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## Bird Droppings



### UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> – THIRD SUNDAY  
JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> – FOURTH SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 25<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
  - Make-it-take-it workshops
- And more.....

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)



## Monthly Potluck

A few years ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that “Everyone”, please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all.

## EDITORS BULLETIN

### BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for publishing in the current month’s newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia, MI 48150 or email them to him at [splafchan@twmi.rr.com](mailto:splafchan@twmi.rr.com)

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



## FROM THE PREZ:

OK are you not loving this weather I put up Christmas decorations in shorts it seemed so strange but was so nice and the weather has been anything but fall or winter like. I am sure it will change and I am not looking forward to it. I must say that we did an outstanding job at the Novi Pet Expo we were jammed with people even during the shows and because of the nicer weather the attendance was up over years past. We even broke a record making the most in donations we have ever made at the expo \$800 that just blew me away. Also we were asked to help a gentleman from Canada whose name was Jessie James aka The Bird Whisperer ( a bird behaviorist) by supplying birds for his talks and boy did we come through better than even he expected. Now mind you he

## 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.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.

travels the world doing these talks and helping with problem birds and he told me that we were the best group he has ever worked with in the **ENTIRE WORLD**, yes you read that right the entire world and he has been doing this for a long time. So to get praise like that is a testament to how our group operates and the impression we give to the people. He even told the people that put on the expo this and could not stop praising our group to them. The thing that impressed him the most is how we did not leave anyone out young to old and even those in wheelchairs we made it a point to make sure they all had the same experience and got to handle a bird if they wanted to. So to all those who gave up their time to help us at the expo a huge thank you for all you did that weekend. One strange thing did happen a small furry white thing appeared at our booth in back this thing also known as a bunny was adopted by one of our club members who shall remain nameless cute wins again!!! So now as the winter weather approaches, yes it is coming, remember this is Michigan it likes to surprise us; we slow down on the programs and can take a breather until things start up again in the spring. Also remember at the December meeting it is our mystery raffle bring something nice (no more than \$5) wrapped or bagged and let's have some fun. Speaking of fun I will not be adulting that day so let's have some holiday fun and wear your ugliest Christmas/holiday shirt or sweater remember nothing is too ugly! So at this time I would like to wish all of you the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest of New Years may you all be blessed this holiday season and as always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!**

Your Prez  
Dave



## Voice of the Veep

Wow! That about sums up our three days at the Pet Expo last month. Our rescue and club booth was listed as a featured attraction by the Expo this year and all of us did an awesome job meeting this expatiation.

I would personally like to extend my thanks to every one of our members that helped at the expo we could not have accomplished the great showing of our booth and our club without all of you. The people at Suburban Collection that are in charge of the pet expo told us that they received many complements about our booth and club not only from the attending public but also from other vendors and celebrities that were there. The bottom line is that we are now faced with the challenge of preparing for next year's expo so we can out do ourselves once again.

Our meeting this month is at the church on December 18<sup>th</sup>. It is our annual Christmas party and open house so please remember to bring a dish or desert to share. We will also have our annual Christmas raffle to help support our rescue so please remember to bring an inexpensive gift. All the proceeds go fourth to help in funding and supporting the rescue.

Thank You, to everyone for your support of our club and the rescue we couldn't do it without all of your participation.

Merry Christmas to Everyone  
and a Happy New Year  
Your Veep  
Steve



## **ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

The annual elections will be held at our January meeting. We will be voting on a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Any member in good standing is eligible to fill any one of these offices. To help you decide who you think would best fill these offices, the following is a brief guide to their duties:

**PRESIDENT:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, see that the bylaws are enforced, call such meetings as are needed, and be responsible for the execution of all motions passed by the members. The President shall also be public relations administrator and liaison between the Club and all other groups.

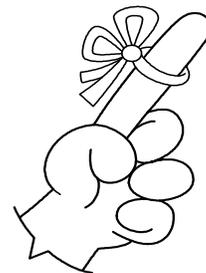
**VICE PRESIDENT:** The Vice President shall assume the President's responsibilities in the absence or disability of the President, keep constantly informed of Club activities, and shall be responsible for special programs and social events.

**SECRETARY:** The Secretary is responsible for minutes at all general membership and board meetings, reads minutes of previous meetings when requested, keeps a file of all minutes, shall provide copies of minutes for each board member upon request, is responsible for all member notices, and is responsible for all correspondence, both incoming and outgoing.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer collects all dues and records all moneys belonging to the Club, disburses same under the direction of the President, deposits the funds of the Club in the name of the Club in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Executive

Committee, and submits a statement of accounts at each meeting. The books and accounts shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any member. The Treasurer shall be responsible for disbursement of moneys for bird bands.

**TRUSTEE:** One Trustee is elected each year to serve a three year term. A person serving as Trustee is ineligible for other elected office. Duties shall be to serve as coordinators of the Club, assuring a meeting place, acting as assistants to the President, and serve as a grievance committee. They shall conduct an annual audit of all Club records, Treasurer's and Secretary's books, etc. The Trustees whose terms of office have not expired shall serve as the election committee and shall conduct the annual elections. The Trustees shall review all absences of officers and shall fill any vacant office by either appointment or special election with the membership.



## **A REMINDER**

Our dues are due in January. Checks should be made out to **RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB**. Please pay them at the January meeting or by mail to Tammy Carol at Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, PO Box 1587, Garden City MI 48135.

Please note any of our new members that have joined the club between July and December 2016 do not have to pay dues in January. Your membership is valid until January 2018!



## Bits from Baby

HOWDY to all my feathered and non-feathered Friends, this is your roving reporter Baby with the latest and greatest news.

The Pet Expo at the Suburban Collection

Showplace in Novi was a great success and everyone who attended had a wonderful time. We visited so many people that we even blocked the isles. I think this was the best Pet Expo we ever did!!! Santa stopped by for a visit and got his yearly photo with all our feathered members. There was so much going on in the three days that it would take a book to cover it all. I cannot wait till next year

See you at the next meeting.

OH yes MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

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## ATTENTION:

Since it is our Christmas/Holiday meeting let us get a little goofy, crazy and what the heck immature wear your ugly Holiday sweater, T-shirt or sweat shirt and let's have some fun!



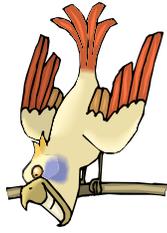
## \*RESCUE PROCEDURE\*

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 can not 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:

SHERYL KRASNOW	JAN. 1
TOM POKRYFKY	JAN. 9
CHARLES DIXON	JAN. 18
LEONARD SKOWRONSKI	JAN. 20
MARY-ELLEN WILSON	JAN. 25
KEN LAWRENCE	JAN. 26
LOVEY QUESNEL	JAN. 27
SARA SCHUBRING	JAN. 27
SHAE FENNELLY	JAN. 28
ANN STEFFY	JAN. 30
SANDRA KEMPISTY	JAN. 31



## **ODDS AND ENDS**

- **RESCUE CONTACTS** – These are the main contacts for the rescue, and from here we have several foster homes. Please refer all questions concerning the rescue to the following:

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### **Out and About with Pookie**

An amazingly fantastic effort resulted in our best showing ever at the Pet Expo in November. We the feathered members of our club were absolutely outstanding which resulted in our booth being one of the most popular booths at the expo. If it sounds like I'm bragging, I am! The expo in past years listed our club as a rescue then last year we were listed as an attraction, however this year we were listed as a featured attraction! True to our reputation we were a destination at the Pet Expo for everyone to enjoy.

There was an avian behaviorist at the expo (known as the bird whisperer) who was from Canada so he was unable to bring his own companion parrots to the events so we

volunteered to assist him with his presentations. At the same time, we had to keep enough feathered members available to stage souvenir photographs for the public. This wasn't a problem for us at all on average there was a minimum of about twenty to twenty-five feathered members present at any time.

It's very difficult to be at a three-day event like this without having any controversies and yes we had some issues. On Saturday three of our human members thought they could up-stage the feathered members by dressing up like pirates, it didn't work! Dave, Kathe and Courtney though dressed in their finest swash buckling attire couldn't command the attention that our feathered finery displayed. They may have managed to squeeze their way into a few pictures but never without a feathered member present. Oh, by the way, if anyone is interested I have not lost any of my charm and allure.

All of you know that I do live and practice an alternative life style and I'm not the only club member that does so. A point of fact is that there were three or four of us at the expo that live the same life style. In case anybody doesn't know what I'm referring to; I'm a feather picker and we do garner ooh's and awe's. We're always mistaken for baby chicks and young birds. That's when I tell them my motto; "life is grand when you dare to be bare."

If you are interested in viewing any photographs from the Novi Pet Expo 2016 you can go to their Facebook page and look for images of parrots in the pictures.

Chirps and Squawks  
Pookie

# LAUGHING ON THE INSIDE



Well The Novi Pet

Expo has come and gone but people never cease to give me great stuff for the newsletter and you know I love to share it with you. This is the stuff that always has me laughing on the inside, at least until they leave then all bets are off.

On Saturday (I was dressed like a Pirate) one guy ask me if I was trying to be Captain Arab (I think he meant Ahab).

One woman asked me if we return them to the wild where we got them originally when we are done with them.

One woman looked at Cosmo our Lesser Sulphur Crested Cockatoo and said to Tammy “that’s the biggest Cockatiel I have ever seen”.

One guy called me a liar when I told him they were all Parrots.

A very expensively dressed couple, (I only know this because they wouldn’t hold a bird for fear it would ruin their designer clothes) looked at Ruby our female Eclectus and said “those colors don’t go together” like I had something to do with her color scheme.

Another guy was disappointed because he expected Hawks, Eagles and Owls and all he saw were frou-frou birds. He thought it was a real rescue.

As always one guy looked at me and said I really thought those gray birds were Pigeons.

One woman thought we rehabilitated them for release back into their native habitats. Where then would Captain get his cashews!

Another guy asked me what we did with them when we were done with them at the expo I said we take them home but he said but what do you do with them for a whole year (everyone knows we let the air out of them and put them away until next year, duh).

My favorite was a woman looked at Aurora the Rose Breasted Cockatoo and asked me this question (and yes this does qualify as a truly stupid question), is that a Flamingo? Why yes I just hit this button and her legs and neck retract very convenient for travel.

Sadly, this is our last event until the weather warms up again but fear not when I get these gems I will pass them on to you can count on that!!!



We are raffling off grab-bag gifts at the December potluck meeting. Items are to be nice (not tacky), about \$5 in price, and wrapped in a paper bag or wrapping paper. This is a fun activity and a great fund raiser for the rescue program at the same time



## RESCUE UPDATE

Our rescue was extremely active last month. We received many more applications interested in adopting and adoptions than ever from the Pet Expo.

Here is a quick recap of our rescues and adoptions in November and early December. Daphne a Canary Wing Parakeet; Jake A Moluccan Cockatoo, Toby a Quaker Parrot and a Green Cheek Conure were all rescued and went to a foster home. All four of these parrots have been adopted by their fostering homes.

Pookie II a Cape Parrot whom was rescued over four years ago after being found in an abandoned barn was adopted. Calliope a Nanday Conure was surrendered and adopted also. There is also a Cockatiel that was found outside who has been placed in a new home.

We want to thank everyone for their participation in the raffles and for their donations to the rescue. It is the support of our members that allows us to take rescued birds to the vet and find them new homes with cages, food and toys. Your continuing support is what makes our rescue and club the success that it is

THANK YOU



## Avast ye Mates



## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well I do not know about anyone else but I am

STILL exhausted from the Novi Pet Expo but what a fine event it was. As always we were the busiest booth in the place always jammed with people marveling at how beautiful we looked even my pet human dressing up like a Pirate (Mr. Depp you have nothing to worry about) could not distract from my feathered friends or myself. We stole the show as always and I even noticed two other Pirates there but they were much prettier than the Pirate I got stuck with.

Anyway it was a super event but I want to know why everything turns into a party with this bunch I mean they were carrying on like a bunch of college kids at a fraternity /sorority mixer. At times I felt like I was in the movie Animal House thank goodness there was no Jell-O or mashed potatoes.

Then I noticed something the people coming into our booth began to behave just like our pet humans I guess we bring out the party in people. Then on Sunday we got on TV again (even though my pet human has a face for radio) they keep putting his mug, Steve, Tammy and Celeste on TV and Pookie, Sparky, J.B., Tuna and myself do agree it was a wise move for Tammy and Celeste to be there to class up the booth for the television interview. Now we are plunging headlong into the Christmas Season (hey I say Christmas season not Holiday season

I'm a Parrot I don't have to be politically correct) and I have heard a rumor that my pet human is planning to do something silly, (imagine that!!). It has something to do with ugly Christmas sweaters/shirts but it looks like I am going to be embarrassed once again. Oh well humans happen what are you going to do but roll with it. So at this time I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah and whatever holiday applies to you I hope it is merry and bright!

Cheers

Captain Morgan



## **Fishing for Tuna**

This isn't a tale about fishing for Bluefin Tuna on the Atlantic Ocean this is a short story of about a bird now named Tuna. The details of his story are slightly vague because Tuna is a twenty-five-year-old Umbrella Cockatoo whose tale began many years ago.

His story begins sometime after hatching and was either sold to his first family from a breeder or possibly from a pet store these are details that can only be speculated about now because it was so long ago. The length of time he spent at his first

home or how many homes he actually had is truly unknown until approximately six or seven years ago. At that time, he was brought to the Michigan Humane Society by the family that he lived with. The reason he was surrendered was quite simple; he was too loud, too destructive and un-handle able. He wound up at the Rochester Hills branch of the MHS to be placed up for adoption. (weather he was dropped off there or was transferred there is unknown.)

His first adoption from the MHS was to someone that most likely was enamored by his antics and his sweet and cuddly nature. However, he is an Umbrella Cockatoo. After living with this family for about six months his screaming (which can be at approximately 80-90 decibels) combined with his nature to act like a feathered beaver and reduce any piece of wood into tooth picks and kindling he was once again returned back to the MHS. When he was returned he had been given the name Too-Too and the MHS was told the reason for his return was three fold, too loud, too destructive and unable to be handled (I.E. biting.) The MHS in Rochester Hills repeated this process at least four times and when the fourth family wanted to return Too-Too to the MHS. The MHS asked them to call the Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue to rescue Too-too and hopefully find him a forever home.

Rainbow Feathers rescued Too-Too from the last person that had adopted him and she felt terrible at the time because she thought she had failed him. She had many birds at her home (finches) and because of this she felt she could handle a Cockatoo.

Cockatoos are about the size of thirty to fifty finches with a much busier beak.

Unfortunately, she awoke one morning and found Too-Too had escaped from his cage and totally destroyed a dining room chair and one leg off the dining room table. The rescue took in Too-Too and brought him to a young lady in their club nick-named the Cockatoo Whisperer to assess his temperament and handle ability. This is where he received the name Tuna and where we also learned his original name was Kato. We know his original name was Kato because he told us so.

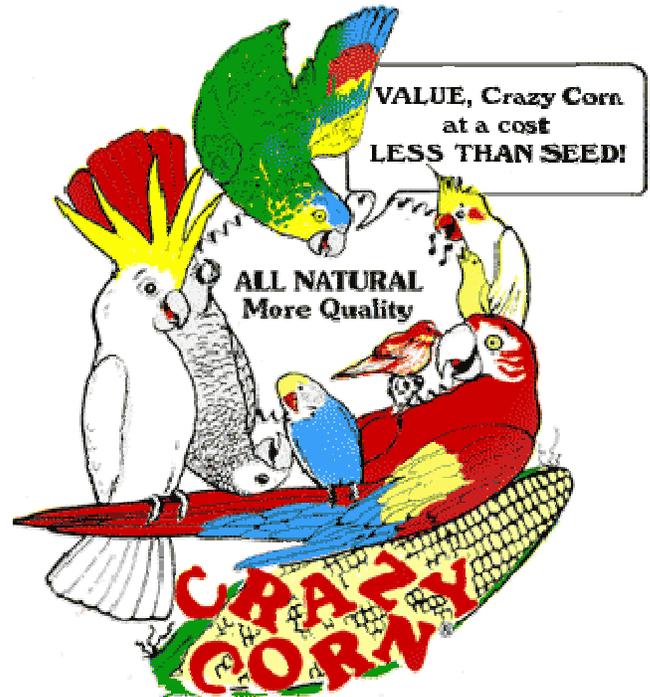
Tuna is now in his forever home with the Cockatoo Whisperer and is one of the sweetest and most loving birds we have ever seen. He is gentle with everyone he meets, including young children and seniors. Yes, he still screams; Yes, he still chews wood like a wood chipper and yes, he is still dustier than an over filled vacuum and still demands to be included with everything happening in the house. He's an Umbrella Cockatoo when you adopt a Cockatoo; it's you that must adapt because he's going to be a Cockatoo always and will always scream and chip wood. Tuna couldn't be happier and will always have a forever home.

That's just what they do because he's a

## Cockatoo.



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Belleville what a pleasant sounding name for a city it conjures up serene pastoral scenes with trees and cows and horses and barns, sorry got a little carried away waxing poetic (I know you're saying, really, ugh!). Anyway this is where the Rangers were taken to next to rescue not one but two larger parrots one being a Blue and Gold Macaw and a Congo African Gray. How this came to be was the husband and wife who owned these two were moving. Now before you get all huffy about it; thinking why didn't they take the birds with them sometimes it is not that simple. He took a promotion that had him going out of state permanently and they bought a condo that allowed pets just not the feathered kind. You see many places do not allow large loud birds now with the Macaw I can see this but Grays are very quiet none the less all larger parrots are viewed as loud and not allowed in the condo situation. Both of these birds were very much loved and it was a heart wrenching decision to turn them into the rescue. When the Rangers arrived they were saying their goodbyes to their beloved feathered friends and yes the tears were flowing. It was a very sad, sad scene as they reluctantly said goodbye and watched as the birds and all their belongings were loaded into the rescue mobile. Both people disappeared into the almost empty house

quickly because it was tearing them up to see them go. With bird's cages and toys loaded up the Rangers were on their way. It would not be long before both birds would be adopted as they were very friendly and sweet but the memory of that surrender still haunts the Rangers today. So remember not all surrenders are done because they want to it is because circumstances warrant it be it moving to a non-pet friendly environment or divorce many are done with a heavy heart. Be that as it may there is little time to dwell on every rescue for there are more yet to be done but they will be ready for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay tuned for our next edge of your seat adventure One City Three Birds!



**Upcoming Events**

**UP COMING**  
**EVENTS**

**As of**  
**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**\*\*\*\*\*2017\*\*\*\*\***

March 29<sup>th</sup> Senior Show  
 Wed American House Livonia  
 11525 Farmington Road  
 Livonia, MI 48150  
 Set-up 1:00pm

Start 2:00 pm

May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday

Senior Show  
AARP meeting at  
Wayne Community College  
21000 Northline Road  
Taylor, MI 48180  
Set-up 11:30 am  
Start 12:30 pm

\*\*\*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.



## Bloodwork is important in a post-purchase veterinary exam

By Don J. Harris, DVM

All too often a bird owner with a recently purchased bird either does not take the bird to a veterinarian for examination, or if they do, the most important part of this exam is not preformed. What is crucial in a post-purchase evaluation is the bloodwork. Because birds are great at hiding physical signs of illness, blood

testing is mandatory in assessing the health of avian patients. The veterinarian may scrutinize a bird and look for any physical abnormalities, but even the healthiest looking birds can be hiding disease. Sometimes, blood tests are the only way to accurately uncover hidden health problems. Many illnesses display no external signs until the end when the bird is at death’s door. By then, it is often too late to resolve the problem.

Most problems can be addressed if detected early, and bloodwork is the key to early detection. Bird owners should ask that blood tests be performed on their bird, even if the veterinarian doesn’t suggest it. In fact, if a veterinarian doesn’t discuss lab tests in the face of avian illness, another veterinarian should be sought. If the results are negative, the owner will have peace of mind knowing the bird is healthy. If the results suggest a problem, action can be taken to treat the condition. Bloodwork can also provide a baseline that can be helpful in future evaluations of your bird.

I recently became aware of a pet owner who took her bird to a veterinarian for a post-purchase exam. The veterinarian checked over the bird, did a culture of the bird’s throat and vent, and recommended bloodwork. The new bird owner decided not to do the blood tests. Everything appeared okay—until the bird died two days later. A necropsy showed the bird had *Aspergillus* fungus throughout its abdomen. Had the new owner consented to blood tests for her bird, the fungus would have been detected. Possible conditions or diseases that may be diagnosed through a complete blood analysis include:

- Infections
- Parasites
- Reproductivity
- Malnutrition
- Metabolic disorders such as liver or kidney disease
- Vitamin deficiencies such as Vitamin A deficiency

Bloodwork is the veterinarian’s first and most important tool in evaluating patients. It is an internal view of the bird’s overall health. Depending on the results of the initial bloodwork, other diagnostic tests may be

warranted to fully diagnose the extent or the cause of any abnormality

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A Cracked Christmas Carol  
By Dave Carol

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(PARROT STYLE)

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Frosted windowpane  
Parrots screaming inside  
There's a Cockatoo in the tree  
Oh that gray is gone he's going to find  
Things, things that he doesn't need  
It's that time of year when the world falls in  
love  
Every song if you can hear seems to say  
Merry Christmas may your New Year  
dreams come true  
And this song of mine as the parrots dine  
wishes you and yours  
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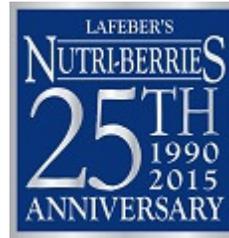
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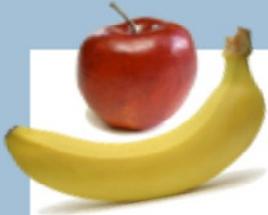
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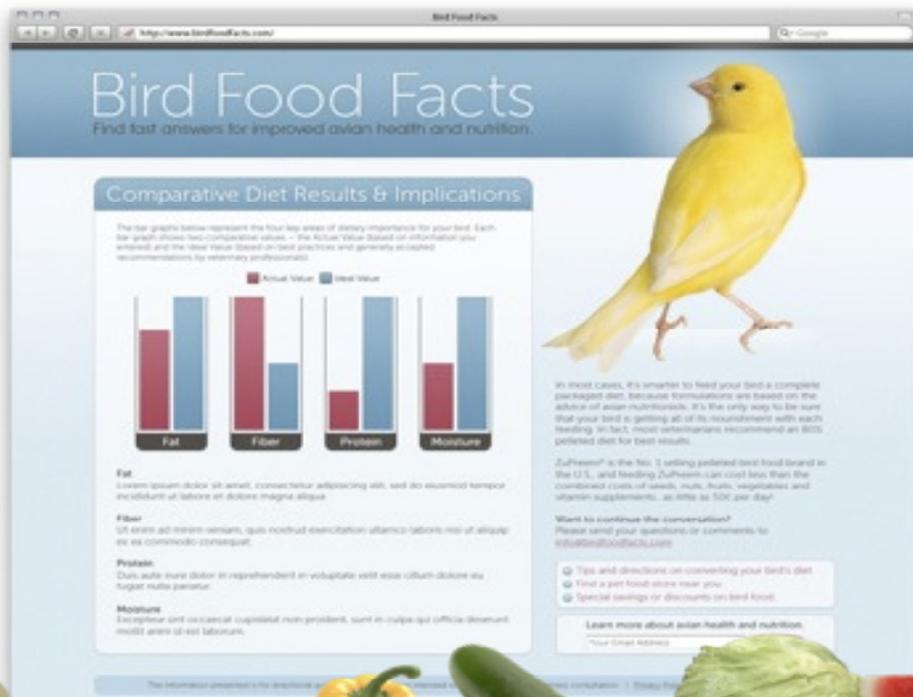


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