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## *Bird Droppings*



### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fourth Sunday – **PICNIC**  
AUG. 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> – **Ypsilanti Heritage  
Festival**  
SEPT. 24<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday

#### **RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB**

##### **Who we are and what we are about**

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
- Periodic Service projects
- Field Trips
- Educational Programs upon request

Come join us and have your feathers preened by other Pet Bird Enthusiasts

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**ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.**

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail [sweettweeters@comcast.net](mailto:sweettweeters@comcast.net)

## EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Susan Dixon is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to her at: [susanhdixon@hotmail.com](mailto:susanhdixon@hotmail.com).

Members are encouraged to submit interesting, bird-related articles to the newsletter for the benefit of our club members.

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The editor reserves the right to approve and/or edit any articles submitted prior to publication.

Ads will be run free for members having a one-time sale (baby birds, etc.). Those wishing to run ads multiple times or for a business must purchase a business membership.



## Monthly Potluck

We have decided to stop soliciting for snack volunteers for our meetings and make the format a potluck venue. The reasoning for this is twofold; there have been very few members signing up for snacks and many members just bring dishes and desserts without signing up. So from now on our meetings will be a potluck fair, YUM!!

## From the Prez:



The bird fair was a success as always despite all the problems going on in Livonia, Farmington and Farmington Hills cause by they brown out they had. The boil water advisory kept some people away but it was still a success. The important thing is we still made a great impression on all those who attended vendors and the general public. As always, I still did not break my losing streak at our raffle but I still had fun, well maybe next year. I want to thank all those who helped out at the fair it is because of you that it was a success and we are already looking forward to next year. Now we are coming up to our club picnic on July 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be at the large pavilion in Garden City Park on the corner of Cherry Hill and Merriman behind the Garden City Post Office. Tammy and I will be there around 10 AM until we all leave; hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided all we ask

## BIRD CLUB ETIQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR BIRD BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**



## CLUB WELFARE

Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at [bigduke@comcast.net](mailto:bigduke@comcast.net) if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.

is you bring something to pass deserts, side dishes whatever you want and be prepared to have a good time. This is just for fun no business except that of eating, talking and having fun. Also on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> is the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival and once again we have a booth at this event. Set-up is on that Friday morning August 25<sup>th</sup> usually at 8 am and the event opens at noon, we need all the help we can get for the set-up so we can race home to get the birds and be back a little before noon for the event opening and say a prayer for good weather for all three days. If you have never done this event it is a lot of work but also a lot of fun and even if you can't bring your birds the extra eyes are always needed. These events could not happen without you the members, you guys make these the success that they are and you are the ones that impress the public by your friendliness and your upbeat attitudes it really shows so for that I say thank you and I look forward to see all of you at the picnic in July. As always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!**

Your Prez,  
Dave



## Voice of the Veep

How about our bird fair! WOW! It was a great success and that was because of all of you, our members. We had the help we needed to unload the truck, set-up the hall, set-up the raffles, take admissions and get venders in and out. The helpers in the morning and after the fair did an awesome job.

This month is our annual picnic it is on July 23 2017 that is the fourth Sunday in July; the picnic is going to be in Garden City Park on the corner of Merriman Rd. and Cherry Hill under the large pavilion. The club is supplying the hot dogs and hamburgers, but if you are able bring a dish or desert to share. I will be bringing a cooler of water but if you desire something else to drink, you have to bring your own. There will not be any nail or wing trimming at the picnic because we are outside and do not want any accidental fly offs. Please remember that we will be outside and unless your bird(s) has clipped wings or will allow you to put a harness on them please do not bring them. I do not want to be a witness to someone's bird flying off.

August 25, 26, 27 is the Heritage Festival in downtown Ypsilanti so there is no meeting at the church in August. Our next meeting at the church will be on Sunday September 24, 2017.

All day and vendor parking for this festival is always bad and I wish there was more information available. Last year at the south end of the park, they had handicapped and vendor parking with any luck this area will be there this year. We are not sure because someone new took control of the event and at this time we are in the dark concerning parking and where our spot is. If more information becomes available, we will let you know. If you are interested in attending or wish more information feel free to call me, Steve (734)-513-0030

See you at the picnic  
Steve



## Out and About with Pookie

There is no doubt, what so ever that Steve is out of practice and is going to require some re-training. Last month's column ended with us heading to the farmer's market and we have had multiple other excursions since then.

The charisma that I enjoyed years ago because of my fuzzy appearance even though the number of feathers I now have, has increased exponentially is still with me. Listening to the crowd that forms about us is amazing. Many still think I am a young parrot because their memory was of me a fuzzy baby bird. Everyone still thinks I am as cute as a button and mentions that they remember when I had no feathers. The next question directed to Steve always seems to be: "What did you do to get her to stop chewing her feathers"? This is quite irritating because Steve seems to receive all the credit for me allowing my feathers to grow out. This is positive edification to my hypothesis that Companion humans are not too smart. It has been my choice to chew less and still maintain my cuteness; not Steve! Although, I will admit that the introduction of cardboard inside of my cage along with whole almonds hidden under the cardboard has provided a great diversion. The almond foraging has been instrumental in helping me curb my habit of feather chewing. On the other foot, I do have to admit that leading an alternate life style also has benefits remember my slogan; life is good when you dare to be bare!

There is a second problem I have noticed; Steve has totally forgotten all the

protocols for proper driving of a vehicle with parrots on his shoulder. We are going to have to start a re-training program to remind him about maintaining control while driving with us in the car. I know that the ability to write volumes does exist on this subject and my space in this column is limited so I will be delving into much more detail in the future.

Chirps and Squawks  
Pookie

**GET THE DOG**



We get many phone calls and some just leave us shaking our heads in disbelief, well this is one of those.

A woman calls me up looking to adopt a bird but her reasoning was just a little warped she wanted a parrot because she felt they were easier than a dog. (Not to my surprise she had been turned down by two other bird rescues). A dog she said had to be housebroken, trained to listen, be taken for walks and they generally made a mess where a parrot was contained (the mess) they didn't have to be taken for walks and they were not as interactive as dog and she didn't have the time for a dog so a parrot was perfect for her. I asked her where she got her information and she said she just assumed because they were caged it made them easier. I told her she was very wrong that they were just as much work as a dog. They needed interaction to keep them social and just because they are "caged" doesn't make them easier, so I stopped and asked what she was interested in and she said an Umbrella Cockatoo. I said well you picked

one of the most demanding parrots that should only be kept by an experienced parrot owner. I asked her how much noise she could handle because they can scream for hours on end and as far as mess they can throw food several feet from their cages. I told her the vacuum would become her best friend. I also told her that they will destroy anything made of wood because that is their nature so Grandma's antique rocking chair is fair game if they are not properly supervised. I then asked her if she was familiar with any four-year old's and she seemed surprised when I told her it is like having a four-year-old for life. I finally got to ask the question about her experience with parrots and you guessed it she had none at all. She thought I was being overly dramatic about the whole thing and she was not pleased that I would not tell her what she wanted to hear but I told her that this would only end in disaster for both her and the bird so I said forget the bird and get the dog!



## DAFFYNITIONS

I call them this because they are way too crazy to be anything else. Yes, these are things people requested from the rescue.

Man's bird – A bird that is large for some macho moron who wants people to fawn over (mainly women) as he walks around with it on their shoulder.

Showstopper – A bird that will make people say wow even though they know nothing about the bird the bird it has to be big and flashy.

Chatterbox – A bird that will talk when they want it to impress their friends and it doesn't matter what kind as long as it talks.

Quiet Cockatoo – No such thing!

Calmness – A trait that many birds do not possess and it has to be under **ALL** situations.

Not naked – meaning it has to be in perfect feather.

Junk Bird – Referring to Parakeets because of their low cost and small size if they get tired of them they can just open the door and let them go.

A colorful Bird – It must have more than just green as its main color.

A Clean Type Bird – A bird that does not throw seed and water all over the place. Once again there is no such thing.

Look at Birds – Birds they don't have to interact with just watch without the chance of getting bit.

An in Between bird – Meaning not big but not small but somewhere in between.

Finally

A Perfect Bird – A bird that does not scream, bite, make a mess or is demanding in any way shape or form, it must talk and obey their owners. If anyone finds one please let me know I think my guys are perfect just the way they are!



## The Parrot Who Owns Me

“There is no such thing as owning a parrot. You can’t have a parrot as a pet; a dog, certainly, a cat, maybe, but a parrot, never. Quite the contrary, you are the pet, and parrots vary in their ability to make good masters. Be warned....being owned by a parrot is not for the faint of heart!”

Dr. Joanna Burger, Distinguished Professor of Biology, Rutgers University



## Avast ye Mates



## CAPTAINS CORNER

Well another bird fair has come and gone and did any of us get to go, **NO**. We never get to go and have fun they always give us the excuse that it is for our safety but all of us birds know it is so they can whoop it up without us there to “tie them down” you don’t think we know! I can see them having the time of their lives with all the fun stuff that goes on while we just sit home alone bored out of our skulls. Do they really think we are that naïve we don’t know the score, well they have another thing coming! I can see them playing games and having fun, oh yeah, I can picture my pet human in a dunk tank I’d pay extra to fill it up with ice and run up just to push the button (we parrots are not good at throwing balls). Plus, all the great food we miss out on it is just not fair. So next year I propose we tie up our pet humans and **WE** go to the fair ourselves J.B. can drive and **WE** all have the fun we have been missing. Can you imagine when they wake up and can’t get out of bed because we parrots have tied them to it. Then we can all laugh as we go to the fair for a change and leave **THEM** home for a change! Well, at least we get to go to the other events and have some good ole carnival food and some fun but wait until next year it’s our turn to go to the fair. Pet humans beware!

Cheers  
Captain Morgan

THE ADVENTURES OF STEVE AND DAVE

THE  
**RESCUE RANGERS**

IN  
THE GRAY BEAR

The Rangers sure have gotten around and this time it was to a place called Eastpointe Michigan to rescue a Congo African Gray. Now one of the Rangers has a soft spot for African Grays (three guesses the first two don't count) so they were off to pick this guy up. Well they arrived at their destination and proceeded to the door. They rang the doorbell and were greeted by the owner and heard the sad story of how he became allergic to the dust this bird gave off and it was causing him breathing problems. So, Ranger Steve asked what his name was and they both blinked twice when he said Bear. Bear was a much-loved bird but as in most cases a bit too much Bear was overweight. This seems to be the case with many grays because the commercial parrot mix mostly contains Sunflower, Safflower seeds and peanuts. So, they scooped Bear up and were off. Bear like all African Parrots took a little time to warm up but once he did there was no stopping him. Soon Bear would find himself his forever home where he was put on a better diet lost some weight and was living a healthier lifestyle. Bear also had a name change soon became known as Baron which suited him much better than bear. It was another happy ending but the Rangers needed to be vigilante because there were others out there looking for their happy endings as well but they were up to the task

for they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay glue to your mailbox for the next thrilling installment The Morphing Lovebirds!



### **BITS from BABY**

Due to circumstances beyond my control there is no bird count this month. But there were fifty-one people in attendance along with six guests, of which two joined our flock. Duke and I missed the meeting, but we will be back next month with God's help.

Well that's all for now.  
God bless, till we meet again,  
Your friend Baby

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**!!!!!!** Hello loyal readers of Bits from Baby.

This is JJ and Sparky and we decided to help Baby and Duke out at last month's meeting. As feathered members of the club, we felt it was our duty to step up and perform the attendance of the feathered members. There were extensive observations and polling numbers by Steve and me. We counted and re-counted multiple times and these counts were then relayed to Sparky so she could properly record them. The certification and validity of the recorded numbers performed by the SOGMOC\*

The final count of feathered members was:  
Lots of African Greys and some white birds  
and a green and red bird. The Greys WIN!!!

JJ and Sparky



\*SOGMOC; is the society of Only Greys Count or Matter

3. Be willing to take the rescued bird to our rescue vet: Roose Animal Hospital. (The vet bills and pellets will be paid for by the club.)
4. Be willing to have prospective new owners come to your home to meet the bird when it's ready for adoption to see how they interact with it. A portion of the decision as to whether the bird is going to the correct home will be up to the foster parronts. This is because you will have the best judgment of the bird's personality and how it interacts with people.

Once again, a great big thank you to all of our club members for their support of the monthly club raffles and donations of food and toys. It is your participation that funds our rescue and allows us to send the adopted birds to their new homes with cages, food and toys. Our rescue could not do this without you.



## RESCUE UPDATE

Last month we had several bird adoptions: We placed 2 Finches, 1 Cockatiel, 1 Parakeet, Sky a blue Quaker, Feral a Yellow Nape Amazon all went to their new, forever homes with food, cage and toys, thanks to you, our generous members. Your donations and support of our monthly raffles enable us to do this.

We are always in need of members who are willing to foster rescued birds. The duties of a foster parent are four fold:

1. Quarantine the bird from your own flock (in case the rescued bird has an illness that it could pass to your own birds).
2. Convert the rescued bird to a healthy (pelleted) diet along with fruits and veggies.

### **\*RESCUE PROCEDURE\***

There is a proper procedure for turning a bird into the rescue and we must do our best to follow it. Any time a bird is to be surrendered to our rescue Dave, Steve, Tammy or Mary must be contacted first so proper arrangements can be made. Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue cannot take responsibility for any birds that have not followed this procedure. If you have elected to take in someone's unwanted bird or if you have been offered a "free" bird please be aware that you will have to assume the full cost of veterinary care yourself.





**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:**

MATTHEW WISE	AUG. 1
KEITH PLAGENS	AUG. 3
LEO FENNELLY	AUG. 7
JEAN JEDRZEJEK	AUG. 9
KATHE COTE	AUG. 14
MARILYNN STACEY	AUG. 15
LINDA MCCARTHY	AUG. 17
TERRY SULLIVAN	AUG. 19
SUSAN JENISON	AUG. 20
ALLYSON SCHRIEFER	AUG. 30
JORDYN SCHRIEFER	AUG. 30
CHERYL BURNISKY	AUG. 31

July 20<sup>th</sup>      Senior Show  
 Thurs      American House Sterling Heights  
                  33433 Schoenherr  
                  Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
                  Set-up 1:00 pm  
                  Start 2:00 pm

July 22<sup>nd</sup>      Senior Show  
 Sat            Waltonwoods at University  
                  3280 Walton Blvd.  
                  Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
                  Set-up Noon  
                  Start 1:00 pm

July 25<sup>th</sup>      Library Show  
 Tues           River Rouge Library  
                  221 Burke Street  
                  River Rouge, MI 48218  
                  Set-up 2:00pm  
                  Start 3:00 pm

July 28<sup>th</sup>      Senior Show  
 Fri            Beacon Square Northville  
                  40033 8 Mile Rd  
                  Northville, MI 48167  
                  Set-up 1:00 pm  
                  Start 2:00 pm

July 29<sup>th</sup>      Garden City Public Library  
 Sat            Classic Car &  
                  Outdoor Craft Show  
                  31735 Maplewood  
                  Garden City, MI 48135  
                  1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
                  We will be setting up our pop-up\  
                  About an hour before the event



**UP COMING**  
**EVENTS**

**As of**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

July 18<sup>th</sup>      Vacation Bible School  
 Tues      First Congregational Church  
                  5449 Clarkston Rd.  
                  Clarkston, MI 48348  
                  Set-up 6:00 pm  
                  Start 6:30 pm

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Show  
Tues Oakmont Sterling  
41155 Pond View Drive  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
Set-up 1:00 pm  
Start 2:00 pm

Ypsilanti Heritage Festival  
Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Noon to 8:00 PM  
Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
More Details will be posted as they become available

Aug 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
Sun Waltonwood at Carriage Park  
Assisted Living  
2000 N. Canton Center Rd.  
Canton, MI 48187  
Set-up 1:00 pm  
Start 2:00 pm

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Canary and Finch Breeder Bird  
Fair  
Sat Livonia Elks Lodge #2246  
31117 Plymouth Rd.  
Livonia, MI 48150  
\$3.00 admission  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
Wed Hillside Terrace  
1939 Jackson Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
Set-up 2:00 pm  
Start 3:00 pm

Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Family Day  
(No Official Program)  
Sun American House  
777 East Woodward Heights  
Hazel Park, MI 48030  
From 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
Fri American House Stone  
3741 S. Adams Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
Set-up 1:30 pm  
Start 2:30 pm

Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
Tue Oakmont Rochester  
3466 S. Boulevard West  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
Set-up 1:00 pm  
Start 2:00 pm

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> Senior Show  
Mon American House East  
18760 13 Mile Road  
Roseville, MI 48066  
Set-up 12:30 pm  
Start 1:30 pm

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
Mon Woodland Village  
St. Joseph Mercy Senior  
Communities  
7533 West Grand River Road  
Brighton, MI 48114  
Set-up ??? pm  
Start ??? pm

Sept 26<sup>th</sup>            Senior Show  
 Tues            American House Elmwood  
                   West auburn Road  
                   Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
                   Set-up 2:00 pm  
                   Start 3:00 pm

Oct 21<sup>st</sup>            Guardians for Animals  
 Oct22nd            Pet Expo  
                   Madison Place  
                   876 Horace Brown Drive  
                   Madison Heights, MI 48071  
                   Sat. Times 10:00AM to 5:00PM  
                   Sun Times 1:00AM to 4:00PM  
                   We hopefully will be setting  
                   up on Friday like last year

Oct 28<sup>th</sup>            Senior Show  
 Sat            Huron Woods  
                   Towsley Health Building  
                   5361 McAuley Dr.  
                   Ann Arbor, MI 48106  
                   Set-up 1:30pm  
                   Start 2:30 pm

**PET EXPO**

Nov. 10th 2pm to 8pm  
 Nov. 11th 10am to 8pm  
 Nov. 12th 10am to 5pm  
                   Suburban Collection Showplace  
                   46100 Grand River  
                   Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov.  
 9th  
                   most likely around 9:00 am.  
                   Please remember no birds will be  
 allowed  
                   through the front door.

**\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\***

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

**\*\*\*Our Club Has a Booth at This Event\*\*\***  
 following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events, all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



**DON'T FORGET THE PICNIC!**

It has been moved to this month, on the Fourth Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, this is our annual picnic at Garden City Park at Cherry Hill and Merriman. Enter the park from Cherry Hill and follow the road around until

you see Dave and Tammy at the large pavilion at the east end by the restrooms.

The Club is providing the meat, buns, condiments and all paper products & utensils. Everyone is to bring items to pass and your own beverage. (There will be a cooler with water and ice.) We recommend that you leave your pets at home unless they are used to being outside in the wind and weather. Wings' **MUST** be clipped and smaller lighter birds should stay home. We don't want any accidental fly offs. The picnic is from 10ish until we're tired of each other's company.

## How to find an avian veterinarian



By Don J. Harris, DVM

One of the first responsibilities you have as a pet owner is obtaining quality medical care for your bird. The process of finding a qualified veterinarian,

who is educated, trained and experienced in treating birds, is often more difficult than you initially might think. Perseverance and some good common sense on your part can result in finding a veterinarian who is skilled in treating your bird. Here are some methods you can use.

### Yellow Pages

While this may be the easiest method, an ad in the yellow pages does not necessarily qualify the practitioner to treat your bird. The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) allows the term "specialist" by only those veterinarians who have fulfilled certain defined criteria in that specialty. Beyond that, yellow page ads can reflect marketing skills more than veterinary competence.

### Association Rosters

Many pet owners check association rosters for qualified veterinarians. For example, the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP)

is a veterinary certifying organization that requires its members to prove competence in order to belong. Within ABVP, there is the "Avian Practice" category of specialization. Veterinarians who complete this certification process are recognized by the AVMA as true specialists. These individuals are identified by the title ABVP, Avian Practice, DVM behind their names. Generally, bird owners can trust these practitioners to provide competent care for their birds.

### Pet Suppliers' Recommendations

Pet retail stores or breeders will often recommend a veterinarian they work with on a regular basis. Their recommendations may be based on positive experiences with this particular veterinarian's care and treatment. On the other hand, pet suppliers occasionally have relationships with veterinarians based on discounted services in exchange for referrals. While this business relationship is not in itself bad, bird owners should be advised to verify the veterinarian's credentials.

### Word-of-Mouth Recommendations

This is one of the best ways of finding a competent avian veterinarian. If a veterinarian's own clients are making recommendations, there must be a reason why. Unfortunately, these personal recommendations are not always available, especially if you recently moved into the area and don't know anyone to ask.

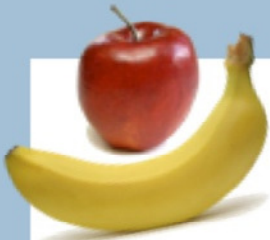
### Colleague Recommendations

This is probably the best and most consistently reliable method, but it demands a little sleuthing on your part. Here are the steps you can follow:

- Identify and call veterinarians in the yellow pages who DO NOT claim to be avian specialists.
- Call to ask if they will see your bird. If they agree, thank them and move on.
- If they decline, ask whom they would recommend.
- Continue this process until you get enough answers to form a consensus. The veterinarian whose name was recommended the most often is the veterinarian most recognized by his colleagues for competence with exotic birds.

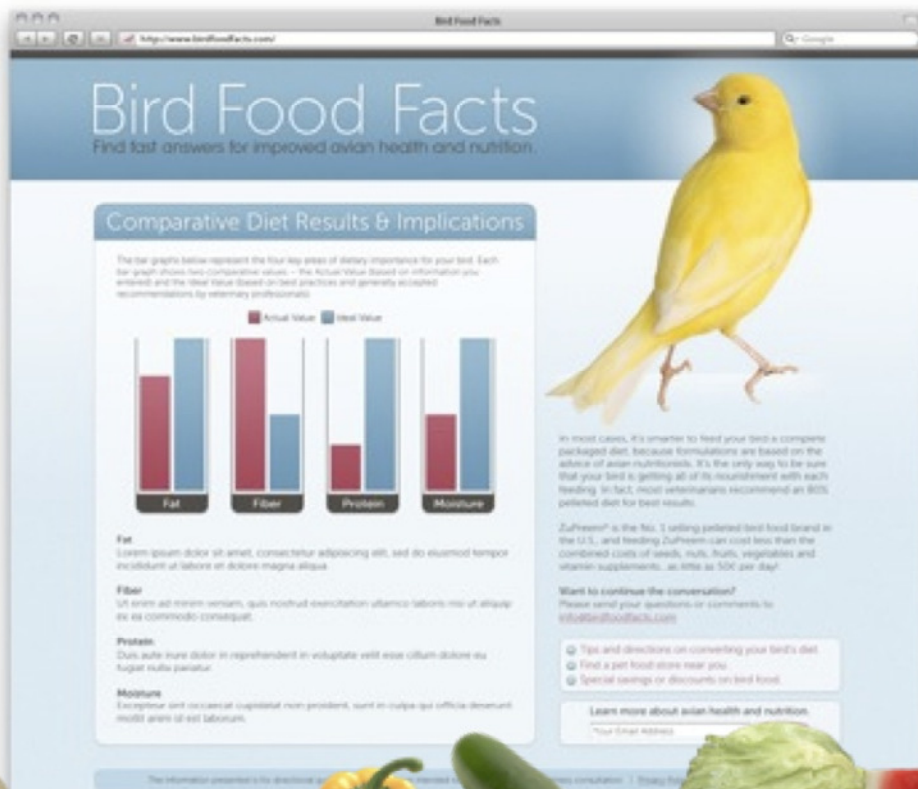
Congratulations! Through hard work and some common sense, you may have found just the right veterinarian for you and your bird.

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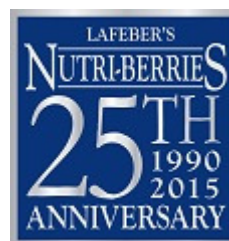
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## **Ann Arbor, MI 48104**

All Creatures Animal Clinic  
3382 Washtenaw Avenue  
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(Drs. Lewis & Alexander)

## **Ann Arbor, MI 48103**

Animal Kingdom Vet Hospital  
4920 Ann Arbor-Saline Road  
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## **Birch Run, MI 48415**

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(989) 652-6689  
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## **Birmingham, MI 48009**

Birmingham Veterinary Clinic  
33788 Woodward Avenue  
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880 W. Long Lake  
(248) 642-2050

## **Canton, MI 48187**

Canton Center Animal Hospital  
5900 Canton Center Road North  
(734) 459-1400  
(Drs. Grzanowski & Moran)

## **Clinton Twp., MI 48038-2794**

Parkway Small Animal & Exotic Hosp  
39321 Garfield Road  
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## **Commerce Twp., MI 48382**

Lakeside Animal Hospital  
2645 Union Lake  
(248) 363-0822  
(Dr. J.A. Brooks)

## **Commerce Twp., MI 48390**

Vet Select Animal Hospital  
1010 W. Oakley Park Road  
(248) 926-9696  
(Dr. Andrea Maceri)

## **Dearborn, MI 48124**

Dearborn Family Pet Care  
24909 Michigan Avenue  
(313) 561-5920  
(Dr. Cheryl Good)

## **Detroit, MI 48214**

Harvey Animal Hospital  
18479 Mack Ave.  
(313) 882-3026  
(Dr. Rebecca Coll)

## **Detroit, MI 48214**

Jefferson Veterinary Clinic  
11300 E. Jefferson Street  
(313) 822-2555  
(Dr. Schacht)

## **Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

Jeffrey Animal Hospital  
20720 Middlebelt Road  
(248) 471-3636  
(Dr. Demetriou)

## **Highland, MI 48357**

Highland Veterinary Hospital  
1255 South Milford Road  
(248) 887-3755  
(Dr. Wilson & Groehn)

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## **Jackson, MI 49201**

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3232 North Dettman Road  
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(Drs. Howe & Harshbarger)

## **Livonia, MI 48152**

Sheehy Animal Hospital  
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(248) 615-7670  
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## **Livonia, MI 48154**

Strong Veterinary Hospital  
29212 5 Mile Rd.  
(734) 427-6360

## **Novi, MI 48375**

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21524 Novi Rd.  
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(Dr. Joseph Osbourne)

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594 10<sup>TH</sup> St.  
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(Dr. Mary Cambell)

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Roose Animal Hospital  
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Five Mile Animal Hospital  
25920 Five Mile Road  
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## **Rochester Hills, MI 48309**

Rochester Animal Clinic  
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## **Royal Oak, MI 48067**

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Salem Veterinary Services  
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## **Southfield, MI 48076**

North Branch Animal Hospital  
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## **Southgate, MI 48195**

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(Dr. Cappel)

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Westland Veterinary Hospital  
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Cedar Creek Veterinary Clinic  
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## **Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302**

Oakland Veterinary Emergency Group  
1400 Telegraph Road  
(248) 334-6877  
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## **Madison Heights, MI 48071**

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Veterinary Emergency Service West  
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