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# WAES MONTHLY

## Wasatch Avian Education Society

AFFILIATED WITH AFA

6.00 pm to 7.00 pm (before the regular meeting) we will have a PARROT FIRST AID class presented by Ilene Holdaway. *This should be very interesting and useful to all parrot owners. Occasionally we will all be faced with little emergencies and we need to have the know how to handle it and with the bigger emergencies we need to know what to do till we get the parrot to a veterinarian. Knowing some first aid could save your parrot's life.*

Open to everyone

### Exotic Bird Re-feathering

**Madeleine Franco, President of the Southern Nevada Parrot Education, Rescue & Rehoming Society**

As many who are the partners of companion birds tell you, with exotics there are often cases of feather plucking that occur for various reasons. And in many of these cases unless the cause can be determined it can be a life-threatening situation for the bird, or an otherwise life altering condition for bird and owner alike.

With her many years of expertise with all types of avians, Madeleine will share with those attending the conditions, causes, and many times hopeful and helpful remedies for feather pluckers.

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 - Shawna Augustine**

April showers? April snow? As I write this message, it's snowing. I hope that by the time we are all reading this month's newsletter that the sun is shining and the weather is a bit warmer than it is now. I'm waiting to get started on the bird's outdoor play area. April is time for me to renew my WAES membership, too. Those of you who have renewals coming up, please keep in mind what's new this year for memberships. Lifetime memberships are now granted to any member who contributes to WAES at least \$500 cash in one lump sum.

I hope everyone is taking the time to view the web site now and again. You never know what might be put up there next. For example, if you look at the adoptable birds and read about Pepe, you can jump right on over to the video Pepe's wonderful foster mom has. It's so heartwarming to see these birds that are in foster care get the attention and love they so deserve.

Not that Rescue hasn't been busy, but it seems during the winter months adoption inquiries seemed to slow to a halt. I hope the past two weeks are a sign that things are picking back up. We've had a couple adoption applications recently but we've still got so many birds still in foster care waiting for permanent homes. I want to thank all foster families for all they do for these birds. I'd hate to think of what would happen to them if WAES did not exist. Foster families, I appreciate all your efforts, time, energy, devotion, and love for those who you are caring for. You deserve a big heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,  
Shawna Augustine

Here's to you!

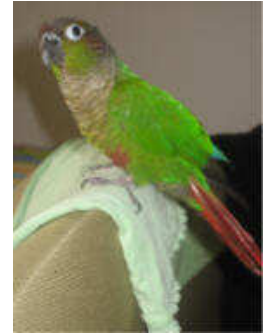


### Introducing the following wonderful birds:

#### Damon the Cute Crimson Bellied Conure

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



#### Jasper Another Amazing 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



#### Pepe the Amazing 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".

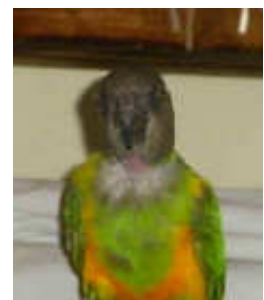
Adoption Fee: \$250.00



#### Gizmo the 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



#### Kiwi the 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



**Yellow Crown the Yellow Crown Amazon (Who would have guessed?)**

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

**Puddles the Bare-Eyed Cockatoo**

Puddles is a male Bare-Eyed Cockatoo. He is very loveable and in perfect feather. He was purchased from a pet store 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 normal.

Adoption Fee \$250

**Pilot the Yellow Collared Macaw**

Pilot is a male Yellow Collared Macaw. He was purchased from a pet store 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 normal.

Adoption \$250

**Little Bird - Senegal**

Little Bird is close to 22 years old. She has been in her latest home for 7 years. She is pretty much a one-person bird. She is very loving with her "mate" but has a vicious bite with those who are unlucky enough to not be 'the love of her life'. Little Bird has a wonderful repertoire of calls and whistles. She can mimic telephone ringers and makes Star War sounds. She says 'pretty bird' in several voices and will on occasions say 'what's up?' She has plucked as long as we know of. She does not have a cage. She had some health issues.

Adoption fee: \$150.00

**Larry Bird is a Male Ecelectus.**

Larry Bird was formerly the cage mate of Kiwi but they did not get allong. Kiwi has been plucking but his foster mom is putting him thru Madeleine's re-feathering program.

Larry is very companionable and would like you to spend a good bit of time with him. He doesn't play with toys much. He enjoys his food. He responds verbally to female voices

Vet results are normal.

Adoption fee: pending



**Tikki is a Blue and Gold Macaw**

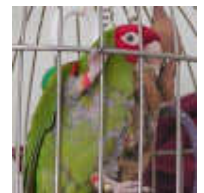
Tikki is a 20 year old Blue and Gold Macaw. (We do not actually know if she is male or female). She/He loves loves bananas, oranges, apples, applesauce, peanuts, all nuts and cooked sweet potatoes. She bites due to some bees getting into her cage and stinging her on her face. She scares easily. She loves to be rubbed on her head. She can be gentle but if scared she will bite. She does talk. She says, sugar, pepper, Tikki and stop it. Due to family circumstances she has been alone a lot and she has been plucking and moody.

Vet results Pending

Adoption fee: pending

**Zoey is a Cherry headed Conure****Adoption Pending**

Zoey has been alone a lot. We do not know if it is a male or female. She had a attachments to the a grandson of the owner and has not bitten him. She tends to bite other people. When approached she chatters a lot and is very happy to have company but mostly she is quiet. She does not want to step up or come to us but she will hang on the side and flaps her wings to get attention. She was on a mainly seed diet with some fruit. She likes peanuts. She is getting pellets and vegetables. She is starting to eat a little of it and had taken melon orange/mandarin orange apple from my hand.

**Bart is a Nanday Conure**

Bart is a cute fellow. He is friendly to his foster mother but still a bit shy of the rest of the family. Once he knows you he likes having his head rubbed and will take food from your hands. He does bite. He can be loud. He likes his swing and chew toys and loves his mirror. All test results is in normal ranges. He'd make a lovely pet in the right home

Adoption fee: pending

**Prichett is a Sun Conuree**

Pichett is a 9 year old sun Conure. Due to family changes Prichett has ended up alone most of the time. He is pretty good once you get him out of the cage. He seems to be territorial around his cage and will bite if you stick your finger in the cage. He did bite the young daughter in the family. He will give kisses, and likes being scratched behind the neck. A new home for him should have experience with Conures, and have the time to spend with the him. He seems to prefer women. He likes fruit and vegetables and eats Zupreem mix. He can be noisy. He/ She has not been DNA sexed.

Vet results pending

Adoption fee: pending

**Contest for New WAES Logo**

Wasatch Avian Education Society is inviting you to get wild and let your creative side go free in creation of a new logo for the group. Open to one and all, the winning logo will then be prominently featured on Wasatch Avian's web site, its letterhead, business cards, and posters used in advertising its monthly meetings. The contest begins March 1, 2008 and close June 5, 2008. A panel of judges will then choose a winner from the submissions.

The winner will be featured with a photo and article in the WAES newsletter. They will also be given a free one year membership in Wasatch Avian valued at \$30. Please submit entries via email to [peggieann67@yahoo.com](mailto:peggieann67@yahoo.com) - or mail them camera ready to Wasatch Avian Education Society, P.O. Box 651701, Salt Lake City, Utah 84165 Artwork must be camera ready and can be full color or black and white.

For more information contact Peggy at.... 801-814-2585

*Years ago, I was one of the original members of a chat forum called Tooville. It was a cockatoo chat forum on a website called Up At Six. One of the members lived in Australia and his name was Ian Livingston. He owned some property in the country and he was owned by some German Shepherds. One day as he was driving home he saw a wild cockatoo on the side of the road. If I remember correctly the bird could not fly, and that is the reason Ian stopped and took it home. He took him to the vet and he was diagnosed with PBFD. He posted a couple of posts telling us about his life with his new friend and as he is a journalist, his posts were exciting and very enjoyable. Then one day, he posted that another wild cockatoo had landed in his yard and Joe (the name of the cockatoo he adopted) had waddled out to sit with the newcomer. This practice became a daily occurrence. Joe had free run of Ian's house and property. And Ian and Joe developed a very close bond. Then one day Ian posted a post called Ode to Joe. The following words are the post.*

*Ian's Ode To Joe Posted April 11, 1997:*

*It was as if he knew; as if this was his way of saying goodbye. How could he know? Okay, so the routine was disrupted for the first time since he came here, but that shouldn't have been enough. But how do cockatoos know anything? How do they know to gather together in big mobs and then fly majestically over many miles to a clump of walnut trees, their sense of direction unerring, their timing immaculate and only year-old memory to drive them? How did Joe know that when the sun got hot outside, the solution was to waddle in the front door and head for the kitchen, where there's always a bowl of water for the dogs? And then he'd waddle off outside again. I didn't show him the bowl, or explain its use to him. But Joe knew.*

*And Joe knew yesterday, too, when I put down the phone after a panicky call to the vet. Threw the dogs into their yards, and let him out of his cage. Normally afternoons are for the dogs, with Joe asleep, worn out by his morning explorations of the house and yard. But not yesterday, definitely not yesterday. I put him on the floor and he rushed up to me, bowed his head, raised his crest, spread his wings and began an endless succession of those rapid soft tongue clicks which I'm told mean...I'm happy/ I like you / I trust you. He had never given a full display like that to me before.*

*He was telling me something. Yes Joe Knew. There have been plenty of delusions around here in the past few weeks.. Joe's getting better, Joe's condition has stabilized, it looks as though Joe's tail feathers are starting to grow and so on, but this wasn't one of them.*

*I feel sick writing this Ok, I'm crying -and I could never have sent the first two posts if I had known how things were going to pan out. I feel like I've used him. But perhaps it was the subconscious, more in touch with reality, telling me to put down some of the good memories-and there have been many, many of those; how does a bird find such a place in your heart after only a month? - while they were fresh. And now that it's gone this far, the end of the story has to be told.*

*Everything began to unravel early yesterday afternoon after I sent the post about his second meeting with his wild friend. Joe was in his cage and I noticed that he'd developed some diarrhea. There were flicks of blood in it. And I made a mental note to talk to the vet about it at today's scheduled visit. I come here to the study to do some work. Sometime later I went to get a cup of tea to be greeted by...blood. Joe was on his perch with a long bright drip of it hanging from his vent. There was a pool of blood on the floor of the cage. That's when I made the panicky call to the vet.*

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I don't remember the conversation in detail, but the gist of it was the PBF had entered its final stage when (I think she said) it becomes something like cancer. For Joe's sake the kindest thing would be to put him down now. We made an appointment for last evening.

After his display, with head pressed against me, Joe slept for the rest of the afternoon. He had lost so much blood, and he was tired, anyway. He woke sometime after 5:00, was bright and cheerful and ate heartily. His meal consisted of slices of multi-grain bread (He had not touched seed or slices of zucchini which he used to be mad about for days) Oh, yes, there were plenty of signs, all right, if I hadn't been trying to convince myself that everything was fine. In fact, he was so bright and cheery that I began debating with myself canceling the trip to the vet's. But at long last reality won. Pain and misery probably lay in his future, I couldn't do that. So in the darkness, the 35 km trip began. Joe climbed my arm and snuggled up against my neck.. He spent the journey tugging gently at my hair, nibbling on my ear, and whistling softly of his contentment.

An injection, quick and painless. And then it was over. It is 5:45 Sat. Morning now and when dawn breaks, I'll take him outside, out to the fence post where he waited for his pal and there I'll bury him. And as the wild flocks come over, I'll have a picture of a small bird, head alertly cocked to one side, crest up and black eyes, watching them intently and I will imagine him rising, his beak now black and strong, his tail feathers complete and full grown to join his relatives and mates to ride the wind, crest erect and voice strong and raucous (which it had not been for weeks)...look at me! I'm powerful, I'm happy, I'm free! and I can fly! FLY JOE FLY

Permission received to print this. Thank you Pamela Branson for making this a better Newsletter.

## AVIAN POISONING

by Gillian A. Willis

### 1.0 HOUSEHOLD POISONS

#### 1.1 Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE, Teflon, Silverstone)

Used in non-stick surfaces of cookware, self-cleaning ovens, some ceramic heaters, bread makers, hair dryers, ironing board covers. Toxicity: At temperatures of 280 degrees C. or greater, pyrolysis occurs resulting in liberation of PTFE which causes lung injury. Clinical effects: Usually sudden death. Depression, ataxia, respiratory distress in less severe exposures. Necropsy findings show hemorrhage and congestion of lungs.

#### 1.2 Air Fresheners

Used in air fresheners, carpet fresheners, perfumed candles, impregnated "pine tree" automobile odorizers. Toxicity: Contain essential (volatile) oils which are mixtures of terpenes, esters, alcohols, aldehydes, ketones and phenols. Pharmacology and toxicology differ widely. Absorbed by inhalation, through the skin and by ingestion. Clinical effects: Highly variable. Central nervous system (CNS) stimulation leading to seizures or CNS depression resulting in depression, ataxia, respiratory distress, oral irritation, vomiting. Case reports: Deaths in avians from exposure to carpet fresheners, perfumed candles, clothing/upholstery freshener. Serious toxicity in avians from topical exposure to teatree (melaleuca) oil.

#### 1.3 Ozone

Produced by ozone-generating air cleaners. Toxicity: Ozone reacts primarily with lung lipids to cause lung damage. In humans damage has occurred at concentrations as low as 0.5 ppm for 2 hours of exposure. Clinical effects: Possible irritation to eyes, coughing, depression. Ozone air purifying systems should not be used around birds. There are also risks to human health even in low concentrations.

#### 1.4 Carbon monoxide

Produced by incomplete combustion of wood, propane, kerosene, natural gas, fuel oil.

Toxicity: Decreases ability of blood to carry oxygen.

Clinical effects: Depression, vomiting, death.

Treatment: Oxygen.

### WAES Committees

In 2008, WAES has been forming committees to work with board members where needed. While not new this year, we have a Rescue Committee that consists of experienced members and this year we have a new group of members known as the Rescue Squad. The members of this committee are under the support of our Rescue Director, Susan Kelley. Some of the duties for this committee are to conduct home inspections for new foster homes and new adoptive homes, follow-up after a bird has been placed in foster care, making sure vet visits have been made, gathering information and photos of the foster birds to place on the web and newsletters, providing unbiased data on adoption applications to the adoption committee, among many other "fun" things.

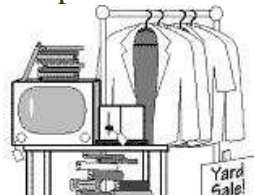
The Events Committee is responsible for the WAES picnic including decorations, food, games, etc. This committee is under the support of our Events Director Doug Judd. They are considering having a rummage sale and have an ideal location set for it. We are also working towards setting up committees to help with Fundraising (Danielle and Bobby Blanch) and Media (Public Relations Director, Peggie Carpenter). A final committee is the Web Site Committee, which will be improving the WAES presence on-line, and the WAES site itself. You don't need to know HTML because this committee will be gathering information. If you want to learn HTML or know HTML we can do some of that as well.

If you'd like to help WAES while learning more about this club, if you'd like to make this Club all it can be and apply your talents to improving WAES, this is your opportunity. This club will always be as good as the volunteers that make it up. Do it for your bird. Do it for the hundreds of birds that need rescue. See a board member to find out how to get started.

Milo is doing well in his new home and his feather growth is improving. We hope to have a photo next month

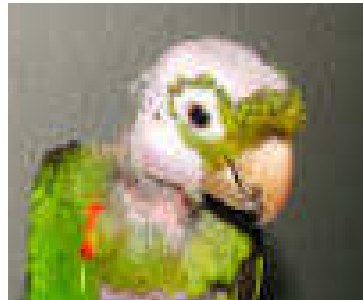
## WAES Rummage Sale

If you are spring cleaning please save some of those items you no longer want for our rummage sale to raise some money for our rescue parrots. Anything is welcome but some parrot items would be nice. This will be at a home behind Redwood Drive Inn where there is a lot of traffic from their Swap meet



We hope to have it in May. Volunteers are needed contact WAES Special Events – Doug Judd

*Brocklin, our little white-eyed conure passed away. All plucked, he was still so cute and feisty. He was in the hearts of all of us who got to know him. He did reach a good age. He died and was buried on the 30th of March 2008. Rest in Peace Brocklin*



## WAES to Sponsor Utah Raffle Table at AFA Convention

Have you got something that just screams "Utah" buried in your closet? Something that expresses the unique character of our state? WAES has offered to sponsor a Utah raffle table at the AFA Convention to be held in St. Louis the last week of July. We are accepting new and like-new items that will fit on or under a small table (card table or slightly larger). Convention goers will buy raffle tickets, one winner takes all, and all proceeds benefit the AFA. Please bring your donations to any meeting between now and July. Any questions, please contact your WAES AFA representatives Carol Crane [ccc@syptec.com](mailto:ccc@syptec.com) or Audrey Hollaar [a.hollaar@utah.edu](mailto:a.hollaar@utah.edu), or WAES President Shawna Augustine [jellomoons@hotmail.com](mailto:jellomoons@hotmail.com).

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For contact info. Please visit web site

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Stay up to date in a dynamic club

We now have a Calendar of upcoming WAES events on the WAES web site. To get to it go to the Home Page and click on the Menu/Events then Coming Events

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