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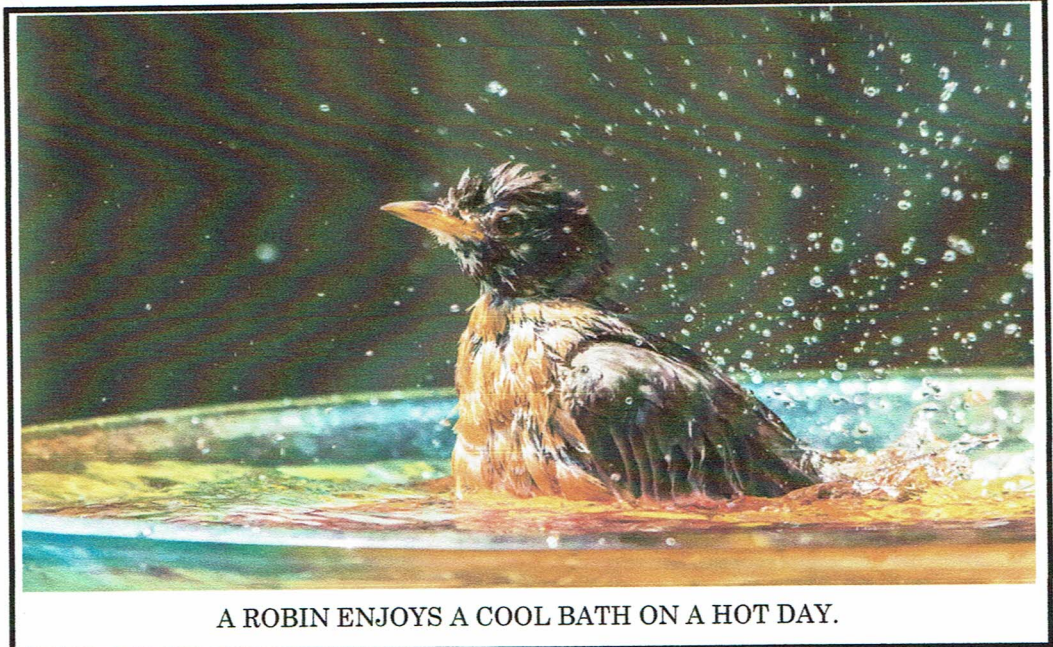
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A ROBIN ENJOYS A COOL BATH ON A HOT DAY.

### To The Membership:

I apologize for getting our newsletter out later than it should be once again. My husband has been admitted to the hospital 3 times in the last 4 weeks, twice through the Emergency Department by ambulance, and once by car. This year has brought many difficult health challenges for both he and I.

I have produced the club newsletter for many years now, but think that it might be time to past the torch to someone else, so to speak.

I use Microsoft Publisher to produce it, and have dedicated a computer completely to that task in order that nothing would potentially interfere with it's production. It should go out at the beginning of the week prior to the meeting. I would be happy to assist anyone who would like to take on this project on the club's behalf. Please contact me if you are interested in knowing more.

We conducted a survey of club members a few years ago, and one of the questions was "What do you consider to

be the greatest benefit of belonging to the club. I am proud to say that the newsletter came out on top. I'm sure with new inspiration that it would remain that way in the future as well.

Caleb has been seeking out and providing our funny comics and cartoons, which some members have said is their favorite part of the newsletter. :-)) I am sure he would be willing to continue to do that for a new Editor.

Please let me know if you are interested in editing the Avian Flyer for our club.

Have a great and safe summer!

Beth Murphy  
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*THE PREZ SEZ*

Our July picnic was a fun event. It was a good time to get caught up on what is happening in members lives and bird rooms. A big thanks to Kris Rigdon for making arrangements for us. It was appreciated by all who were able to attend.

We held a short meeting at the picnic. It was decided that we will not print a formal show catalog this year in the way it has been done in the past. In it's place, we will send out much of the same information in the club's newsletters. The show rules and classifications will be emailed out ahead of time and we will make copies of them to have available at the show for those who need them.

Randi Smith is organizing the sales tables at our Oct. 26 show and sale. Randi has created an application form for people who want to reserve a sales table at the show. This year you will need to fill out the form and return it with your \$75 payment by Oct. 15. Tables will be reserved on a first come basis. We will be limited on the number of tables available. Application forms will be emailed out to all our members soon.

We are grateful to Debbie Cordis-Weaver for volunteering to be the club canary band secretary. Norma Hoffmann has filled this role and done a great job for the past several years. Norma is retiring. You have done a terrific job, Norma. Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on August 10. Wayne Smith will provide our program on "Raising and Breeding Grass Parakeets". I hope you can join us either in person or via zoom.

*Dan Pitney*



### July Treasurer's Report

Hello Members-  
 The club's board members unanimously agreed to renew our Certificate of Deposit for another 11 months and increased it by \$500 (transferred from our checking account). In the past 11 months, we earned \$316.75 in interest from the CD when the interest rate was 4.95%. While the interest rate is now down to 3.92%, this is still a decent profit we will earn for our club over the next 11 months.

Beginning Checking Account: \$4,980.76  
 Beginning CD Account: \$7,287.84  
 \$12,268.60

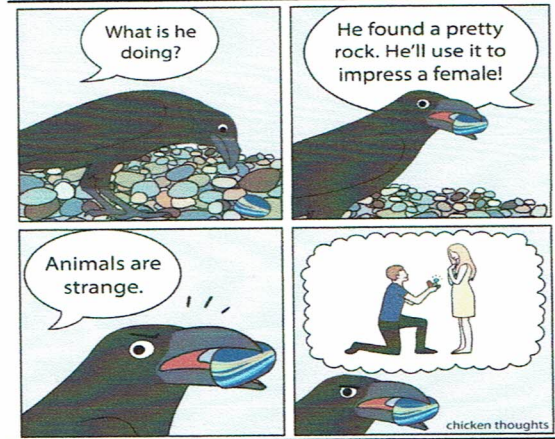
Income:  
 CD Interest-\$28.91

Expenses:  
 National Bird Show catalog advertisement for our October show-\$90

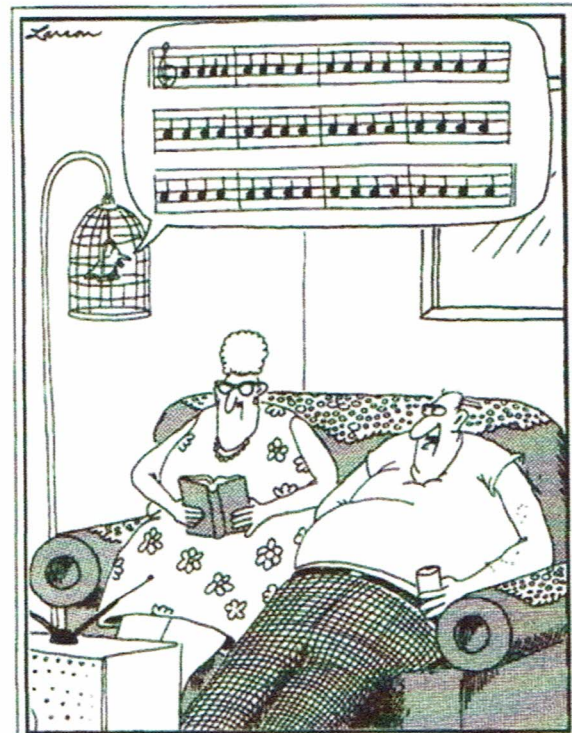
Ending Checking Account: \$4,480.76  
 Ending CD Account: \$7,816.75  
 \$12,297.51

### BABY LOVEBIRDS FOR SALE!!

Club member Roflin Reginald has adorable baby lovebirds for sale, all from their own stock. They have a variety of colors available as well, so if you have been thinking about adding some lovebirds to your aviary now is your chance!! \$90 for one but will negotiate if you buy more! They are located in Portland. Contact her at 971-269-9196 or by email at roftin567@gmail.com.



★ Don't forget to ★  
 keep those bird ★  
 baths full ★



"Hit the bird, Ruth— he's stuck."

## 2024 Show Catalog Suggestion

To produce a limited show catalog in an 8.5 x 11 inch paper format that can be emailed out in September and easily printed. A much smaller number can be printed and copied to bring to the show. Some information that has been in the previous catalogs can be included in the September and October club newsletters. We would not solicit and print Commercial or Member Advertisements.

### **Newsletter Information**

- Date and location of show (address only)
- Schedule of events
- Hotel information
- Sales Table Rules and reservation information
- Judges information

### **Catalog Information**

- Date and location (address only)
- Schedule of Events
- Canary Show Rules
- Canary Awards
- Canary Classifications
- Finch & Softbill Show Rules
- Finch & Softbill Awards
- Finch & Softbill Classifications
- Small Hookbill Show Rules
- Small Hookbill Awards
- Small Hookbill Classifications

**CCC Sales Tables for Oct Show Application**  
**Deadline Oct 15, 2024**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Sharing a table with:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Table Price (8ft table) - \$75

I, the vendor, understand that the purchase of a table is available on a first come, first serve basis - those who have submitted a completed application with payment secure a table first. There will be only 20 Sale Tables available. I am submitting my application with the proper payment and agree to read the Sales Area Rules in the upcoming newsletter.

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

All completed application forms should be mailed to: Randi Smith 1228 SW Texas St. Portland, OR 97219

Payments should be made out to the CCC (either via check or Zelle). Check payments will also be mailed to Randi Smith. Zelle payments need to be sent to the treasurer's email : [cynthia.nelson@comcast.net](mailto:cynthia.nelson@comcast.net) .

Any special requests? \_\_\_\_\_

## Avoid This Deadly Mistake: Hydrating Your Bird Safely

by Matt Rowe

Many of the things that we do are simple automatic behavior. Nonetheless, we are still quite careful in the way that we handle ourselves to ensure the best possible results. Birds are the same. It's important to understand just how our beloved birds are different from us in the way they breathe, eat, and other activities we take for granted. The thing to watch for is that we do not allow our normal understanding of how we do things to become how we think we can treat our birds. They are different in many ways. Today, let's explore how they ingest water.

### Water The Wrong Way Can Aspirate

Birds have an airway opening in their mouths that reacts differently in times of stress and in times of normalcy. That opening leads to the trachea, opening and closing with regularity. This physiological difference can lead to a horrible outcome if an unsuspecting person with a new parrot thinks that it is ok to introduce water into their mouths with a dropper. Birds have a controlled way of drinking water that works effectively for them. They know how to keep water from entering the opening leading to their trachea. However, when stressed, the bird's airway opens and closes rapidly. If you use a dropper because you feel they need water, you run the high and unacceptable risk of asphyxiating the bird if even a tiny single drop should enter the airway.

If a bird sees you attempting to drip water into their mouth, this will likely initiate a stress event. In this, the danger of several issues is introduced. A drop of water entering the trachea can lead to choking, overhydration, bacterial introduction, and a host of other problems that could lead to the birds' death. Birds already know how to regulate the amount of water that they drink. They effectively dip their beaks, intake water, lift their heads, and let the life-

giving liquid slide naturally down their throats, avoiding the airways altogether. It's an instinctive behavior that is greatly disrupted if a person feels that water needs to be introduced into the bird's system.

The best way to provide water is to leave a dish within their reach. The bird will know how to deal with that. If, however, you believe that the bird is in distress because it is not drinking water, then it is vitally important that you refer the bird to a veterinarian who can get to the bottom of why your bird is not drinking appropriately and possibly help it.

The bottom line here is to warn all bird owners who are unaware of the dangers of introducing water abnormally to a bird that it is never a good idea to do so.

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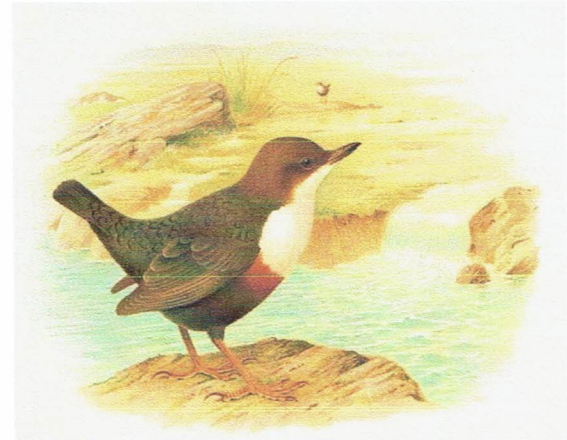
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### A Bird's Lesson

Author Unknown

A little bird with feathers brown,  
Sat singing in a tree;  
The song was very soft and low,  
But sweet as it could be.

And all the people passing by  
Looked up to see the bird  
Whose singing was the sweetest  
That they had ever heard.

But all the bright eyes looked in vain:  
As birdie was so small,  
And with a modest, dark brown coat,  
He made no show at all.

"Dear Papa," little Gracie said,  
"Where can this birdie be?  
If I could only sing like that,  
I'd sit where folks could see."

"I hope my little girl will learn  
A lesson from that bird;  
And try to do what good she can—  
Not to be seen nor heard."

"This birdie is content to sit  
Unnoticed by the way,  
And sweetly sing his Maker's praise,  
From dawn to close of day."

"So live, my child, to do some good,  
Let life be short or long;  
Though people may forget your looks,  
They'll not forget your song."

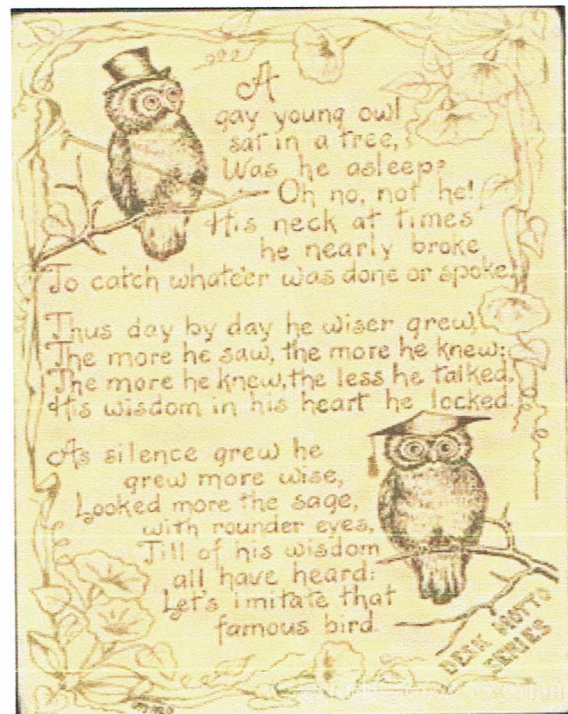
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"I knew I should have stopped you two from watching that bird nature show."



# WHEN SHOULD I TAKE MY BIRD TO A VETERINARIAN?

## INTRODUCTION

Many species of birds have a long lifespan, and people who obtain a companion or aviary bird expect a long-term, rewarding relationship with their pet. Having an avian (bird) veterinarian on your team can play a vital role in helping to achieve this goal. The Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) recommends regular checkups for companion birds to ensure they live a full, healthy life.

## AN AVIAN VETERINARIAN CAN HELP YOU:

### Choose a New Pet Bird

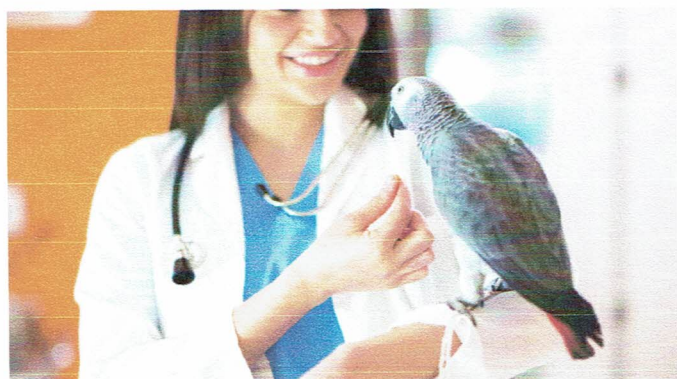
Experienced avian veterinarians are a valuable source of information regarding the personality, needs, and longevity of the many different species of pet birds. They can also discuss with you what to look for when selecting a new bird. Starting off with a healthy and compatible pet makes everything so much easier!

### Make Sure Your New Bird Is Healthy

Whether you buy or adopt a new pet bird, make sure to take them to a veterinarian for a health check right away. Not only does this visit protect your financial investment, it also protects the health of the other birds, pets, and people in your home. Many bird diseases and health problems are not obvious, and avian veterinarians have been trained to recognize subtle signs of trouble. Using a combination of physical examination findings and diagnostic testing, your veterinarian will screen your new pet for medical issues. Ask your avian veterinarian about diagnostic testing for bacteria, viruses, and parasites, and about blood tests to monitor organ function and other physiological processes. A blood test can also be done to determine the sex of your bird if you own a species in which males and females look alike.

### Provide Your Bird with the Best Diet and Housing Possible

Your veterinarian can recommend an appropriate cage with proper perches, fun toys, foraging feeders, water bottles, and other cage accessories to ensure that your bird is comfortable and secure. Feeding your bird properly is one of the most important aspects of keeping it healthy, and an avian veterinarian is the most knowledgeable resource available about what diet will be best for your companion.



### Address Training Issues and Unwanted Behaviors

Your avian veterinarian can explain normal and abnormal behaviors for the species of bird you own. They can also help you with behavior modification to reduce unwanted biting, screaming, and egg production. The psychological wellbeing of both owner and bird are equally important to establish and maintain a good relationship.

### Set Up a Breeding Program

Birds destined to be in a breeding situation have different needs than birds that will be companion pets. Your avian veterinarian can determine the sex of your birds, and advise you on purchasing mates, quarantining new birds, proper diet and housing, egg laying cycles, incubation procedures, hand-feeding babies, nursery management, and more.

### Give Your Bird the Best Life Possible

Health problems in birds can be difficult to identify. An annual health check with an experienced avian veterinarian is essential for the prevention and early detection of illness. AAV recommends that you have your bird seen by an avian veterinarian a minimum of once per year. Annual visits allow your veterinarian to establish normal values that can be used as a baseline, and screen for problems that cannot be seen.

### Help Your Bird When It Is Ill

In the wild, a sick bird will attempt to maintain a normal appearance as long as possible. One result of this behavior in companion birds is that by the time signs of illness are obvious, the bird may have been ill for some time. For this reason, owners should bring their birds to their avian veterinarian promptly when signs of illness are noticed. For more information, please see the AAV handout entitled "Signs of Illness in Companion Birds."



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# WHEN SHOULD I TAKE MY BIRD TO A VETERINARIAN?

## Help You Learn What Every Bird Owner Should Know

- Basic daily bird care requirements
- Proper nutrition required for your species of bird
- Proper housing and environmental needs for your bird
- Environmental enrichment such as toys and foraging opportunities
- Techniques for accident prevention
- How to prevent the spread of disease from one bird to another
- How to provide emergency care to your bird
- How to identify signs of illness so that proper medical care can be sought
- How often your bird needs medical care

## Finding an Avian Veterinarian

There are several good ways to find an avian veterinarian near you. A comprehensive list of avian veterinarians can be found on the AAV website; visit [www.aav.org](http://www.aav.org), then click on "Find a Vet." Other bird owners as well as local bird stores and clubs can also be good sources of information.

## AAV: Setting a Standard in Avian Care Since 1980

Avian medicine is a distinct and very specialized field that requires extensive training, advanced skills, and facilities specifically designed and equipped to treat and hospitalize birds. The Association of Avian Veterinarians was established to provide veterinarians with this special education, and to keep them up to date with the latest information on bird health. The AAV holds an annual conference on avian medicine and publishes the peer-reviewed *Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery*. AAV also makes annual contributions toward avian conservation and sponsors studies advancing the understanding of avian medicine.

## For More Information

For more information on birds, ask your veterinarian for copies of the following AAV Client Education Brochures:

- Avian Chlamydiosis and Psittacosis
- Veterinary Care for Your Pet Bird\*
- Basic Care for Companion Birds\*
- Behavior: Normal and Abnormal
- Caring for Backyard Chickens
- Digital Scales
- Feather Loss
- Feeding Birds
- Injury Prevention and Emergency Care
- Managing Chronic Egg-laying in Your Pet Bird
- Signs of Illness in Companion Birds\*
- Ultraviolet Lighting for Companion Birds
- When Should I Take My Bird to a Veterinarian?\*
- Zoonotic Diseases in Backyard Poultry\*



Scan to view these handouts and more on AAV's Bird Owner Resources page!

\*Available in multiple languages. All others are available in English only at this time.

## Online Resources

Follow AAV on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/aavonline](https://www.facebook.com/aavonline)) for great tips and the latest news for pet bird owners. You can also find us on Instagram (@aavonline) and YouTube!

Our website, [www.aav.org](http://www.aav.org), offers a Find-a-Vet tool to help pet bird owners locate avian veterinarians around the world. We also offer a variety of resources such as basic bird care instructions and more. Visit the website today!

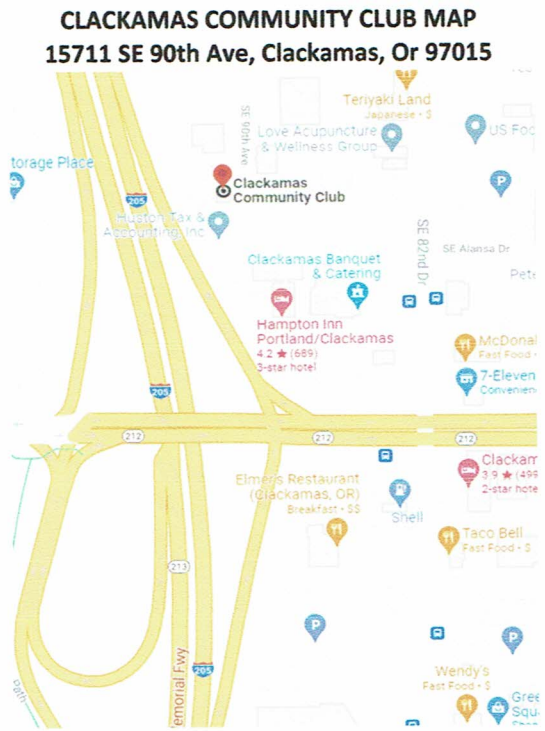
**AUGUST MEETINGS**  
**Saturday, August 10, 2024**  
**at the Clackamas Community Center**

**1:30 Board - 2:00 Show Committee**  
**General Meeting - 2:30-3:30**  
**Topic: Wayne Smith—**  
**Raising & Breeding Grass Parakeets**

**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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