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May Speaker Dr. Aldo Wilson

Tambopata Research Experience

May 11, 2013

**Salt Lake County Complex
2001 So. State, Room N 1100**

Salt Lake City

7:00 pm

President's Message

Happy May everyone and bring on the sunny days so the birds can get out to play.

We had a great April and I am glad to say that the Belly Dance was a great success. Not only did we have a nice turn out, the dancers were absolutely phenomenal.

The Earth Jam was also fun this year with a large number of people coming to see the birds and picking up WAES information about the wonderful work we do.



The Kelleys and Shawna at Fundraiser

I believe that we will be having some new faces with us soon because of the events. Chase has again found a great speaker for our meeting in May. We have Dr. Aldo Wilson with the Banfield Pet Hospital joining us Saturday. He has a unique perspective having had the chance to work with the Tambopata Macaw Project and the Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab. I think we are in for a treat.

Let's all try to make it to the meeting and as normal invite other bird lovers. The more the merrier.

See you there,



Bellydancers



Earth Jam

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Airbags Could Be Fatal To Birds, Veterinarians Warn

Avian vets note commonsense ways to keep pet birds safe during travel.

by , Rachael Brugger, Connecticut

Across the country, law makers and veterinarians alike are torn as to how to encourage safer travel with pet birds. A bill in California would have banned pet owners from keeping their animals in their laps while driving, but it was vetoed. All legalities aside, veterinarians



warn bird owners of the dangers of driving with their pet birds in their laps or on their hands or shoulder. Just like a human without a seatbelt, a pet bird without some sort of restraint or protection can suffer injuries, or worse, should an accident occur.

A major potential danger, veterinarians say, are airbags. "If an airbag went off suddenly, a bird or dog could potentially be injured, just like a child," said Scott McDonald, DVM, of Avian Laparoscopy Mobile Veterinary Clinic in Clarendon Hills, Ill. "More so with a bird, especially if it was compressed between the owner and the expanded airbag." Although McDonald said he has never had to attend to a bird patient that was injured in a car accident, he said that the momentum incurred during an accident could propel an unrestrained bird through the car or even out of it. "Birds are pretty resilient," he said. Even if a bird were knocked to the ground or against a window during an accident, it could be ok. "Whether it was injured or not would depend on a number of factors: where it landed and how hard."

On the other hand, Kitty Remington, DVM, of Animal Health Clinic At Northhampton in Tallahassee, Fla., has seen several bird fatalities due to accidents involving airbags. To keep birds as safe as possible while traveling, even when laws don't mandate such restrictions, Remington offered a few recommendations:

Don't use wire cages. They can collapse in an accident. Instead, use an airline-approved carrier.

Don't put the carrier in the front seat. Avoid the airbag catastrophe by restraining your pet bird in the back seat.

Pack the carrier tight. This prevents the carrier from shifting around when making turns, and helps keep it from flying forward in the event of a crash.

ALPHABET SOUP

What the letters mean:

BFA
Blue Fronted Amazon

BGM
Blue & Gold Macaw

BCC
Blue Crown Conure

CAG
Congo African Grey

DYH
Double Yellow
Headed Amazon

GCC
Green Cheeked conure

G2
Goffins Cockatoo

LCA
Lilac Crown Amazon

M2
Moluccan Cockatoo

MM
Military Macaw

JC
Jenday Conure

NC
Nanday Conure

OWA
Orange Wing Amazon

Q
Quaker

SC
Sun Conure

SM
Severe Macaw

SIE
Soloman Island Eclectus

U2
Umbrella Cockatoo

YCM
Yellow Collared Macaw

YNA
Yellow Naped Amazon

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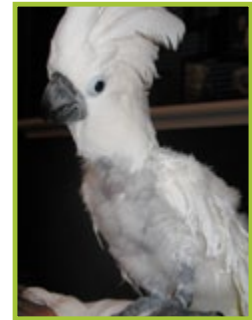
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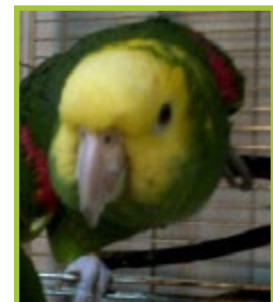
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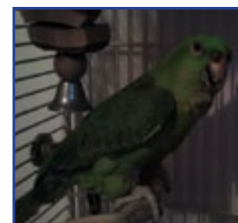
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May 11, 2013

May WAES Meeting- Dr. Aldo Wilson

June 8, 2013

June WAES Meeting

July 13, 2013

July WAES Meeting

August TBA, 2013

WAES Annual Picnic

August 7-10, 2013

39th Annual AFA Convention-Raleigh, NC

September 21, 2013- Strut Your Mutt

Liberty Park, Salt Lake City



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