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AUTUMN OFFICIALLY BEGINS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22!

THE TIME FOR OUR 52st SHOW AND SALE IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING, AND IT IS AN EARLY ONE DAY SHOW & SALE THIS YEAR!

We are entering the busiest and most exciting time of the year for our club, and we anticipate a lot of new people showing their gorgeous birds. If you have never done it, don't hesitate, because more than once a novice walked away with the Judge's Choice Award with a bird that they were unsure of!

There is information inside this issue about the show hotel, raffle, and quarantine for those new birds you are going to buy, so read over it carefully and don't hesitate to ask if you have questions. Watching the judging taking place at the show will be very educational for anyone who is new. We just never stop learning in our hobby, do we?

If you are planning to sell birds or bird related items at the show this year, you need to rent your table NOW. Contact Carol Groenevelt at canarypalace@comcast.net or at 360-954-5005. You can rent a whole table for \$60 for the day of the show and share it with whomever you like. Don't delay, the tables usually go quite quickly and this is a prime opportunity to sell!

I am proud and delighted to introduce a new member who has agreed to be my Co-Editor for The Avian Flyer: Caleb Coblentz. He will be assisting me in locating and reviewing all the articles, cartoons, etc. that everyone loves. He will be attending the September meeting and is eager to meet everyone. Caleb is my adoptive Grandson. He owns a ring-necked dove named "Harley" who is his constant companion when he livestreams on his video game youtube channel, and is very possessive and jealous when it comes to her human "mate!" I am grateful for his assistance in keeping our newsletter the best it can be!

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Welcome to September. ELECTION TIME FOR THE COLUMBIA CANARY CLUB OFFICES. At the meeting all candidate for offices shall be selected. WHICH ONE WILL YOU FILL to ensure your voice is heard? A ballot will be mailed to you ten (10) days before Saturday, October 8th. New officers will be elected at the October meeting. Mail your ballot back to the Columbia Canary Club, P.O. Box 2013, Clackamas, OR. 97015. I am looking forward to new ideas and seeing new members in offices of our CCC club. You can do it. October will give new officers time to view, follow and ask questions about your NEW position.

Raffle items are need for our show. They may be new or clean, slightly use items that you would want for your birds or home. Items may be brought to the show Friday afternoon or before 9 am on Saturday the day of the show.

For a program this month let's share ways in which we keep track of our bird lines so we may improve our line each year. We may share samples.

Let's help Dan Pitney fill all the positions for another great show year. It is always fun to be involved in some small way. It is also a great way to get to know each other better.

See you Saturday, September 10 in person or on Zoom. The board will meet at 1:30pm, the Show Committee at 2:00pm and the regular meeting at 2:30pm.

Happy FALL yall

Sandy



A LETTER FROM DEBBY CORDIS-WEAVER ABOUT THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE

" Hello, let's talk about the Raffle at the bird show. I am coordinating it again this year.

I need volunteers to help me with set up/down, organize raffle prizes on tables, sell tickets and assist with the raffle itself. I could use several volunteers. You don't have to work the entire event. Perhaps 2 shifts of 4 hours each or perhaps the full day. If you volunteer or have any suggestions/questions, feel free to email me at: picordis @ aol.com.

Another subject I would like to address are the raffle prizes which will be awarded to winners of the raffle. If you can bring them on Friday night that is preferred, if not early on Saturday, the day of the show. We have a short period of time to get the prizes organized and set out before the public is admitted.

You may ask what makes for a good prize. Well the list is endless. It can include: plants, drinks, bird health products, cage assesories, books, hats, music, theater tickets, flower vases, flowers, home decorations, garden art and on and on. With a list like that everyone could bring something for the club to sell and collect funds for our club.

The show and raffle are the 2 biggest fund raisers for our bird club. Let's support our club!!

I hope you will volunteer and help me with this important task.

Debby Cordis-Weaver Raffle coordinator Picordis@aol.com

Editor's Note:

Please check page 4 for an abundance raffle ideas! Please plan on donating items and buying tickets, as this is an important fundraiser that offsets some of the cost of the show venue! Thank you to Debby for taking on this responsibility. Let's show her our support!



Columbia Canary Club Meeting Minutes August 13, 2022

Board Meeting: Treasury: One bill presented for \$56.29

Higgins sent 206 cage ID hangers for the 2022 show Sandra: Shall we try to help the National? There had been disagreements on whether to use international judges. The colorbred and fife assn. may split from the National and have their own national. Tabled.

Show Meeting: 12 members present. Hector Diaz will be in charge of the sales tables. There was discussion on what to charge for the tables. The charge for each sales table will be \$60.00 each.

There will be an increase at the admissions table and raffle. The admission for the show will be \$5.00 per person and \$10.00 per family. The price of the raffle will increase to \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00.

The next meeting date will be September 10. This month will be for nominations/elections for 2023 Board of Directors.

The following scheduled meeting is October 8. No meeting scheduled for November. December 10 – Xmas party

2023 Show: Discussion on the date. Shall our show be held after the National on November 23? Discussion is tabled.

General Meeting: Treasury: \$13,340

Sunshine: Nancy Ingram fell. Card sent Membership: No new members. There are 93

members currently enrolled.

Newsletter: Contributions appreciated

Website: Michelle Senior is currently our webmaster but must give it up after December. Dan Pitney

is going to talk her into staying.

Old business: Show Catalog: The ads have been

New business: Deborah Cordis-Weaver and Cynthia Nelson have been appointed to contact the membership to fill the 2023 Board of Directors positions.

Program: Hector Diaz on shipping of birds.



SHOW RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED



The time is here once again for all of us to purchase, gather up and hit the streets to drum up suitable donations for our fabulous RAFFLE tables. Remember, this fund raiser is absolutely necessary to offset the costs to put on our show. The items can be bird related but to sell more tickets it is important to have non-bird related items to interest a larger cross-section of people. Throughout the years raffle donations have topped each year before and together we can do it again!

Everyone, please plan to personally donate something wonderful and make every effort to solicit donations from friends and businesses where you trade. Simply share with others that we are a non-profit bird club and if they would like, we would be happy to display their name or company name along with their donation. At the same time, invite them to our bird show; we would love to share our passion for birds with everyone!

Listed below are suggestions for donations:

- Bird cages and equipment, new or gently used and very clean!
- Gas gift cards
- Restaurant gift cards, such as fast food chains or local to the area restaurants.
- Golf gift cards
- Barber shop gift cards
- Beauty salon gift cards
- Bowling gift cards
- Store gift cards
- · Garden center gift cards
- Movie gift cards
- Small appliances
- Home décor items
- Knitted or crocheted items
- Gardening supplies
- Car care kits
- Office supplies
- Clocks

- Coffee table books
- Wines
- Potted plants
- Games
- Jewelry

*Themed gift baskets with assorted items such as coffees, teas, candies, crackers and cheeses, dog, cat, garden, sewing, knitting, movie night, candles, spa, music, kitchen, office, golf, etc.

The Columbia Canary Club has the responsibility to provide a high quality show and our standards require us to present a raffle whose items are worthy of our standard. With that in mind, we ask that you give great thought to making sure the items you have collected and will be donating to our raffle are new or in like-new condition and food items need to be fresh and not close to the expiration date or expired. It is a disservice to our club to offer less and it is off-putting to the raffle participants to receive less. Your prudent attention to this will maintain our respected reputation in our community. Raffle organizers respectfully reserve the right to reject any raffle items that they do not feel adhere to these standards.

Please bring raffle donation you are considering to the September or October meetings. Please email Debby Cordis-Weaver, Raffle Coordinator at:

picordis@aol.com

with any questions that you might have regarding the raffle, and thank you in advance to those who are donating!



Training Canaries for Exhibition By Neil Cox

This short article is intended to give beginners to fancy canaries some general help in the process of training birds prior to exhibiting them in cage bird shows. Initially, it may seem strange that anyone would want to, or be able to, train a canary! However, this is an essential part of preparing birds so that they exhibit themselves at their best to a show judge. Overall, with the right care and attention, canaries can be quite tame and friendly birds all too willing to be trained and you will certainly enjoy your birds more once they have a little more confidence.

Training of canaries should begin not too long after the young have been fledged and taken away from the parents. At this point they should be fully independent and feeding well on hard seed. The young will however still be very unsteady and 'flighty' at this point, not being used to their keeper. There is usually no need to handle your canaries checking for health and I find that birds generally remain wilder and less trusting of their keeper the more times they captured by hand in cage. are

To begin training try to obtain one or more Fife or Border canary show cages or similar - these are mostly all wire and allow birds to see all around them. My general experiences are with this type of wire cage, but I'm sure the more 'boxtype' show cages used for Norwich, Gloucester and other breeds could be adapted for training. Once you have a suitable cage, there will be a need to attach it to the front of the cage in which your young canaries are housed. I usually use either metal 'S' hooks or small alligator clips (both cheaply available from any hardware store) to attach the show cage to the front of the main cage; with a clip or twist-tie (or small length of twistable wire) used to keep the main cage door open so that the birds can move freely into the show cage. A word of warning, take time to ensure that all of the cages and their doors are correctly set-up - otherwise you may find yourself chasing canaries around the birdroom!

To tempt the young birds to pass into the show cage, offer a small amount of greenfood at the far end of the show cage, so that the birds will have to enter it fully to get to their treat. This process of attaching a show cage to the main cage should be regularly repeated for at least two a month. At this to your birds will have become much more used show cage, and vou find that some of the braver individuals will be eager to enter the show cage before both cage doors are fully open.

At this point you should consider keeping each bird within just a show cage for several hours instead of leaving the show cage attached to the main housing cage. Do not use the clips etc. at this stage to secure the show cage to the main cage, instead open both doors and simply press the show cage up against the front of the main cage. Your birds should be very used to this set-up now and will often quickly enter the show cage. Once the bird is within the show cage lift the show cage slightly so that the cage door is blocked by the front of the main cage. The show cage door can then either be closed manually or will slide down accord. of its own

Once you have the desired bird within a show cage, ensure that it has a good supply of both water and seed to last it for some hours in the show cage. It is especially important to guide the canary to the water source and one of the best means of achieving this is by simple placing a the piece greenfood in water drinker to attract the canary. Outside of the exhibition environment, it is advisable to leave birds in a show cage for only a relatively limited time (perhaps four hours), although they can be left for longer if good fresh water and adequate seed is available throughout the day. Following this routine regularly will mean (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

that your birds will soon be much more relaxed and keen to come out into a show cage for the day. In addition to actually getting a bird trained show into the cage, come to important to consider other means of ensuring that your birds are showing themselves to their best when judged in an exhibition. During the exhibition a judge and the stewards will typically need to pick up the cage with your bird in, and the more steady a bird is the more a judge will appreciate it. Ensure that in your birdroom you handle the show cages with your birds in regularly; pick the show cages up and look at the bird from every angle - as a judge will, and as you should when selecting your show team. For Fifes and Borders the cages should only be handled by holding the wooden base of the cage, try not to use the small wire handle at the top of the cage - your birds will not be handled in a show this way. Regular and correct handling of the show cage will ensure that your birds become very used to the attention of judges. In addition to handling, I have generally found that the more exhibiexposed tions canary to. the calmer it will be at those really 'big' shows. If your local club holds an early 'young-stock' show for members, try to enter your full show team. Not only will it be good training for the young birds, but you will also be supporting your club through often modest fees. the entry

Two other means of assisting with training canaries that I have seen used by other experienced fanciers, but I do not employ myself, include blocking part of a wire show cage with cardboard or tying a piece of string to the top of the training show cage. The purpose of blocking much of the sides of the wire show cage is to encourage the canary to stand more erect, often in a position closer to the type model of the particular breed. Tying a piece of string to the top of the show cage will encourage the bird to stretch up and pick at the string (canaries are very inquisitive birds), again in the hope of improving the stance of the canary. I personally feel that the stance of a bird should be one of the considerations when selecting breeding stock, but

this is a personal choice and many fanciers are happy to use the above mentioned additional training

methods.

The steps outlined here should provide a general guide to ensuring your canaries are well-trained for any exhibition. Training canaries, as with much of canary husbandry, shouldn't be a difficult process or represent a chore, and should instead always represent a part of the enjoyment of this wonderful pastime.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Neil Cox is a member of the Maryland All Canaries Club.





For the first time EVER our complete show catalog will be available in a digital format as well as booklet format! So keep an eye out for these in your email and/or snail mail boxes! Thanks go to Show Manager Dan Pitney for that innovation!

Quarantining New Birds

The importance of quarantining new birds from an existing flock of healthy birds is not something to approach nonchalantly. Unfortunately, some people do not appreciate the importance of following proper quarantine procedures until they have experienced their own personal disaster with illness and disease brought in by new birds.

When it comes to masking illness, birds should be considered "masters of disguise." More often than not, by the time the bird is visually telling us something is wrong (fluffed up, inactive, lethargic, etc.), whatever is ailing the bird has been allowed to progress to the point of potentially being life threatening. Because birds can mask illness until it becomes a life or death situation, it is very easy to bring a sick bird into your flock because outwardly it appears to be the picture of health.

Suggested Quarantine Protocols

The following are my recommended quarantine procedures. Other individuals may differ slightly in what they recommend, and I urge everyone to research the various quarantine protocols out there and choose the methods that work best for them.

Length of Time:

I recommend that new birds be quarantined away from your existing birds for a minimum of 4 weeks. Note that I am saying minimum. In some cases, I have quarantined birds for up to three months before introducing them to my flock. Generally speaking, if I feel the birds are coming from a questionable environment or I was not able to see the facilities where the birds came from, I am much more strict about the way in which I quarantine the birds.

Treatment During Quarantine:

The subject of proactively treating birds for disease while in quarantine is a touchy one. I for one do not generally recommend that individuals treat birds for undiagnosed illnesses, but sometimes, taking the proactive road with new birds with an unknown health history can give peace of mind to the

buyer that their flock will not be put at risk once the new birds are introduced. The below schedule is just one possible way to handle birds during Quarantine based on questions I have received over the years. You can choose not to medicate at all and simply observe your birds behavior, body condition, and droppings for signs of something off.

There are many diseases out there that can be carried by birds asymptomatically (lying dormant) for months - during which time, they have the ability of infecting other healthy members of the flock quietly and without any warning. Some diseases, such as Chlamydia and Giardia, can actually be tested for by taking samples and sending them to a lab such as Avian Biotech in Florida.

Owning a microscope and performing your own fecal smears on new birds is one way to help eliminate treating for certain things unnecessarily. However, microscope work is difficult and accurately identifying pathogens versus artifacts in the scope is a learning process that takes years of experience to master.

All that being said - some folks simply are not going to be predisposed to running out and spending money on a microscope and supplies for the purposes of looking at finch poop during a quarantine period! For these individuals, I have designed a "rough" quarantine treatment schedule which I have outlined below. I will accept zero liability for any issues or complications which may result from following this quarantine treatment outline. Individuals administering medications to their birds do so at their own risk.

Day 1

SCATT - Apply 1 drop to the skin of the bird. This can be accomplished by holding the bird in the palm of the hand with the head secured between the pointer and middle finger. Use your pointer finger to push back the neck feathers and expose the skin on the back of neck, and apply a single drop using a dropper or pipette.

OR

Iverlux - Alternatively, for large numbers of birds - a water soluble Ivermectin treatment such as Morning Bird's Iverlux can be used. The recommendation is two consecutive days of treatment for three consecutive weeks.

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ASM treatment is predominantly for species characteristically associated with Air Sac Mite infec-Gouldians. tions. Canaries and E.g., In serious cases of ASM, a secondary respiratory infection may be present which could require subseantibiotic treatment to address. Although I treat birds during quarantine for ASM - I belong to the camp of people who do not believe that routine ASM treatments are necessary, and that ASM infections are, at best, generally anecdotal.

Days 5-6 and 13-14

Worm-Away - A water soluble wormer such as Morning Bird's Worm Away should be used for two consecutive days, and then repeated in 7 days. The wormer eradicates intestinal/internal parasites such as threadworms, tape worms and gizzard worms. The follow-up treatment of Worm-Away is designed to cover the entire life-cycle.

Note: The ingredients in SCATT (Moxidectin) and Iverlux (Ivermectin) also act as wormers. Moxidectin acts as a preventive and treatment for (roundworm) parasites. internal ascarid Ivermectin treats threadworms by killing worms in the intestines, and will kill developing roundworms adult but will not kill roundworms.

The active ingredients in Worm-Away are Praziquantel and Oxfendazole. Praziquantel treats trematode (flukes) parasites as well as tape worms and works by killing the worms. Oxfendazole is a broad-spectrum anthelmintic mainly used for roundworms, strongyles (nematodes - e.g., gizzard worms) and pinworms (threadworms).

Day 15

SCATT - Apply 1 drop to the skin of the bird. This can be accomplished by holding the bird in the palm of the hand with the head secured between the pointer and middle finger. Use your pointer finger to push back the neck feathers and expose the skin on the back of neck, and apply a single drop using a dropper or pipette. This follow-up application of SCATT is to be sure the entire life-cycle of ASM is covered. Alternatively, this can be applied after three weeks instead of two (Day 22).

Days 21-22, 35-46 and 49-50

Baycox (Coccidiosis) - Baycox is used for two consecutive days, every other week, over a six week time period. This ends up being six total applications of treatment. Treatment takes place over six weeks because Coccidia has a six-week life-cycle.

Coccidiosis is a protozoan infection that can generally be acknowledged as being endemic in the US. Birds can be carrying and periodically shedding the organism with no outward signs of disease or infection. This is especially true for birds housed in outdoor aviaries. It is for this reason that I always treat for Coccidiosis during quarantine.

Coccidiostat vs. Coccidiocide:

A coccidiostat is a medication that retards the life-cycle of the coccidia organism. They are generally used in aviaries where the infection is likely to remain endemic - e.g., chicken and pigeon enclosures, outdoor aviaries, and aviaries which are likely to have repeated exposure. The idea is that when conditions (during periods of stress or warm, humid weather) are favorable for the organism to spread, the coccidiostat is given to retard the life-cycle (the shedding of the oocysts) so that outbreaks are fewer among the birds. During the summer months, many outdoor aviaries treat with a coccidiostat to prohibit infection. A coccidiostat WILL NOT CURE a coccidiosis infection. In fact, the nature of the product is designed to prevent the portion of the life-cycle responsible for symptoms of the infection itself. So, if your birds are symptomatic, the coccidiostat will do nothing. If the birds are asymptomatic and you use a coccidiostat, it will only be effective during the period of time it is given, and it will not eradicate any existing coccidia organisms. Examples of Coccidiostats: Cocci-Care, Coccivet, Abba Sulfcox 55ml.

A coccidiocide is a medication indicated for treating (eradicating) the coccidia organisms. The complication here is that there are many medications on the market that suggest they "treat" coccidiosis. TriMethoprim Sulfa is one such medication thrown around as being effective against coccidia. From individuals who have positively diagnosed a bird with Coccidiosis based on fecal exams, the only medication that has been used and reported to have eliminated the occysts from follow-up fecals is BAYCOX which is why it is the only medication I would use or recommend for treatment.

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It is my opinion that TMS and other combination meds such as MedPet 4-in-1 act more as a coccidiostat than a coccidiocide.

Days 60-69

Ronidasole (Anti-Protozoal) - Ronidasole (in the form of Ronex or Ronivet-S) should be administered for 7-10 consecutive days to eradicate any motile flaggelates.

There are currently two brands and two concentrations of Ronidasole available: Ronex (Morning Bird) and Ronivet-S(Vetafarm). Each is available in either a 6% and a 12% form. If using the 6% concentration, my recommendation for treating is using 4x the recommended dosage for the first three days of treatment, then treating at 2x the recommended dosage for the remaining 4-7 days. If you are using the 12% concentration, then you would double the dosage for the first three days, and administer the normal dosage for the remainder of treatment. Certain protozoal infections (Trichomonas) are more common than others (e.g., Hexamita), and with the relative frequency of Trich infections in caged birds this is why I would recommend treating incoming birds with Ronidasole during quarantine. Protozoan organisms (including Coccidia) can be detected by a PCR test through Avian Biotech - but tests can be costly if individuals are buying multiple birds. Note: although Coccidia is a protozoan, it is not treated with Ronidasole.

August's Treasurer's Report:

Income:

Membership: \$25. Hookbill trophy: 25. Raffle: 5. Show Ads: 290. Total Income: 345.

Expenses:

Ribbons from National: \$155.

Ending Bank Balance: \$13,340.36

SHOW HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

Shilo Inn Salem 3304 Market Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301 503-581-4001

The price is \$125 + tax per night for a double queens room or a single king sized bed. A pet fee is additional for dogs. The deadline to make reservations is 5:00 pm on Oct. 7, 2022.

Below is a map showing the way to and from the hotel to the fairgrounds as well as written directions.



Go out to Market Street NE and turn left on to it.

Turn right onto Evergreen Ave NE (.3 mi)

Turn left onto Sunnyside Road NE (.4 mi)

Turn right onto 17th Street NE (.2 mi)

Arrive at Oregon State Fairgrounds 2330 17th Street NE

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 2022

Board—1:30 pm / Show Committee—2 pm General Meeting —2:30 pm

Refreshments will be provided by Maymelle & Beth.

DIRECTIONS TO CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY CLUB

FROM THE SOUTH: I-205 North to Exit 12 for OR-212 E toward OR-224 E/Damascus/Estacada. Use middle lane to turn right onto OR-212 E. Turn left at the 1st cross street onto SE 82nd Drive. Turn left onto SE St. Helens Street. Turn left onto SE 90th Avenue. Destination will be on the left after a right hand curve. Smaller of the two buildings. (Was once a residence.)

FROM THE NORTH: I-205 South. Take exit 12A to merge onto OR-212 E toward Damascus. Merge onto OR -212 E. Turn left on 82nd Drive. Turn left onto SE St. Helens Street. Turn left onto SE 90th Avenue. Destination will be on the left after a right hand curve. Smaller of the two buildings. (Was once a residence.)





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