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**AVIAN BEHAVIORAL HISTORY**

**To be completed in addition to the primary avian behavioral history form only if behavioral problem(s) develop.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RDVM Name:

Bird's Name:

Telephone:

Species:

Gender:      M      F

**List behavior problems in order of severity:**

Date of onset:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**What is your bird's reaction to the following situations?**

*the veterinary hospital*

*familiar adults*

*familiar children*

*unfamiliar guests*

*in the cage*

*outside the cage*

*when you leave*

*when you return*

*during car travel*

*approaches to cage*

*removal from cage with hand or perch*

*being placed back in cage*

*approaching while eating*

*stroking or petting*

*leaning over bird*

*raising hand over bird*

*staring at bird*

*being disturbed while resting*

*hugging or kissing the bird*

*other people approaching when bird is with owner*

**Does your bird tear up items to use as nesting material?**

**Has there been a change in your bird's appetite?**

## **REPRODUCTION**

Does your bird have access to other birds?

Visual      Physical      Auditory

Are there any other nesting birds in the environment?

Does your bird do any of the following? If so, how often?

Protect cage, toys, food, mirror

Nest building

Regurgitate

Hide in dark places

Bend over and fan tail

Masturbate

Mother toys

Lay eggs

## **STEREOTYPIC BEHAVIOR**

Does your bird engage in feather plucking or self-mutilatory behaviors?

Foot tapping

Does your bird pace back and forth in the cage?

When did the problem begin?

What percentage of the time does the bird engage in this behavior?

Was any particular event associated with the onset of the behavior?

When is the behavior most intense? (season, time of day, presence or absence of certain individuals, particular locations)

What is the bird's attitude while performing the behavior?

Can you interrupt the behavior? If so, how?

What have you tried doing to correct the problem? Has any treatment been effective?

Has there been a change in the frequency or appearance of the behavior?

Describe in detail a recent episode:

### **AGGRESSION**

Has your bird ever bitten a person?

Has your bird ever bitten another bird?

When did the first bite occur?

List the total number of bites:

Who were the victims of the attacks?

Describe the first aggressive episode:

Date of occurrence:

Person(s) present:

Signs displayed by bird:

Location:

Circumstances:

Describe the last two aggressive episodes:

Date of occurrence:  
Person(s) present:  
Signs displayed by bird:

Location:

Circumstances:

Date of occurrence:  
Person(s) present:  
Signs displayed by bird:

Location:

Circumstances:

Your bird (circle all that apply):

Attacks without warning	Screams before attacking
Attacks primary caregiver	Attacks only unfamiliar individuals
Raises feathers	Extends neck
Retreats after biting	Bites once and lets go
Bites multiple times	Does not let go
Attacks only near the cage	Attacks only near the primary caregiver
Inflicts injuries requiring medical attention	

### **VOCALIZATION**

Do you consider excessive vocalization to be a problem for your bird?

Does your bird chatter or scream or cry?

When did the problem begin?

When does the behavior occur?

When is the behavior most intense?

Has there been a change in the frequency or intensity of the behavior?

How do you react to the screaming?

Have you tried anything to correct the behavior?

Has any intervention been effective?

Describe in detail a recent episode: