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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where does the time go? April is coming fast and so is the Mart. Let's get the flyers out there. I have dropped them off in the state of Delaware to every Vet or Animal hospital I pass when I'm working.

March is mart planning meeting. All should attend and sign up to help. Only those who volunteer will get into the mart without having to pay.

See you at the meeting and don't forget to bring something for the Refreshment table

Thomas J Neill Jr



MESSAGE FROM THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The Super Pet Expo our club had a booth at February 15, 16, and 17th was a huge success. Our purpose was to promote the club, promote our mart, and get the mart flyers out there. We achieved all three of these goals and we made all of our money back in donations that it cost us for the booth. A total win win situation all around. I would personally like to thank Chris, Tom, Esther, Erika, Keith, Kelly, Joey, Sybil, Dillon and all of their birds, and most of all Debbie for giving up her family time and working all three days with me. Although it was tiring, we did have a lot of fun and the people we met were awesome. I cannot wait for our flea markets to start up.

March's fundraising will have a little extra added. I will be selling raffle tickets at \$2.00 each for a Kenmore Select Seal-n-Save vacuum food sealer system, with a sell price of \$119.99, to be drawn at the April meeting along with the regular raffle table and 50/50.

We are still in need of volunteers for the mart. Sign up sheets will be at the meeting again for all areas in need such as morning set up, evening breakdown, runners and break relievers, outreach, stewards for the cockatiel shows. It takes dedication, a little work and our time to make our 3rd annual mart as successful as the previous years an with the NCS and ACS shows added the year, we need a little more from everyone.

Remember as always, the raffle table welcomes your donations and recycled toy parts and thanks you for them.



Connie Metz

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OUTREACH UPDATE

1) Cub Scout Troop #92

We will be the after diner entertainment for their Blue and Gold Banquet. They meet in the Gym of the Drexel Hill United Methodist Church located at 600 Burmont Rd, Drexel Hill, Pa.

Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

2) Saunders House (Nursing Home) Wynnewood, Pa. (located at the base of Lankenau Hosp's drive) Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 2:00PM.

3) Gladwynne Montessori School

Friday, April 25, 2008 at 1:30-2:30 PM

4) CHOP Staff Appreciation Day

Friday, June 13, 2008. 11AM to 3PM. Five locations: Voorhees, NJ, King of Prussia, and Center City (Phila.) These will mostly be held outside so please bring birds that are safe outside (wings clipped or harnesses & leashes). We will need birds that are friendly with people or that you can keep safe in a crowd. We each must care to keep our birds and the public SAFE!

Thank you...Esther

BIRD'S EYE VIEW Delco Bird Club Events for 2007/2008

March 13, 2008: Mart planning night. Sign up with Connie Metz, Esther Scholz, or Debbie Park to help on a committee, help with mart in general, with the outreach, or with the show. All should attend!

April 10, 2008: Dr Donato from Radnor Vet will be speaking on another "myth buster".

May 08, 2008: Dr.Jeleen Briscoe and Rita Sambruna will be giving a mini-seminar called "Positive Reinforcement for Successful Home Life and Veterinary Visits."

June 12, 2008: The Foxwells from Birdsnest Specialty will kick off our summer party.

July 2008: Summer break, no meeting.

August 2008: Summer break, no meeting.

MEMBER REP MESSAGES

Welcome New Members

Henry and Lori Castle Nill and Mary Titus

March brings us the Horse and Pet Expo in Reading on the 14, 15, and 16th. Connie and I will be going on Saturday the 15th. Ben Acri has a new company called Pet World USA, so make sure you stop by his booth. Ben has offered the first 100 customers to our mart a coupon for discounts on his food and supplies.

Don't forget to join the cockatiel societies if you plan to enter you birds at the mart. Applications for these will be at the meeting along with mart sign up sheets. Flyers will be available for you to take and distribute around town.

Debbie Park

You can access the FDA's list of recalls by the following link:

http://www.accessdata.fda.gov.scripts/petoffdrecall/

A petition to increase hunting fees to help the PGC can be found by the following link: http://www.gundogalliance.com/petition/

There is a large parrot play gym available for a donation to the club. Contact 610-626-3579 or email: eala322001@yahoo.com

Erika Scarborough

















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ABOUT THE BAND

Leg bands are informative. A round, stainless steel band, with an incomplete circular closure is a quarantine band. These bands are known as "open" bands. The split is where it was bent to form a circle around the leg of the bird. It has letters and numbers, for example, AGC289. The letters identify the quarantine station receiving the birds within the United States. The numbers identify which bird in the imported group wears that band. These bands are applied to the wild caught birds when they enter the United States via on of many avian quarantine stations. Quarantine bands are applied by the USDA, and are carefully tracked. Such tracking is important, for in case of a disease out break, the USDA needs to be able to locate all exposed birds quickly. You can contact you local United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service office. They are very helpful and responsive to disease inquiries. These bands are very tough, and difficult to remove, so most quarantine birds keep heir bands for life

A "closed" band means that the band is solid, with no splits in the band. Welded closed bands are applied to baby birds, and usually indicate hand raised babies of captive bred birds. These closed bands are slid on over the foot of the baby bird before it is full-grown. These bands usually have letters and numbers identifying the breeder. If the band includes the letters "NCS", "ACS", "ALB", "SPBE", or "AFA", these bands are easily traceable. Other codes may be private codes used by breeders to keep track of genetics of lineage. Breeder band identifications can be traced through local and national bird clubs and organizations for thy have records showing who raised particular birds. Your local avian veterinarian or pet shop is another good place to search in an attempt to track a breeder band. Always record you bird's band information for future use when needed.

Each breeder has their own preference as to how thy like the bands to fit. Some like them to fit loosely, others prefer a close fit. Birds of the same kind can vary and some breeders band a little later with a larger size than one that would fit at an earlier age. All this should be taken into consideration when choosing a band size for your bird.

Leg bands can be purchased through parrot societies and popular companies such as L & M Bird Leg Bands, Inc. Use a search engine (i.e. google) and the choices are there for you to decide which band will be the best for you birds.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

What do you call a crate of ducks? A box of quackers.

What kind of suit does a duck wear? A duck-seedo.

Why did the chicken join the band? Because he had his own pair of drumsticks!

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PARROT OF THE MONTH

Watch for a different bird each month from A to Z.

DERBYAN PARAKEET



Genus: Size:

Psittacula 50cm (19.5 in)
Species: Adult Weight:
derbiana 320g (11.2 oz)

Races including nominate:

one

Colorization Adult: Male-black lower cheeks and forehead stripe extending to eyes; fore crown washed bright blue, becoming blue/green around eyes; rest of head blue/purple; upperparts green; area from throat to lower abdomen lilac/purple; inner middle and secondary wing coverts dull green/yellow forming patch on wing when folded; tail blue tinged with green near base; upper mandible red, lower black. Eye pale yellow. Female-blue on fore crown absent; throat to lower abdomen area duller grey/violet; pink stripe from behind lower cheeks up to hind crown, black lower cheeks; shorter tail. Bill black.

Colorization Juvenile: Head and throat areas to lower abdomen grey/green, with some feathers margined dull purple/blue; black facial markings more grey; tail short. Bill orange. Eye grey.

The Derbyan Parakeet is also known as the Lord Derby's Parakeet or Derby's Parakeet.

Its calls in flight are raucous, loud and metallic sounding; also calls resembling that of crows and ravens. Contact calls carry some distance.

Their habitat is found in highland forest from 2700-4000m (8856-13,120 ft). They have been seen in coniferous or mixed Pinus and Quercus forest, also from alpine Rhododendron growth areas. There have been also reported in cultivated valleys at harvest.

World Population has not been recorded and their longevity is 15 to 20 years. Breeding is limited, almost uncommon in captivity.

As far as pet suitability, the Derbyan Parakeet is highly intelligent, and a bit shy. Avid wood chewers and they may mimic human speech. They may also be loud at times.

Small numbers are captured in international wild bird trade; making this bird locally threatened (Sichuan).

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BIRDS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION FROM THE BAILEY FOUNDATION

(Advertisement paid for by Chris Webb)

As many of you know, I am an active volunteer and foster home for the Bailey Foundation. I am currently fostering the 6 Bailey birds described below, and will be happy to give you details on any one of them. There are many other birds available, please check out their web site www.baileyfoundation.org

Sonny - male Orange Winged Amazon

Sonny came from a very loving family who experienced a major lifestyle change, and were forced to find a new home for Sonny. He is a very friendly bird who steps up easily and loves to cuddle. He gets along with other birds once he gets used to them. He is relatively quiet and enjoys his time out of his cage.

Buddy - 14 YO male Lesser Sulphur Crested Cockatoo

Buddy seems to be a good natured bird who craves human contact. He has been mistreated, however, and bites out of fear. In recent weeks, he has come to trust people and allows petting of his beak, chest, head and legs through the cage bars. His behavior remains unpredictable, however, and he would do best in a home with a seasoned bird owner, where he will receive consistent love and attention.

Mango - 2 YO male Peach Front Conure

Mango is a young, friendly bird who loves fruit, especially dried papaya, and enjoys slowly destroying his wooden toys. He tends to bite your fingers when he steps up, but this is decreasing over time, and I believe he will be a good companion with consistent positive reinforcement from his caregiver. Mango can be a bit noisy, as with most conures, but does not scream excessively.

Roscoe - 10 YO male Nanday Conure

Roscoe is as charming as he is naked!! He has plucked his chest and back repeatedly, and feathers will most likely not grow in these areas. His remaining feathers are beautiful, however, and his tail is long, full, and gorgeous!! He is very friendly, loves a good head scratch, and has a sweet, low voice that sounds like a whisper. He plays vigorously with his toys, and screams for joy while doing it!

Lucky - male Nanday Conure with special needs

Lucky is a very gentle and sweet bird and has only one leg. How and when he lost his leg is unknown; however, he seems to have adapted well to his disability and gets around fine! His cage has been customized to his needs; to minimize injury from falling, but Lucky hardly seems to think he needs it! He can be quite vocal when he greets his family, and thoroughly enjoys company.

Bing - Cherry-Head Conure

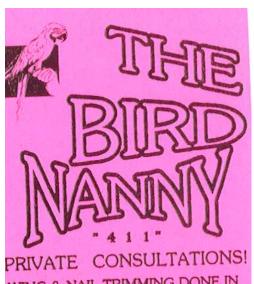
Bing was removed from a bad situation and brought to the Bailey Foundation for help. He was plucked in spots, but his feathers have grown nicely and he is learning to trust people again. He says many words, and appears to want to be with people. He will mutter under his breath if people are nearby, but not paying attention to him. He will be a fine companion with patience and understanding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE BIRDS, OR OTHERS AVAILABLE AT THE BAILEY FOUNDATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME

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If you are looking to adopt or place a bird up for adoption, please call Margaret Ouali at 610-713-0304 or email: jojothegrey@yahoo.com web site www.jojothegrey.com

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Quality Cockatiel Flock for Sale: After 20 years of breeding Cockatiels, our birds are for sale. We are not getting out of breeding birds just focusing on our Green Rump Parrotlets. There are about 50 Cockatiels available. We would like to sell them as one group. Our hope is to find a fellow hobbyist that will appreciate the many years that has been put into building this fine line. What a great opportunity for someone to increase their breeding stock, especially one who enjoys the look of a prestige cockatiel. All breeder cages and accessories will be for sale as well. If you are interested in purchasing our flock call Lori Castle at 717-957-4241.

For Sale - Green Rump Parrotlet babies: I have several of these little gems available. All have been hand feed and are tame, price \$225-\$250. Also have a few birds that I would be interested in trading for other Green Rump blood lines. Call Lori Castle at 717-957-4241

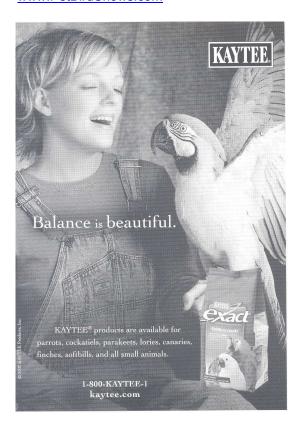
EVENTS

Horse and Pet Expo -

March 14, 15, and 16th, 2008. The Greater Reading Expo Center 2525 North 12th Street, Reading PA The largest pet expo in the east. www.horseandpetexp.com

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Meeting Directions

Meetings will be held at the Media Community Center, 4 & Monroe Sts, Media PA 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month.

Take 476 (Blue Route) to the Media/Swarthmore Exit. Turn West onto Baltimore Pike. Follow Baltimore Pike six traffic lights to Monroe Street. Turn right onto Monroe. Turn left onto 4th street. The Hall is on your left and is handicapped accessible. If you have any questions, or need more directions, please call Tom Neill (610) 622-2508

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