

## Monthly Meeting

March 10, 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.

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## A Message from the President

Hi All,

March appears to be coming in like a lion – so let's hope the lamb-like weather will come behind. Spring is coming and often brings some possible changes to our feathered friends:

Hormonal behavior in pet birds is typically enhanced in the spring-time. As breeding season approaches, the sexually mature birds experience natural hormone surges that can trigger some bizarre and undesirable behaviors. As a rule, any abrupt and dramatic behavior change in a mature parrot that is **not** evidence of a possible medical problem, can safely be classed as "nesting behavior". Of course if you are not sure about your parrot's behavior, it's always best to make an appointment with your avian veterinarian to be sure your bird is okay.

Female birds may start displaying unusual changes in behavior as spring approaches and the season brings about longer days. Owners may notice that their birds have been scratching or tearing at the newspaper lining in their cage. This type of mess may also be accompanied by a collection of self-removed feathers. These actions may seem bizarre, unusual and problematic, but it's simply a natural adjustment. Parrots cannot control this hormonal "personality change", so be patient and tolerant of his temporary attitude and sometimes even aggressiveness, as it is *not* permanent.

### When does this behavior begin?

This type of behavior is instinctual and especially common during breeding times. During the beginning of the season, shortly after Daylight Savings has begun, mature females may demonstrate attempts at constructing a nest, or searching for potential nest-building materials. These urges are often so strong that females will provide a nest by any means necessary, i.e. plucking their own feathers. This innate need to prepare a home for potential offspring is oftentimes destructive and should be monitored closely and remedied if it becomes too extreme.

### What types of behavior should I expect?

These behaviors can range from excessive screaming, biting, and bluffing, to being overly affectionate. Territoriality may also be a sign of hormonal behavior in birds. Often, there isn't much that owners can do to alleviate their pets' hormonal symptoms. Most just wait for the behavior problems to pass with the season.



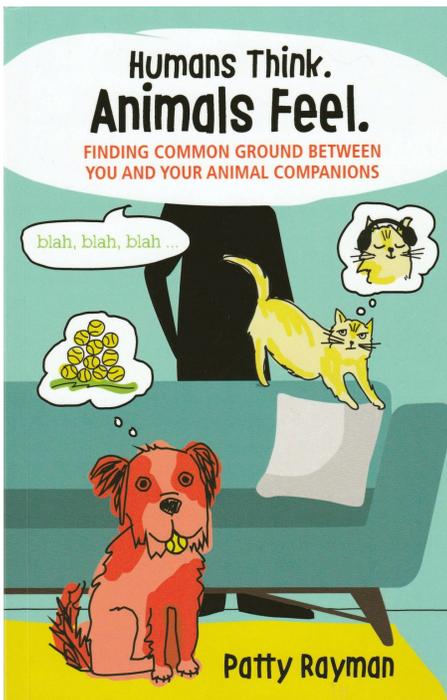
Gerri Driggs,  
President - WAES

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## March Speaker: Patty Rayman

We are delighted to have as our speaker this month Pet Psychic and animal communicator, Patty Rayman. She is the author of the book “**Humans Think. Animals Feel. Finding Common Ground**



**Between You and Your Animal Friends”** and is the proprietor of her business Patty Pet Psychic, here in Salt Lake City. If you could ask your animal a question and understand the answer, what would you ask? Opening the door of communication between humans and animals is the most meaningful part of Patty’s life. She has helped thousands of people resolve many types of behavior, health, attitude and relationship issues with their animal companions. Patty believes that anyone who loves animals has the ability to successfully communicate with them and has taught Animal Communication workshops for many years. In working with all types of animals, she has developed very effective techniques to help people move from conflict to cooperation in their relationships.

Patty will speak to us about her book and will then have time to do a few readings - from your attending bird or from a photo! The cost is \$10.00 per reading and Patty has generously offered to donate the evenings proceeds back to WAES. This promises to to be a most interesting and productive meeting!

### Bird of the Month

This month Richard Nowak of **Avian Sanctuary and Protection (A.S.A.P.)** will highlight his beautiful Harlequin Macaw, Petrie.



### Calendar of Events

WAES offers monthly meetings the second Saturday of every month excluding August.

April WAES Meeting 4/14

Toy Making Party!

Don't forget to check out all the adoptable / fosterable birds on the WAES website

<http://wasatchavian.com/birds/adoptable-birds>



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