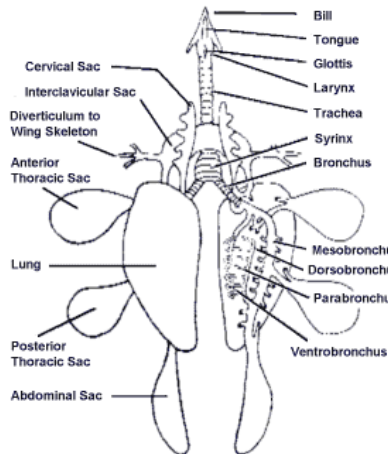
Want to learn more? Contact: [Audrey Hollaar](#), [Cathryn Passey](#), or [Patricia Hall](#). Go to the WAES web site (under Events and also Special Event) for more information.

***As per Bylaw: Article VIII Revisions and Amendments, Section 2, "A mandatory review of the Bylaws will occur every two- (2) years via committee appointed by the President." A committee has been formed by the President which the following members have volunteered their time; Carol Crane, Audrey Hollaar, Shawna Augustine and Dennis Kelley. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Bylaw Committee please let Carol know.***

## Adventures in Aviculture: *Talking* by Liza Macmanus

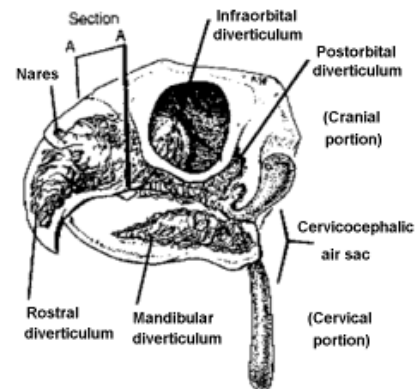
A very common question, especially asked by new parrot owners, is how do I teach my bird to talk? My answer is that I talk to my birds at home the same way I would talk to anyone else in the area. I tell them where I'm going when I leave, or at least say, 'Bye-bye'. At night I tell them good night and that I'll see them in the morning. I am always telling one, 'I love you'. Repetition is the best teacher. The next best teacher is anything said in loud and excited voices. And those are usually words or phrases best left unlearned!

### Do parrots have a voice box? How do parrots talk?



Birds do not have a voice box or vocal chords; they have a syrinx, which enables them to vocalize, rather than the larynx in mammals. The syrinx is made up of cartilage and soft structures, which vibrate when air passes through them. The

respiratory system plays a vital part in vocalization for all creatures. Mammals use their diaphragm to move air through the larynx to produce sound. Birds rely on their air sacs since they do not have diaphragms. The air sacs, which extend into bones known as pneumatic bones, act as a bellows compressed by pressure changes to move the air through their respiratory tract to produce sound. The diagrams above will help in understanding the avian structure and how their system works. This is very simplified, but it should give you a basic understanding of how a bird is able to talk.



Do all parrots talk? No. Older parrots, or wild caught parrots, may never learn to talk or may only learn a few words. Young parrots begin trying to communicate with their "flock", which are you and your family. They have a much easier time of learning to talk, it seems, than older birds, much the same as an older person trying to learn a new language. Communicating is a way to get attention, be part of the flock and have your needs met. A young bird is very interested in its surroundings and learning how to interact; this is the opportune time to learn – whether it is talking or other types of training.

When first learning to talk you may hear your bird making what you think are nonsense sounds. But with practice these sounds become words. Praise and encourage your bird as it is learning and you will see an increase in interest and the learning will quicken. Look it in the eye and tell it what a good bird it is! I can't tell you how many of my birds have learned the phrase, 'Yeah! That's very good!' They also teach each other to talk, and I often hear them praising each other!

Just remember that those excited voices are the ones learned most quickly. So try to curb your responses when stubbing your toe or dropping that casserole on the floor! All birds are individuals and some just do not seem to have as much interest in talking. However, you will notice that talking is not what makes a good pet; it is just the icing on the cake.

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