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Next Meeting
September 12, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Salt Lake County
Complex
2001 So. State,
Room N1100
(North Building)
Salt Lake City

Notice!!!

Our annual
business
meeting will be
at the
September
12th meeting.

Everyone
Welcome

President's Letter

WAES MONTHLY

Wasatch Avian Education Society

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Our September Speaker Is:

Margaret T. Wright

Bringing Back the Magic: Seeing a new world through African Greys.

Margaret T. Wright (Maggie) is a marketing consultant, author/publisher, and African Grey parrot expert. She is the author of the popular Barron's pet manual on Greys, African Grey Parrots: A Complete Pet Owner's Manual. She also is the creator of the Grey Play Round Table African Grey newsletter and Nature's Corner® Magazine.

Her new book, Bringing Back the Magic, is a memoir of her life's journey. Autographed copies of Bringing Back the Magic will be available at the meeting. Please see Maggie's websites at:

<http://www.bringingbackthemagic.com/biography.html>

<http://www.maggiewriter.net>, and

<http://www.africangreys.com/contributors.htm>

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From WAES President Chase Kimball

Dear Members:

Last month we had our annual picnic, our biggest social event of the year. It was great, except, as was all too predictable, I ate too much. Those pulled-pork sandwiches had me hypnotized! Except for that minor issue as far as I can tell the rest of it went perfectly. There were lots of people who attended and brought their birds, and I got to meet many of you for the first time. I want to thank the principal organizers; Susan Kelley and Cari and Gregg Anders, for their excellent efforts. Of course there were many others that helped out as well, and I thank all of you.

Well here it is nearly Fall, and another year speeds past. Specifically, it is time once again to put together our nominating committee to find candidates for next year's board positions. I will be soliciting three members during my opening remarks at the September meeting, and it will be the duty of those three members to work together and announce a slate of candidates at the November meeting. If you can sit on the committee please let us know then.

Chase

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

**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 \$390.00

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 fee: \$250.00

**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. Vet results normal. Adoption fee: \$150.00

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. Vet results normal.

Adoption fee: 180.00

**Tikko is a Orange-winged Amazon**

Tikko is a 30 year-old Orange-winged Amazon. Tikko is shy and doesn't like to be touched but she will step-up, and mimic others when they speak to her. Tikko is relatively quiet but will bark when someone enters the room. She say a few words like "silly bird" and "hello". She eats Zupreem pellets but loves a variety of foods like pasta, cheese, and beans. Vet results Normal
Adoption fee: 250.00

Bonk - Citron Crested Cockatoo

We think Bonk is a girl. What she lacks in appearance, she makes up for with a huge personality. Although she has shown improvement with her feather barbering, she has a few areas that might have permanent follicle damage. Bonk has a big vocabulary for a cockatoo. She says "I'm an eagle", and "Bonka-Bird", meows like a cat, and makes a variety of cute noises and whistles. She even tries to sing along with the radio sometimes. She seems to be a happy bird, and only has occasional screaming outbursts like a typical cockatoo. She is a very good eater especially if it's warm and soft. The only downfall is that she does not like men and will go out of her way to bite them if she can. Bonk tends to be a one-person bird picking a female as her one and only to love to cuddle with. She is a little bossy with other birds, but doesn't seem outright aggressive toward them. Vet results: Normal Adoption fee: \$250.00

**Apollo - Muloccan Cockatoo**

To date Apollo has had a very rough life with a sad story. He has been bounced from home to home and came to WAES after living in a small rabbit cage on the passenger seat of a tractor trailer. Apollo is a very loving bird that has a lot to offer the right person who is willing to give him time, patience and understanding of large cockatoos. He requires a slow hand and can be nippy if you move too quickly. He is very vocal and is somewhat of a picky eater but is being worked with while in foster care to accept different foods. Apollo loves to play and enjoys a variety of toys including wood, ropes and plastic. He's very inquisitive, cuddly and has the tendency to be the velcro bird that cockatoos are known for. His adoption fee includes a large cage. Vet results normal. Adoption fee: 350.00

Tiki - Severe Macaw

Tiki is a 6 year old Severe that was turned into the Humane Society. Tiki is in good feather and hasn't been properly socialized, so he can be a little nippy. Given time, he'll warm up to you and allow you to handle him and scratch his head. Tiki does like the sound of his own voice and does speak a few phrases. He enjoys playing with wood, rope and bells. He eats well and enjoys both cooked and raw fruits & vegetables, nuts, and muffins or bread. He needs to go to an experienced home where he'll be given time and attention so he can have the opportunity to bond with someone. Vet results normal. Adoption fee: 225.00

**BB - Blue Fronted Amazon**

BB was turned into rescue by his owner because his new wife didn't appreciate all he had to offer. Initially, BB is 13 years old and in perfect feather with a glowing sheen. He was a little resistant to being handled at first, but a little time, a lot of patience and understanding and a good diet has brought him a long way. He'll now step up with no hesitation and loves to just hang out and watch tv on your lap. BB has a fairly impressive vocabulary and can whistle a variety of sounds. [\(More on our web site\)](#) Vet results normal. Adoption fee: 275.00

Max - Red Lored Amazon

Max is a comical guy with LOTS of personality. He's approximately 25 years old and was turned into the Humane Society by his previous owner. He had a corneal growth on his eye that had to be surgically removed and most likely will never regain sight in that eye. His disability doesn't seem to bother him, as he loves attention. He eats very well, steps on on command and has a fairly large vocabulary for a Red Lored. While in rescue, Max has shown a preference for men, but will also accept women and will step up for nearly anyone. Max is going to be a great companion with very few demands. Vet results normal. Adoption fee: 250.00





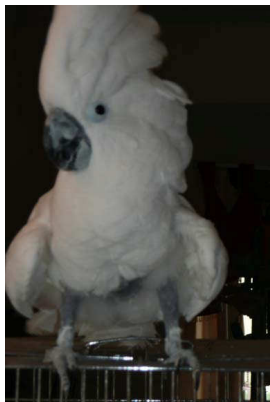
Cecil - Greenwing Macaw

Cecil is a DNA sexed male who is beautiful bird in both appearance and personality. He's in perfect feather and takes very good care of himself. He's got a very gentle nature and is very social with both men and woman and is vocal. Cecil calls all foods "cracker", asks you "Whatcha eatin?" Says "go bye bye!" and a host of other phrases. He was purchased as an egg, incubated and hand fed since the day he hatched by the same family. He is 18 years old and was housed with a blue & gold macaw and a military macaw. He is not bird aggressive and takes treats very gently from your hand. He loves to be held and was stepping up for us on the fourth day. His adoption fee includes a playtop Cal Cage. Vet results: Pending Adoption fee: \$400

Lilly - Military Macaw

Lily is an 18-20 year old Military Macaw. Lily lived her entire life with one family who is now elderly and felt they could not care for her any longer. In her foster home lily is a delight although she prefers women and is a one person bird for the most part. She is not a screamer and is quiet and good in her cage and is stick trained and knows to step up. She talks a little and may talk more after she gets to know you. She is a good eater and loves people food. she is a cuddler and will sit on your lap for hours and is content just to be near you... . **(More on our web site)**

Vet results: Normal Adoption fee: \$300



Reubon - Umbrella Cockatoo

Reubon is a 5 year Umbrella cockatoo who spent his entire life in a pet store from Southern Utah. He is a very active and playful bird but tends to nip and bite when he doesn't get his way. His favorite game is trying to make you jump, so having him on the floor isn't a good idea. He does has some plucking issues that we're trying to resolve while in rescue, however, there's a possibility that his feathers may not grow back. He does talk, says "Hello!, I'm a naughty bird" and various other things. He has responded well to positive reinforcement training and seems to understand the concept. He is handleable and seems to take to new people rather well. Reubon was brought into rescue without a cage or any supplies to accommodate him. Vet results: Pending. Adoption fee: \$350.00

Sabine - Female Eclectus

Sabine is a 9 year old female Eclectus in perfect feather. She was raised as a baby by her previous owner, however, a change in circumstances prompted her to turn her into rescue for placement. She does talk and seems quite affectionate with the person she bonds to. She doesn't typically play with toys and eats a variety of foods including fresh vegetables, pellet and fruit. She does come with a cal cage. Vet results: Pending. Adoption fee: \$350.00



Casey - Blue Fronted Amazon

Casey is a 20 year old Blue Fronted Amazon in excellent feather. She talks, loves mirrors and bells and is social in the mornings and evenings. She will step up but takes a little while to warm up to new people. She eats a good diet of pellets, fruits and most vegetables and will do anything for a peanut. Her adoption fee does include an adequate cage. Vet results are pending. Adoption fee: 275.00

Zoodle - Red Lored Amazon

Zoodle is a gorgeous red lored amazon who seems to be doing very well in rescue. In his previous home, he had bonded fiercely to another amazon but once removed has become tame and will step up nicely. Zoodle does talk and is warming up to new people. You can learn more about Zoodle here:

<http://judysparrotjournal.blog.com/category/zoodle-red-lored-amazon/> . Vet results are normal. Adoption does include a cage. Adoption fee: 250.00



We have a number of more birds listed on our web site. Please go there to see the latest list: <http://www.wasatchavian.com/adoptme.html>

\$neak peek of the October WAES meeting: Wear a fun Halloween hat !!! You could win a prize!!! Use your imagination - anything Halloween goes, but bird themes would be particular fun. We will have a prize for the most fun Halloween hat. All that, a speaker, snacks and raffle. How \$cary! More in the October newsletter!!

Thank You to the following who made this the best picnic in years: *Susan* for all the hard work of organizing it and getting people out. *Cari* and *Gregg* for their very nice place to have the picnic as well as buying and fixing the main food and being a great hostess and host. To *Audrey*, *Jessica* and her son *Elam* for helping set up and take down. To everyone that came out and brought food and their pet and made this picnic what it was. For those members that live too far away or were busy that day, we missed you and hope you can come next year.

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5. Be fair and honest in all of your dealings, and be on good terms with your neighbors. Most animal control contacts are complaint-driven. Some complaints may arise as harassment by people with unrelated grievances against you. It may be a disgruntled dog buyer or a cranky neighbor who doesn't like you parking in front of his house.

6. Anything about you that can be observed in "plain sight" from the street or sidewalk can become probably cause for a warrant. Even areas on your property open to visitors can be dangerous. Be aware of which areas of your home are visible from the outside and plan accordingly.

7. If you are confronted by Animal Control and turn them away, assume they will be back. Use the time available to make sure everything is clean and presentable. If you are over the limit on the number of pets, find friends who can provide temporary shelter for your dogs.

Whatever you do, stay calm and keep your wits about you.

Just say "no", no matter what threats or promises of leniency they make.

When in doubt, say nothing and speak to a lawyer afterwards.

Although this is a story about dogs, it's a lesson about all of our pets. When an illness like the swine flu or bird flu hit's us, people often panic. Kill now; ask questions later is often the first thing on their mind. It's up to us to protect our pets. Now you know how to do it.

WAES is seeking a member to serve as club delegate to the AFA. This person must be a current AFA member. Delegates receive a discount on registration fees for the annual AFA convention. If you are interested, please contact Audrey Hollaar (801-363-8086 or a.hollaar@utah.edu) for a description of the delegate's duties.

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

WHAT TO DO WHEN ANIMAL CONTROL COMES KNOCKING

by George J. Eigenhauser Jr.

(Mr. Eigenhauser is an attorney at law licensed in the State of California since 1979 and practices in the areas of civil litigation and estate planning)

ANTI-DOG ENFORCEMENT - What Every Dog Owner Needs to Know

Dog owners and ethical breeders are increasingly being targeted. Disgruntled neighbors may retaliate against dog owners and for many other reasons drive complaints, and anti-dog enforcement action, which many times may be conducted illegally.

The following text outlines methods of inquiry and enforcement which may be used by local officials in attempts to enforce ordinances in your community and suggested techniques of response. These techniques are entirely legal and based upon the rights of citizens as stated by the U.S. Constitution. No breeder or rescuer wants to have Animal Control come knocking on the door...but if they do, it will help if you know what your options are.

Remember, Animal Control is law enforcement. They are bound by the same Constitution as any other government agency. To protect yourself, you need to know your rights. These vary slightly one jurisdiction to another, but some general principles apply. One rule applies everywhere: never physically resist an officer.

When Animal Control is At Your Door:

1. Do not let them in, no matter how much they ask. Animal Control generally cannot enter your home without a warrant, or your permission. While regular police can enter in emergency situations when human life is at risk (i.e. they hear gunshots and a scream inside), there are few, if any, situations in which Animal Control can enter your home without a warrant. Simply tell them they may not come in.
2. If you let them in, anything they find in "plain sight" can be used against you. In some circumstances Animal Control officers, unable to find a legitimate reason to make an arrest, have reported building or zoning violations. This may include caging you attached to a wall without a building permit, that extra outlet in the puppy room, having more pets than allowed by zoning, even extension cords in violation of fire codes! No matter how clean your kennel, if they want to find a violation, they will.
3. Do not talk to them from an open doorway. Step outside and close (and lock if possible) the door behind you. This is necessary because:
 - A) Anything they see through the open door is "plain sight" and may be the basis for an arrest, or probable cause for a search warrant.
 - B) If they make an arrest or even feel threatened they are usually permitted to search for weapons in your immediate area. Do you keep a baseball bat inside the door for your protection? Even if you don't, once they step inside to look, they are in your home and may continue to search.
 - C) It is hard not to be intimidated by someone in authority. Some animal control is even done by local police, who carry guns. It is easy for them to get "in your face", causing you to back up into the home. Once you go in, it will be interpreted as an invitation to follow.
4. If they claim to have a warrant, demand to see it. In general, a search warrant must be signed by a judge. A warrant to search your home for dogs does not include an inventory of your jewelry box. A warrant to search your kennel in the garage or in the barn does not include a search of your home.
5. In some locations dog owners may have obtained special "breeder or rescue permits" that stipulate that Animal Control has your permission to enter at any time. If you have signed such a permit they still cannot enter against your wishes, since you can revoke the permission at any time. However, if you refuse permission it may allow them to cancel your permit, so you have to weigh the consequences.
6. Warning - anyone in lawful possession of the premises may be able to give permission for a search. Make sure your roommate, babysitter, dog-sitter, housekeeper and other know that they should not let animal control into your home or on your property (i.e. backyard, garage, etc.).

How to Handle Questions:

1. Don't answer any questions beyond identifying yourself for the officer. Anything you say to the officer in your defense cannot be used in court (hearsay). Anything you say that is harmful to you will be used in court (confessions are not considered hearsay). You cannot win, except by remaining silent.

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2. Be polite but firm. Do not argue, bad-mouth, curse, threaten or try to intimidate the officer.
3. Do not lie to an officer, ever. However, it is NOT a lie to exercise your right to remain silent.
4. Keep your hands in plain sight. People have been shot by police

when common objects, such as a wallet, were mistaken for a gun.

5. Do not touch the officer in any way. Do not physically resist an officer, no matter how unlawful his or her actions.
6. Don't try to tell your side of the story, it cannot help.
7. Do not threaten the officer that you plan to file a complaint for their actions.
8. If the questioning persists, demand to speak to a lawyer first. Repeat as necessary.

Gathering the Facts:

1. Get the name and badge number of each officer involved. If he/she does not volunteer this information, ask.
2. Ask the name of the agency they represent. Different agencies have different enforcement responsibilities.
3. Ask why they are there. Request the factual basis of the complaint and the identity of the complainant.
4. If they have other people with them (Humane Society, press, etc.) get the names and organizations for all present.
5. Note the names (and addresses) of any witnesses to the encounter.
6. If you are physically injured by an officer, you should take photographs of the injuries immediately, but do not forego proper medical treatment first.
7. Write down all of the information, as well as the date and time of the incident immediately, while details are fresh in your mind.
8. If your rights are violated, file a complaint with the appropriate body.

If You Are Arrested:

1. Remain silent. Answer no questions until you have consulted with a lawyer.
2. Don't "explain" anything. You will have time for explanations after you have talked to a lawyer.
3. Within a reasonable time they must allow you to make a phone call to get a lawyer or arrange bail. They are not allowed to listen to your phone call to your attorney, but they may "monitor" the rooms for "your protection". Do not say anything you do not want them to overhear; save that until after you are out on bail.

Telephone Inquiries or Threats:

You may receive telephone inquiries concerning the number of dogs you own and whether any dogs or puppies are for sale. Other questions may also be asked.

Your response should be to inquire "Are you interested in a puppy?". If the answer is "yes", ask that person for his/her name, address and phone number. Suggest that you or a responsible breeder will contact that person at a more convenient time for you.

If the answer is friendly and genuinely inquisitive, invite the person to look at your puppies.

If the question asked is "What is the price of each puppy?", simply say that puppies of this type are being sold for between "X" and "Y" dollars. Never say that you are selling them.

If the question asked is "Are these your puppies?", you should ask, "Why do you want to know?".

If your conversation indicates that the person is representing the county clerk's office or allegedly representing an official body, ask the caller for:

- Full name, title and phone number
- Agency's full name and full address
- Their supervisor's full name and phone number
- Nature of the inquiry (what it is about)
- Why the inquiry is being made
- How your name and phone number were obtained
- Ask that all future questions from that agency be submitted in writing

Preventative Measures:

1. Always keep your kennel clean and take good care of your animals.
2. Consider a P.O. Box or other address for business cards and advertisements. Keep descriptions of your location general (i.e. Southern California, rather than the name of the city where you live). The internet can provide anonymity for initial contacts. You can even buy a "remote prefix" to get a number from a nearby community forwarded to your phone or to a voice mail. Avoid local newspaper classifieds, they are often monitored.
3. Screen any potential puppy buyers carefully. Always be alert that they may be Animal Control or even Animal Rights working under cover.
4. Don't allow strangers into your home until you have screened them.

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The website has a new look and gets updated regularly. Check for the latest news

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

Dr. M. Scott Echols, our fabulous speaker from December, is now practicing with Dr. Doug Folland at Parrish Creek Vet Clinic on Tuesdays. You can schedule an appointment with Dr. Echols by calling Parrish Creek at 801-298-2014. Calling 801-298-9093 and leaving a message can arrange any other business for Dr. Echols.

WAES' Meet Up Group!

Show your support - everyone sign up and become a member - it is Free!

It's a great way for us to keep up to date with all of WAES happenings

<http://www.meetup.com/Wasatch-Avian-Education-Society-and-Bird-Club-Meetup-Group/>

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