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## Save the Date



FREE R.A.C.E.-Approved LafeberVet Webinar\*  
**Minimizing Stress to Avian Patients**  
**During the Veterinary Visit**

Presenter: [Alicia McLaughlin](#), DVM  
Sunday, **July 14, 2019** - 3 pm EDT (UTC-0:400)

Alicia McLaughlin, DVM will present this live, interactive, webinar. Dr. McLaughlin is an associate veterinarian at the Center for Bird & Exotic Animal Medicine. She has a special interest in animal behavioral modification using positive reinforcement training, and she is passionate about providing low-stress veterinary visits for all of her patients. Dr. McLaughlin is a certified Fear Free™ veterinarian, and she is spearheading the development of an avian-focused Fear Free™ course. This presentation will explore the

reasons stress should be minimized during avian veterinary visits and what challenges must be overcome. Dr. McLaughlin will also share practical tips for clinical implementation as they relate to clinic design, staff training, client training, as well as tips for working with avian patients in an exam room or hospital setting.



### Lecture topics will include:

Why is it important to minimize stress associated with veterinary visits?

- Fear is damaging to patients
- Fear is damaging to client-patient and client-veterinary relationships
- Minimizing fear improves the quality of medicine provided

What challenges must be overcome?

- Underlying concurrent disease
- Minimal prior training, poor socialization, and frightening past experiences
- Owner cooperation (success is significantly influenced by client buy-in)

### Practical tips for clinical implementation

- Clinic design
- Staff training
- Client training

### Working with patients in a clinical setting

- Training in the exam room or hospital
- Working with the untrained, frightened parrot (rethinking the use of force)
- When to reach for sedation
  - Avian fatigue assessment score
  - Sedation protocols
  - Client communication
- Use of wellness plans to improve compliance

**Registration opens June 13, 2019**

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### **About Lafeber Company**

Lafeber Company was built by a father-son team of veterinarians with a shared love of animals and a special passion for birds. Dr. T.J. Lafeber developed the very first commercial bird food pellets in the back room of his veterinary clinic in the early 1970's. Today, our exotic animal diets and critical care formulas are developed by his son, Dr. Ted Lafeber, III along with top veterinarians and nutritionists. An independent laboratory tests every diet to insure optimum pet health. Lafeber Company also consults leading experts in behavior so that our diets promote dietary enrichment.