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**Behavior and Medical Issues:  
Separate Issues or One and the Same?**

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# The Intersection of Medical and Behavioral Issues in Avian Health\*

by Yvonne R.A. van Zeeland,  
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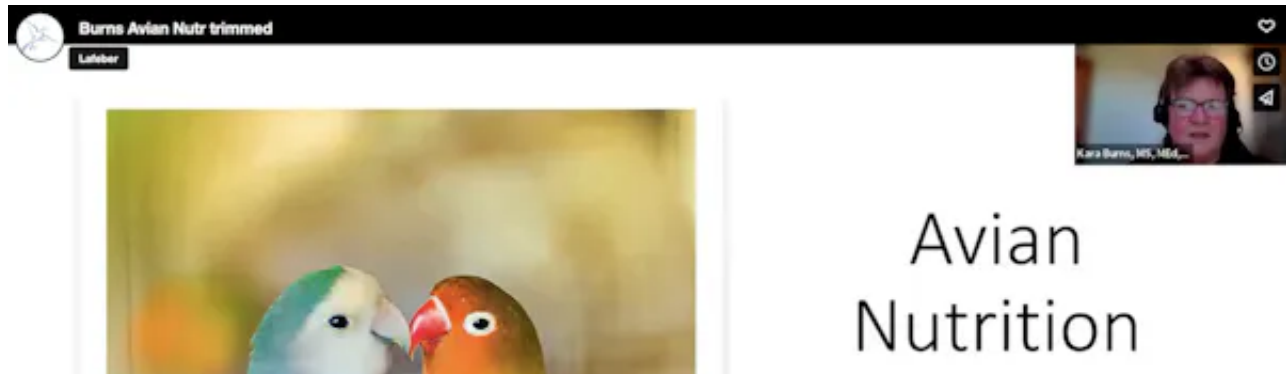
Veterinary professionals should ideally approach avian health by considering both medical and behavioral perspectives. An integrated approach is vital, as medical issues can contribute to behavioral problems and vice versa. In this RACE-approved webinar recording, the diagnostic approach and management of medical and behavioral problems are compared and contrasted.



- Conditions like feather damaging behavior and self-mutilation illustrate this overlap, as these behaviors can be triggered by medical issues as well as environmental stressors.
- Effective treatment often involves a combination of medical intervention, environmental modification, and behavioral therapy.
- Also consider the impact of veterinary visits on bird behavior, using strategies that minimize stress, avoiding negative stimuli, and apply positive reinforcement.

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Kara M. Burns, MS, MEd, LVT,  
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## **Avian Nutrition: Practical Applications\***

by **Kara Burns**, MS, Med, LVT, VTS (Nutrition),  
VTS-H (Internal Medicine, Dentistry)

Diet is one of the most important factors known to influence the health of pet birds, and it is critical for veterinary health professionals to discuss nutrition with pet bird owners. Improper nutrition is the cause of many health problems and is the leading cause of death in pet birds. This RACE-approved webinar recording offers an introduction to the clinical approach to companion parrot nutrition.



Topics covered include:

- Common clinical findings associated with malnutrition
- Nutritional assessment of pet birds
- Key nutrients
- Comparison of all-seed diets and formulated diets
- Dietary conversion

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