

MAY NEWSLETTER

This month is full of exciting events!!!

To start...

May 10th at 7:00pm we have our monthly meeting.
Our meeting will be held at the Salt Lake County Building
2001 South State room 1100 N
Salt Lake City, Utah



Then...

May 17th will be Celebrate Your Pet Event. We are going to have the First Annual Celebrate your Pet event at the South Utah Valley Animal Shelter on Saturday May 17, 2014. Starting at 9:00, we will have professional pictures with your pet, a dog wash, nail trimming, ear cleaning, food, fun, games, contests and prizes, licensing and shot clinic, yard sale, reptile exhibit, demonstrations, combined with a Super Adoption Day! Mark your calendars and bring your pets! 582 West 3000 North Spanish Fork Utah.



And to top it off.....

May 31st 6:30-9:00 is our 5th annual Belly Dance For the Birds!!
See attached flyer



Many of us have spring cleaning fever this time of year, so I thought I would discuss some of the safe cleaning options for our birds.

The respiratory system of birds is more efficient than that of mammals, transferring more oxygen with each breath. This also means that toxins in the air are also transferred more efficiently. This is one of the reasons why fumes from teflon are toxic to birds, but not to mammals at the same concentration.

There are many products on the market that are safe for our birds to clean cages, to remove poop etc. but these products can be very pricey and don't last very long. I did a lot of research on cleaners and this is what I have chosen to use for my multiple bird household. (I am by no means an expert though). It is super concentrated and lasts a long time, and most importantly is safe for birds. It might be a cleaner you may want to check out!

F10-SC

It is a veterinary disinfectant which achieves a broad spectrum kill of potentially harmful micro-organisms. It is active against bacteria, viruses, fungi and spores. It is an excellent product for achieving a high level of biosecurity effectively and safely as it poses no hazard to yourself and is completely safe to use in presence of animals when used at recommended concentrations.

A few safe cleaners that you probably have around your house:

Lemon juice and baking soda

Mixing lemon juice, baking soda and water together creates a highly effective, all natural cleaning solution that's perfect for parrot cages. Don't worry too much about the exact ration of the ingredients, but instead make water the base of your cleaning solution while adding in a small amount of real lemon juice and baking soda. Mix the ingredients up thoroughly and pour the solution inside an empty spray bottle. It will sanitize your parrot's cage without leaving behind traces of harmful chemicals. Be careful not to use too much lemon, as it could be irritating to your parrot.

White Vinegar

Simply dilute 1 part white vinegar with 2 parts warm water in a spray bottle and spray inside the parrots cage. It instantly kills germs upon contact while leaving the cage smelling nice and fresh (the vinegar smell dissipates after a while).

A few words from our Vice President:

Dear All; Our speaker this month will be Rebecca O'Connor, who has spoken to us a few times before, and is always very well received. She has a new book out called "The Perfectly Trained Parrot" which has gotten excellent reviews, and she is coming to talk about her new book and parrot care in general. This will be an excellent meeting for everyone to attend, and I look forward to seeing you there. Be sure to get your autographed copies of her new book!!

Chase Kimball

