

W.A.E.S.

Wasatch Avian Education Society

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A WELL GROOMED PARROT IN A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT IS A HAPPY BIRD

Routine grooming is an important part of bird care. With practice, many owners can learn to groom their birds safely.

The basic care includes wing, beak, and nail trims which are important for the

safety and comfort of both the bird and the owner. Avian veterinarians and many pet shops provide grooming services.

Birds spend an average of a third of their waking time preening and grooming themselves. If they are flocking birds, as most pet birds are, they might groom each other, too. As long as they are not actively pulling out their feathers, this self-grooming is a good thing. The down and contour feathers are essential defenses against the weather and other hazards, and the flight feathers need to be in good shape for efficient flying.

A CLEAN CAGE IS IMPORTANT

Cleanliness is important for the bird's comfort and health, and also for your own comfort and health. Ten or fifteen minutes a day will keep your bird cages clean. The effort is worth it, though, because the result is a healthier bird and a more comfortable you.

Your bird's droppings contain nitrogenous waste, just like yours do. When it breaks down, it releases ammonia into the air. Ammonia is not good for your bird's lungs or your lungs, either. When you do a deep-down cleaning of the bird cage, move the birds into another room, in their carrying cage, until the ammonia has been aired out. If there is a large amount of dried bird-dropping to clean up, there will be a strong ammonia smell by the time you're finished. For your own sake, open a window or get a fan going while you work.

CLEAN FOOD AND WATER CONTAINERS ARE A MUST

Food and water dishes need to be cleaned regularly. Dry pellet dispensers can be washed a couple times a week. Water and damp-food dishes should be washed twice a day. For nectar-eaters, wash the dishes every time the bird has been fed.

Your feathered friend depends on you to know what they need. Even though many do talk, none can tell you when they are in need.

Geri Driggs

President WAES

Monthly Meeting

July 14, 2018

7:00 pm

Salt Lake County Complex

2001 S. State Street

Room N1100

(North Building)

Our meetings are free
and open to the public.

Come meet other parrot
enthusiasts.

Refreshments & Raffle
Table

Come see what our
volunteer

Flock is all about.

July Speaker: Emily Strong

This month, we are pleased to welcome Emily Strong, an Animal Behavior consultant of From Beaks to Barks, who will speak to us about handling our birds for grooming and visits to the vet.



Emily writes "Most people think of grooming sessions and vet visits as being unavoidably unpleasant, but that doesn't have to be the case! We can train our birds to not only tolerate but actively participate in their own husbandry practices, which makes grooming and veterinary visits both safer and less stressful. In this presentation we'll discuss the broad strokes of how to accomplish this, as well as the common training mistakes people make which lead so many people to believe it's impossible."

See more at <https://frombeakstobarks.me>

Adoptions this Month:

Boomer, BGM

Bonded pair Poe (Green-cheeked Conure) and Hastemaker (Budgie)

Marble CAG

Mr. T and Pearly, cockatiels

New Bird: Big Bird, a double yellow-headed Amazon, 33 years old, one home. Bilingual (English/Spanish), some plucking. Vet check pending, better cage recommended.

Upcoming events

CAFÉ ZUPAS

RALLY NIGHT

Help us raise money for

WAES

Our *Rally Night* is taking place at *Café Zupas*

Murray

5157 S. State Street

Murray, UT

Our organization will receive a donation

Worth **up to 25%** of your entire order!!

7/31/18

From 5-9pm

**** Please mention this flyer or show a copy to your host at ZUPAS for WAES donation.**

Calendar of Events

WAES offers monthly meetings the second Saturday of every month, excluding August. Meetings are free and open to the public.

August meeting—August 11, annual picnic. Please join us. Details to come!

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