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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Last month's meeting went well. What a blast! A big THANK YOU to our member Valerie Gardner, you really did a great job increasing our knowledge of the animal world.

This month is another fun month, we will have several members introducing their birds to the club. Members will bring their birds not only because of their talents and or tricks, but because of their beauty and sweetness that make them special to their owner.

I encourage you all to bring your special bird and let it be introduced to the group. I am assuring you all this will be a night to remember. I ask that you send me a brief introduction of yourself and your bird so I can present everybody in a proper manner.

A new club direction is hatching! We look forward to your participation and involvement in nurturing the growth of our club.

See you all and please feel free to bring some food and refreshments.

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Please Welcome the New Members to the Club

**Richard Comroe
Linda Quinn
Renee Defiore
Merritt Hansen**

OUTREACH UPDATE

UPCOMING OUTREACHES

September our Outreach Team visited two Old Friends, Saunders House and The John Heinz Refuge.

We were quite well received at both venues. As always the public LOVES seeing and interacting with our birds!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the following members that attended one or both of these Outreaches!

Keith, Peggy, Flo, Margie, John and Mark.

Without member participation there would be NO Outreach! Please consider joining us sometime. It's FUN and it's great for you and your bird!

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Delco Bird Club Events for 2007/2008

October 23, 2008: Talent night! A chance for us to show off our birds.

November 13, 2008: Jojo the Grey Adoption and Rescue will be talking about their Adoption Program.

December 11, 2008: Holiday Party.

MEMBER REP MESSAGE

Hello club members!

In October and meetings held thereafter, I will be setting up a table to welcome everyone, answer your questions, distribute information, etc. Is your bird special? Of course he/she is! Share your story with all our club members. How you ask? I will have a sign-in sheet at the tables in October and following months. Sign you and your bird (or birds) up and I will be in touch! The club is in the process of a membership drive and looking for volunteers to assist in many of the needs of keeping this club up and active! Interested but unsure of what you could do? Talk to me at the meeting OR contact me via email or phone. If you email me, please put Delco Bird Club in the subject line.

Erika Scarborough, Delco Membership Rep.
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Board Meeting Minutes 10/09/2008

Attendance: Tom N, Colleen R, Esther S, Francis H, Erika S and Christine P.

Started: 7:00pm

Treasurer's Report: Will be talked about at the club Meeting.

Newsletter: The club is in need of a newsletter editor if you are interested please see any of the board members at the meeting or if you can't make it please call or email us.

Outreach: See Esther's blurb.

Membership: Erika will have a meet and greet table set up at the up coming meetings to welcome all members into the club.

First Vice President: This months meeting will be a Talent Night a chance for us to show off our birds. Please email Francis Frandelhisflyers@rcn.com to sign your bird up for the evening. For November's meeting we will be having Member Margaret Ouali and JoJo the Grey Speak about their rescue.

Ended: 8:20pm

Submitted By:
Colleen Robinson.

Delco Bird Club's Bird of the Month September 2008

Bird Name: Rex and Jester

Bird Species: Yellow Nape Amazon

Owner: Lin Hammerschmidt



TOP 10 COMMANDMENTS FOR BIRDS

1. My life is likely to last 10 years or more. Any separation from you will be painful for me.
 2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
 3. Place your trust in me; it's crucial to my well being.
4. Don't get angry with me too long, don't lock me up for punishment, you have your work, your friends to entertain. I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your voice when it's speaking to me.
 6. Be aware that how you treat me, I'll never forget it.
7. Remember, before you hit me, I have a beak that could rip you open or crush your hand, but I choose not to bite you.
 8. Before you scold me for not being co-operative, lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me, not the right food, in cage too long, want to be with you or on your shoulder.
 9. Take care of me when I'm old, you'll be old too.
10. Go with me on my last journey, never say, oh I can't bear to watch it, let it happen in my absence. Everything is easier if you are there with me. REMEMBER that I love you.

Researchers Identify Virus Linked to Proventricular Dilatation Disease Researchers call the PDD virus Avian Bornavirus

By The BirdChannel News Division
Posted: July 31, 2008, 3 p.m. EDT

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, say they have identified the virus linked to [Proventricular Dilatation Disease \(PDD\)](#), a fatal disease that causes nervous system disorders in both domesticated and wild birds in the psittacine, or parrot, family. PDD has been found in 50 different parrot species, as well as five other orders of birds, and is considered to be the greatest threat to captive breeding of birds in this family, according to UCSF.

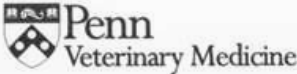
The researchers also developed a diagnostic test for the virus. The virus, which has been named Avian Bornavirus (ABV), is a member of the bornavirus family, whose other members cause encephalitis in horses and livestock.

“This discovery has potentially solved a mystery that has been plaguing the avian veterinary community since the 1970s,” said Joseph DeRisi, Ph.D., who led the team with Don Ganem, MD, both professors and Howard Hughes Medical Investigators at UCSF. “These results clearly reveal the existence of an avian reservoir of remarkably diverse bornaviruses that are dramatically different from anything seen in other animals.”

Drs. DeRisi and Ganem said that the discovery of the ABV virus could have profound consequences on both domesticated parrot species and in the conservation of endangered species.

It had been theorized that a viral pathogen was the source of the disease, but until now, no one had been able to identify it. “This provides a very compelling lead in the long-standing search for a viral cause of PDD,” Ganem said. “With the development of molecular clones and diagnostic tests for ABV, we can now begin to explore both the epidemiology of the virus and how it is linked to the disease state.”

The study, which will be published in *Virology Journal*, is also co-authored by Amy Kistler, Ph.D., from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Medicine at UCSF; Susan Clubb, DVM, from the Rainforest Clinic for Birds and Exotics in Loxahatchee, Fla.; and Ady Gancz, from The Exotic Clinic, Herzlyia, Israel; among others.




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PARROT OF THE MONTH

Watch for a different bird each month from A to Z

Illiger's Macaw



Illiger's Macaw

Description: general plumage green; forehead, sides of abdomen and lower back red; crown blue; head, nape and cheeks greenish-blue; wings and primary-coverts blue; edge of wing bluish-green; under wing-coverts olive-green; tail-feathers blue with reddish-brown tips; tail underside olive-yellow; bill black; bare cheek area whitish; iris orange-red; feet flesh-colored.

Female as male, but on average with less red to forehead and abdomen.

Immature with paler plumage and less extensive orange-red instead of red; forehead occasionally without red; tips to bill horn-colored.

Length: 43 cm (17 ins).

Distribution: eastern Brazil from Para and Maranhão south to Mato Grosso and Rio Grande do Sul, Paraguay and northeast Argentina.

Habitat: forest near water courses; coastal forest to 1,000 m (3,300 ft)

Status: now rare because of extensive deforestation; endangered in Paraguay.

Habits: in pairs or groups outside breeding season; flight differs from other dwarf macaws with odd jerky movement; call raucous.

Natural diet: unknown; occasionally forages in maize and grain held.

Breeding behavior: unknown; egg measures 37.1 x 29.9 mm (1.46 x 1.18 ins)

Aviculture: medium-noisy macaw; often shy; usually only quiet and confiding if reared in aviculture; hardy and not susceptible after acclimatization; little bathing requirement; enjoys chewing fresh branches.

Accommodation: outside flight 3 x 1.5 x 2 m (9 x 5 x 6 ft) with adjoining shelter; minimum temperature for newly imported birds 15°C (59°F); not less than 5°C (41°F) when acclimatized.

Diet: seed mix of sunflower, safflower, various millets, oats, hemp, dried rowanberries, some pinenuts plenty of fruit, green food and vegetables, regular mineral supplements, dried shrimp, tendency to biased diet if overfed, give calcium before and during breeding; egg food and half-ripe maize for rearing.

Breeding in aviculture: often achieved; pairs prefer to breed in relatively dark inside room; diagonal nest box 22 x 40 x 30 cm (8.5 x 16 x 12 ins); entrance hole 8 cm (3 ins) in diameter, clutch 4 to 5 eggs; incubation 26 days; fledging period 12 weeks; very shy when breeding; sensitive to nest box inspection and other disturbances, often results in damage to eggs; up to 3 breeding per year possible.

Events

5th Annual Parrot Palooza

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Frandelhisflyers@rcn.com and I will be happy to send pictures and discuss further details.

Jojo The Grey Adoption and Rescue For Birds

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

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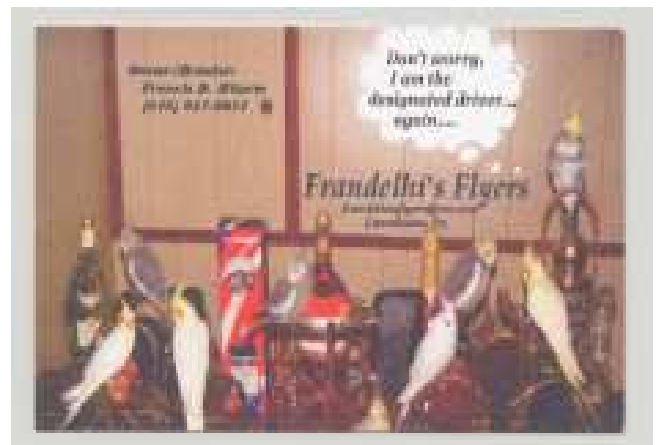
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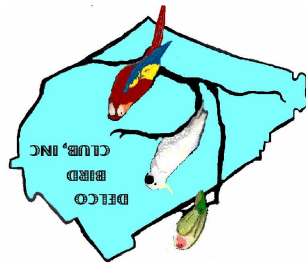
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