

WAES MONTHLY

WASATCH AVIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY

"Maintaining a Happy Healthy Parrot in an Ever-Changing Life"

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Most parrots that land in rescues are not birds with behavior problems, but rather victims of the ever-changing American life. The addition of a spouse, a new roommate, a baby or a change of job can change a parrot-friendly household into a challenging environment for the avian members of the household. Change is frequently a piece of the three most challenging forms of undesirable behavior: screaming, biting and plucking. However, although savvy parrot owners may not be able to stop their lives from changing, they can certainly raise a parrot that is prepared.

Parrots that are introduced to new people, animals and situations thrive and there are many behaviors that an astute parrot owner can train to help a parrot manage potential situations. Parrot owners that understand how to ease their parrot through a period of transition may never have to make the painful decision of giving up their bird. Understanding that tragedy can also be a part of a parrot owner's life, it is also critical that parrots are well adjusted, well behaved and if there is no other recourse an excellent candidate for a new home. The only given in life is change, but companion parrots can be prepared for a shifting lifestyle and parrot owners can be educated on how to keep a happy balanced household.

Bio:

Rebecca K. O'Connor has been training birds for over a decade. She has worked and consulted at free flight bird shows in Mexico, Australia, Ohio, Florida, Texas, and California. Believing in empowering parrots and their human friends, she has written a training and behavior column for Bird Times Magazine, is a frequent contributor to Good Bird Magazine and her book, A Parrot for Life! was released in February 2007 from TFH Publications.

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

New Homes!!

Oscar a Sulphur
Crested Cockatoo

Simon a Congo
African Grey

Marcel a Sun Conure

President's Letter

From WAES President - Carol Crane

As the leaves swirl around in the wind and the cockatiel sits on new eggs, I am reminded the year is winding down. Thank you Audrey Hollaar and your committee for assembling our current elections list. Watch for a ballot in the December newsletter; please be aware of the deadlines if you are submitting an absentee vote.

Now if you're thinking of bowing out of our December meeting because of the ballot you clutch in your hands...think again! December meetings are our fabulous yearly raffle extravaganzas! This is the meeting where people/companies donate some rather nice prizes. I personally know of an art piece, a large reptile case with stand and many, many more. Lisa Sladyk has been our raffle person this year and she is so excited. You may contact her for questions or if you have a donation.

If that didn't tempt you just a little, may I also remind you that the meeting is the annual election, super raffle prizes and the presentation is your birds. All those photos you submitted will be put on display in a special holiday presentation... tease, tease, tease...CONTINUED ON

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 \$250

**Timneh African Grey**

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.

Adoption \$250

**Bare-Eyed Cockatoo**

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 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.

Adoption Fee \$250

**Yellow Crown Amazon**

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 alot better". He/she is 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. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$390

**Blue Front Amazon**

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 alot better". He/she is 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 jibber jabber with you for hours on end and LOVES for you to scratch his head. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$390



Moluccan Cockatoo

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. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption \$250

Quaker

This little Quaker was found in someone's back yard in the spring time. His owner has never been found, but he has been cared for very well. He has seen the vet, and all test results are normal. The home he has been living in donated a nice cage for him, too. We believe he is an adult male Quaker. His favorite toys are a metal measuring cup and the lid to a mason jar. He enjoys Zupreem and Harrison's pellets. He is not hand friendly, and tends to bite. He has a cute little chirp, and is rather quite. He enjoys having other birds around and when you spend time in the room with him.

Adoption Fee \$120

Eclectus

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. They used to be more of a pair than they are now. She laid eggs many years ago, but not in recent years. 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". ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$250

Meyer's Parrot

Oscar would be perfect for the right family. He loves to be near people, and to see them, and loves to snuggle, and be petted. He likes everybody, but will pick HIS person. He is a bit needy, and when I leave the room, he will call and call for me until I'm absolutely quiet, and after 15 minutes or so he'll quiet down. His call is pretty shrill, but he also makes a lot of fun noises... clicks, whistles, and clicking his beak together to name a few. He also likes to hang upside down from his cage. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$180

White Eyed Conure

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 boy companion that passed away recently. He has been a feather plucker, and shared a cage with this other Conure who was also a plucker. The feather plucking was caused from trauma after the two daughters that were the responsible care takers for the birds went off to college. ([More on our web site](#))

Adoption Fee \$200



Macaw, Miligold

Jazz is a healthy female Miligold Macaw who is approaching 16 years old. She can be a delightful loving bird, although she has jealousy issues that seem to come out after some period of time. She needs to be watched around other birds, and that the family that adopts her should be able to handle the aggression that is bound to come about if there is more than one handler in her life. Jazz became very hostile to her owner and to her roommate, a Scarlet Macaw, after she had bonded with one particular member of the family. [\(More on our web site\)](#)

Adoption Fee \$300.00

**Poicephalous, Senegal**

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. **Foster Update:** *Gizmo is doing great! He is an "awesome" bird. He seems to prefer men, and can deliver a good bite to others.*

Adoption Fee: \$180.00

**Amazon, Red Lored**

Pepe is an unpredictable bird. It is estimated that he is 9 years old. 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".

Adoption Fee: \$250.00

**Amazon, Orange Wing**

Jasper was adopted from WAES approximately 3 years ago and has been returned to rescue because of lifestyle changes. Jasper is approximately 11 years old, male, and has a couple of deformed toes. He has been on a good diet of Zupreem, seed, and fruits and vegetables. 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 is currently not stepping up very well, but the foster family is working with him. [\(Update on our web site\)](#)

Adoption Fee: \$250.00

**Conure, Green Cheek**

Damon 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! Damon 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. He also loves to take baths. I just put out a lukewarm bowl of water, and he jumps in and has fun. He also loves to eat mandarin oranges.

Adoption fee: \$180



Cockatoo, Moluccan

Chester is a male Moluccan Cockatoo appx 30 years old. He is a vocal bird and can get loud. He was donated because of his excessive screaming, even at 3am, while covered. He would scream as if he was hurt just to get attention. He has not been screaming out of control since being in foster care, and there are no other birds he is around at this time.



Adoption fee: \$250.00

[Has approvals for adoption]

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Every few years WAES bylaws mandate a committee be established and the bylaws reviewed. That committee has done that notorious duty. Per the bylaws, once the board has passed the changes, bylaws be sent to all members. Please review the bylaws and contact one of the committee members listed on your flier if you have questions. We're hoping for a member vote at the December meeting as well.

Do not miss this month's speaker! A nationally recognized behaviorist....need we say any more. See you on the 10th!

Carol Crane
President

The WAES Board wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

HOW TO STUFF YOUR PARROT ON THANKSGIVING

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| 1 Turkey | Cranberry Sauce | Stuffing | Pumpkin pie/whipped Cream |
| Mashed potatoes/gravy | Green Beans | Relish tray | |
| Corn Pudding | Hot Rolls | Sweet Potatoes | Hot Coffee |

Get up early in the morning & have a cup of coffee. It is going to be a long day so place your parrot on a perch nearby to keep you company while you prepare the meal.

Remove parrot from kitchen counter back to perch. Prepare stuffing; remove parrot from edge of stuffing bowl. Stuff turkey & place it in the roasting pan, remove parrot from edge of pan. Have another cup of coffee to steady your nerves.

Remove parrot's head from turkey cavity and re-stuff voided area. Prepare relish tray; remember to make twice as much so that you will have a regular size serving after the parrot has eaten his fill. Remove parrot from kitchen counter. Prepare cranberry sauce; discard berries accidentally flung to the floor. Peel potatoes, remove parrot from edge of potato bowl. Arrange sweet potatoes in a pan & cover with brown sugar & mini-marshmallows remove parrot from edge of pan & replace missing marshmallows.

Brew another pot of coffee. While it is brewing, clean up the torn filter and old coffee grounds from around the pot. Pry coffee bean from parrot's beak. Have another cup of coffee & remove parrot from kitchen counter.

When time to serve the meal: Place roasted turkey on a large platter, cover beak marks with strategically placed sprigs of parsley. Put mashed potatoes into serving bowl; rewhip at last minute to conceal bite marks and footprints.

Place pan of sweet potatoes on sideboard; forget presentation cause there is no way to hide the areas of missing marshmallow. Put rolls in decorative basket, remove parrot from side of basket along with beaked rolls, and serve what is left. Set a stick of butter out on the counter to soften - think better of it and return it to the refrigerator.

Wipe down counter to remove mashed potato foot tracks. Remove parrot from kitchen counter & carve the pie into serving slices.

Wipe whipped cream off parrot's beak & place large dollops of remaining cream on pie slices. Whole slices are then served to guests, beaked-out portions should be reserved for host & hostess. Place parrot inside cage & lock the door. Sit down to a nice relaxing dinner with your family - accompanied by plaintive cries of "WANT DINNER!" from the other room.

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It's Not Too Late To Run For The 2008 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.

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