

Avian History Form

General Information

- Name:
- Species:
- Age:
- Sex:
- How do you know your bird's gender?
- How long have you owned your pet?
- Where was your bird obtained?
- Was there a previous owner?
- Do you have any previous experience with pet birds?

Presenting Complaint: Why have you brought your bird in today?

If your pet is ILL...

- How long has your bird been ill?
- Has the onset of illness been sudden or gradual?
- What signs have you noticed?
- Is your bird eating and drinking?
- Have you noticed any changes in your pet's voice?
- Are any other pets or humans in the household ill?
- Have you seen another veterinarians for this problem?
- Have any treatments been provided?
- Has there been any response to therapy?

If your pet bird is a Hen...

- Has she ever laid eggs?
- When was the last clutch laid?
- How many eggs are usually laid in a clutch?
- Have any malformed or abnormally shelled eggs been produced?
- Is your bird showing any broody behavior now (i.e. shredding paper, hiding in dark places, or regurgitating to a mirror, other birds, or the owner)?

Has your bird had any past Medical Problems?

Diet

- Describe your bird's diet. What food items are actually consumed, & in what proportions?

- Is vitamin/mineral supplementation, grit, or cuttlebone provided?
- What is the source of drinking water?

If possible, please present your bird in its own cage. Do not clean the cage for 12-24 hours prior to the visit.

Housing

- What is the size of the cage?
- What cage furniture is present?
- What substrate is used?
- How often is the cage cleaned?
- What disinfectant is used and how often?
- Where in the household is the cage located?
- Are any air vents located near the cage?
- Does your bird have a play gym?
- Where is it located?
- Is the bird every exposed to natural sunlight?
- Are there any other pets in the house?
- Does anyone in the household smoke? ²

Lifestyle & Behavior

- Are there any other pets in the household?
- Are there any other birds in the household?
- Has your pet been exposed to any “new” birds recently?
(this includes newly acquired birds AND bird taken out of the home for bird shows, grooming, boarding, etc.)
- Is there any possible exposure to wild birds?
- Is the bird every exposed to natural sunlight?
- Does anyone in the household smoke?
- Has your pet been exposed to any other strong fumes or sprays?
- How much “one-on-one” attention does your parrot receive daily?
- How much time does your pet spend outside of its cage?
- Is the pet supervised at these times?
- When outside of the cage does the bird have access to houseplants? Has your bird chewed on anything in the household recently?
- How many hours of sleep does your bird get?
- Is the cage covered?
- Does your bird like to bathe or shower? How often?
- Does your bird play with toys?
- How many toys does your bird have?
- Please describe the toys.
- Does your bird have a play gym? Where is it located?
- How would you characterize your bird's personality?
 - Aggressive •Anxious •Fearful •Playful •Relaxed
- Do you have any questions about your bird's behavior?