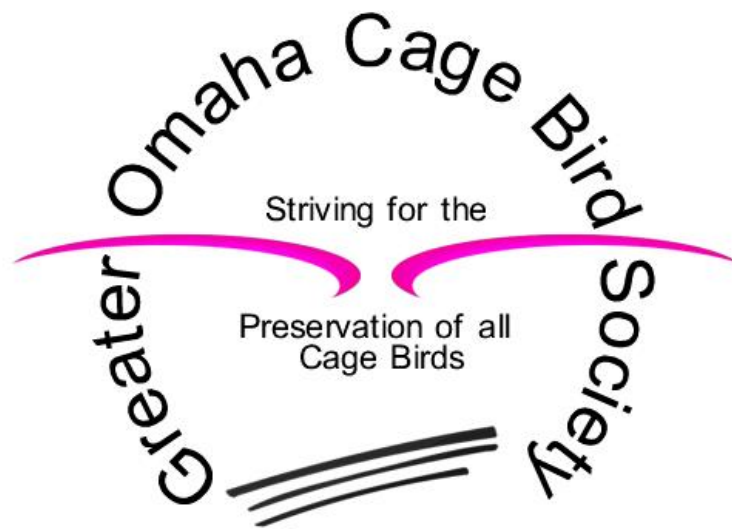


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October 2011



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Presidents Letter - October 2011

Dear GOCBS Members,

Thank you goes out to all of the vendors and the volunteers that joined us at our fall fair.

October is here and time to look at the things ahead on our calendar. In three months, we introduce our new board for 2012. If you or someone that you know would like to be nominated, contact any board member for more details. The official nomination process will take place at the November meeting. We are also looking to fill positions in our adoption program. This includes foster homes and volunteers able to transport birds that come into the program. The forms for adoption need to be filled out and turned in to keep the club records and files up to date. For more information, join us at this month's meeting where more information will be announced.

On November 6th, Dr. McDonald will be joining us for the fall clinic. The location of the clinic for this fall, will be held at the Harvester Artspace Lofts. The address is 1000 S. Main, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Directions are in this newsletter and appointments can be made by giving me a call or sending me an e-mail.

Join us December 18, 2011, for our Christmas party and the results of our elections. This is also a good time for you to renew your membership for 2012.

Thank you,

Rick Kling
President, GOCBS



Avian Diseases - Viral

by Chloe Welstead
Certified Avian Specialist - Certified Aviculturist

Infectious Diseases can be classified into different categories dependant upon the source of infection. This includes Bacterial, Viral, Fungal and Parasitic or infestations (internal and external parasites). Here we I will discussing the common Viral Diseases that effect our feathered friends. Included in this category are Exotic Newcastle Disease (END), Pacheco's Disease, Polyoma Virus, Proventricular Dilatation Disease (PDD) and Psittacine Beak & Feather Disease (PBFD). Unlike Bacteria, a virus can not be treated with antibiotics. Usually the symptoms are treated, or care is provided to prevent secondary infections. With some viruses there are vaccinations available for prevention, but they are costly and they need to be administered prior to being exposed. Viral diseases are usually fatal because of recommended depopulation of highly contagious diseases or from secondary infections. Some birds are considered asymptomatic carriers of certain viruses. This means that they are infected and can pass the virus to other birds, but show no signs of the illness.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Exotic Newcastle disease (END) is a contagious and fatal viral disease effecting all species of birds. END is probably one of the most

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Where is the new location of the Bird Clinic?

It's at the Harvester Artspace Lofts Community Room, 1000 S. Main in Council Bluffs

It's an old warehouse building that houses live and work spaces for artists and their families.

There are two buildings and you can easily see which one is completed and occupied. There is a ramp/stairs at the entrance. The Community Room is on the first floor, and there is usually a flat bed cart or some grocery carts if needed to haul things in. I'll scout that out the night before.

From I 80, exit 3 in Iowa (the Lake Manawa exit).

Turn Left onto the South Expressway, get in the far right lane and exit where it says "to 16th Ave".

I think that's 3 STOP lights.

Look to the right to check for a train, if you can. If no train, take that exit.

Turn right on 16th, get in the Left lane and turn Left on Main; more of a jog than a turn.

It is the former International Harvester warehouse building and you can still see the ghosting of the words on the brick.

If you happen to miss the "to 16th Avenue" turn or if there is a train, continue over the viaduct and turn right at the first street, that's 6th Ave., take 6th Avenue to Main and turn right on Main.

The building is essentially at 10th Ave and So. Main St.
if you get lost call me 402-541-5579

Michelle

***Wondering if you own a Polly or a Pete,
a Tiffany or a Tommy,
a Max or a Maxine?***

*If you would like to find him/her (?) a significant other,
or if you bought a "pair" of birds and are now
wondering if they really are male & female,
find out from Dr. McDonald.*

AVIAN SEXING CLINIC

Appointments only!

*Wellness Checks - includes nail, beak and wing trim
Micro Chipping will also be available!*

Sunday, November 6, 2011

Harvester Artspace Lofts

1000 South Main Street

Council Bluffs, IA

**BIRDS MUST FAST FOR A MINIMUM OF 6 HOURS BEFORE
SEXING!**

Bring a separate pet carrier and towel for each bird.

First
they gave me a girl's name
and then they bought me a male for a mate.
These people really need help!!!!

**Please call for appointment:
Rick Kling -- 933-5686**

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Bird clubs are great resources for anyone interested in keeping birds. All bird owners go through similar experiences, so the sources of information about a variety of subjects can be a big help. Club members can recommend places to buy your supplies, teach you how to hand feed babies, and refer you to a qualified avian veterinarian. Or, if you have had a lot of experience, you may be able to help share that type of information with someone else who is just getting started out.

Bird clubs can also keep you aware of current legislation that may affect which species of birds you may keep or how many. Clubs may have functions that would interest you, such as fairs, shows, swap meets, and clinics. Meetings may include guest speakers. Even if you join only to get the newsletters, you will be well-informed! Another great benefit is that you meet a lot of people with similar interests, and some great, long-lasting friendships may evolve!

Meetings & Special Event Dates	
Meeting	October 16
Sexing Clinic	November 6
Meeting	November 20

GOCBS meets at 3:00 PM

Hope to see you there!

Our Meeting Location!



**Nebraska Humane
Society**

8949 Fort Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Nomination for Election of Officers Form October / November 2011

Nominations must be submitted by current members. Nominees must be current members. Please verify that nominees are willing to serve for one year if elected, two or three years for Trustee.

I nominate _____ for the office of President

I nominate _____ for the office of Vice President

I nominate _____ for the office of Secretary

I nominate _____ for the office of Treasurer

I nominate _____ for the office of Membership

I nominate _____ for the office of Newsletter

I nominate _____ for the office of Trustee

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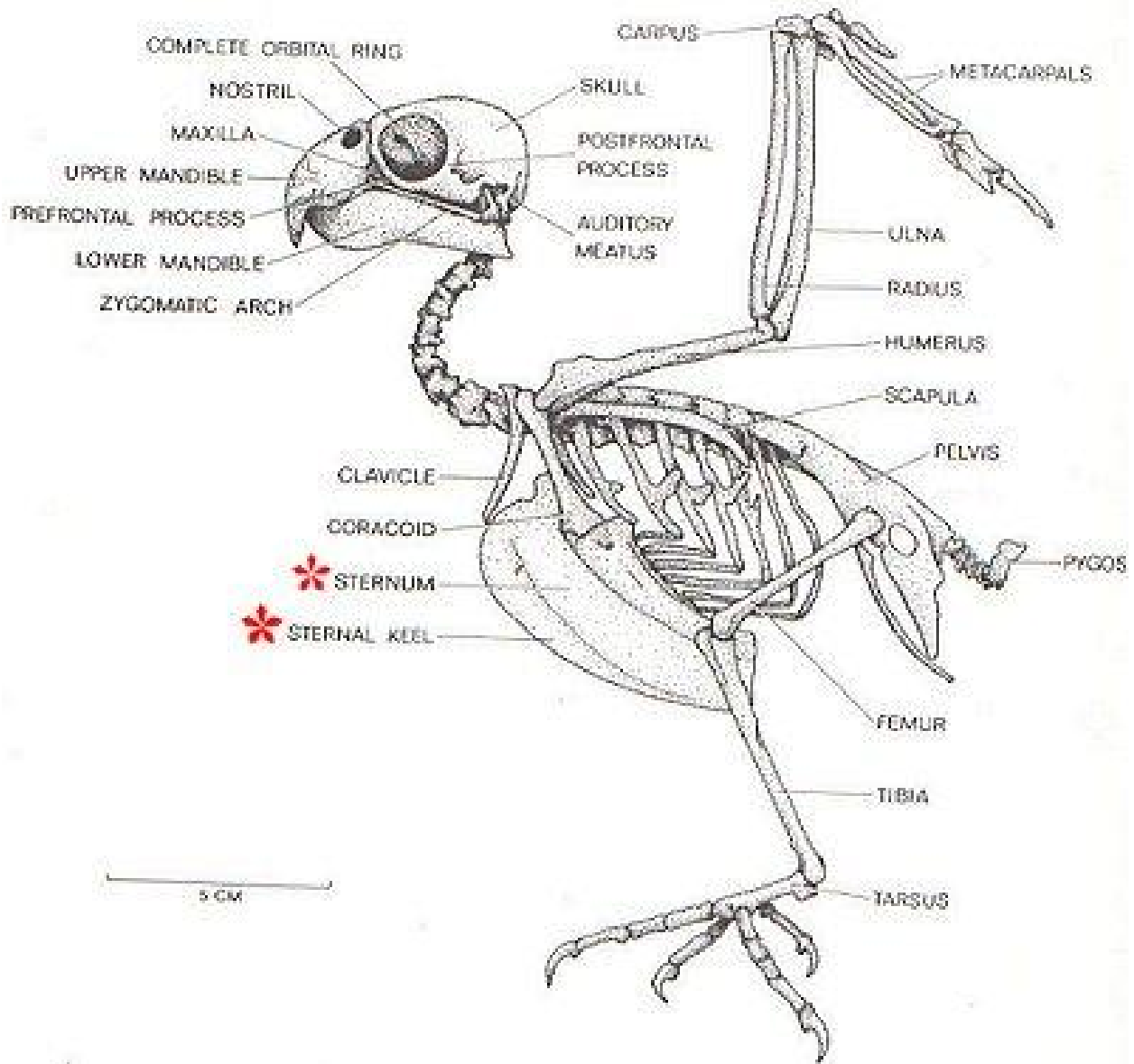
Respectfully Submitted by,

Please return by November 20, 2011 to: Rick Kling
3604 North 45th Street
Omaha, NE 68104

You can also bring to the meeting.
Elections will be held on December 18, 2011 at the Holiday Party.

Avian Anatomy - Skeletal System

Provided by Karen Trinkaus - www.FeistyFeathers.com
The skeleton print came from *Parrots of the World* by Forshaw



The avian skeleton is very unique and in most species is specially adapted for flight. It is a very lightweight and delicate yet very strong. Most of the long bones are hollow but reinforced through a honeycombed substructure. The main thing you need to know about is the **sternum**. Flying species have a pronounced **keel**, the place on the sternum that the flight muscles attach to. Birds that are clipped to severely can crash land and easily injure their keel.

Web Links

G.O.C.B.S.

www.greateromahacagebirdsociety.com

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www.drsfostersmith.com

ASPCA
www.aspc.org

Exotic Pet Vet
www.exoticpetvet.net

Bird Talk
www.birdchannel.com

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infectious diseases of poultry in the world. Birds can die without showing any clinical signs and a death rate of almost 100% can occur. It can infect and cause death even in vaccinated poultry. To prevent END from being introduced into the U.S. all imported birds must be tested and quarantined for diseases before entering the country. The last U.S. breakout occurred in California in 2002. Some of the signs of END include muscular tremors, twisting of head and neck, paralysis, respiratory problems and diarrhea. It is required to report this disease to the USDA.

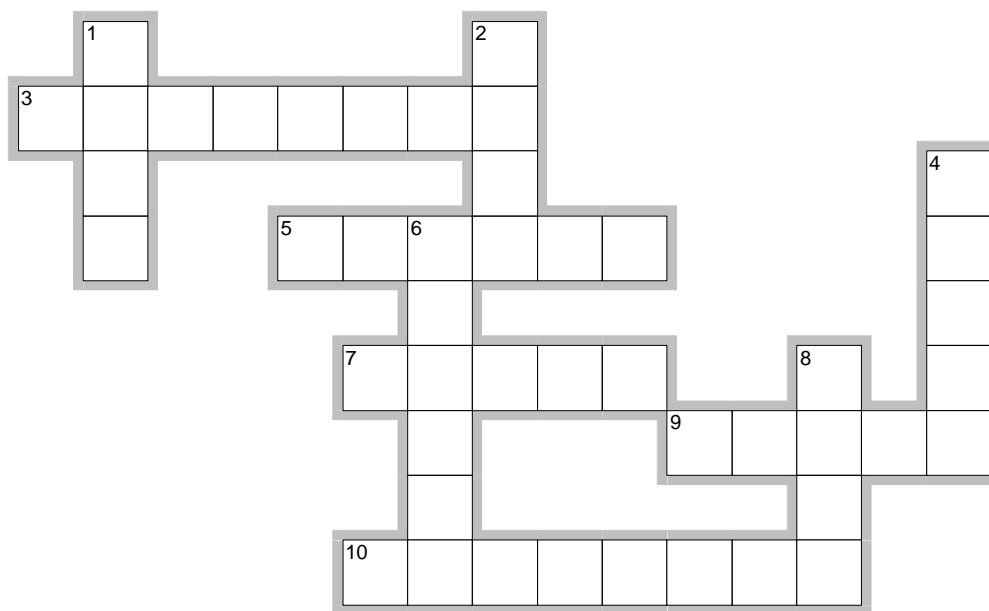
Pacheco's Disease (Psittacine Herpes Virus) is a rapidly fatal and highly contagious disease that is spread through oral secretions and feces. The symptoms include lethargy and discolored diarrhea (indicating liver damage). Asymptomatic carriers are conures. Captive bred conures are less of a risk, but if you are planning on getting a Paragonian or Nanday it is best to have the bird tested before you decide to bring it into your flock.

Avian Polyoma Virus strongly effects neonates (babies) causing skin hemorrhages, glassy eyes, vomiting or death. It is spread to the chicks from infected parents. It is considered by some to be a "childhood disease". For birds that are not infected there is a 2 step vaccine available. Budgerigars and Lovebirds may be asymptomatic carriers. It is best to test your birds for this disease before you bred them to prevent infections from spreading. It can also be spread between adult birds. They may die suddenly without signs of illness, or after suffering from weight loss or paralysis.

Proventricular Dilatation Disease (PDD) causes swelling of the stomach between the crop and the gizzard. It is a devastating and fatal disease that currently has no cure. Its symptoms include weight loss, vomiting, passing of whole seed in feces (causing mal-absorption of nutrients) and death to the infected. The disease does not develop in all exposed birds this suggests that some birds have a natural resistance. Other infections including fungal or bacterial can cause the same symptoms as PDD. Multiple biopsies must be performed on a bird to confirm the disease.

Birds & More

Read the articles in this issue to get the answers!



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

3. Upper part of the beak.
5. Educational Outreach Program contact
7. Location of Avian Clinic (___ Landing)
9. Lower leg bone.
10. Name of Doctor coming May 3

Down

1. Birthday April 4th
2. Flight muscles attach to this.
4. Species of finch (Feather of the Month)
6. ð___ö Newcastle Disease (END)
8. Psittacine Beak & Feather Disease

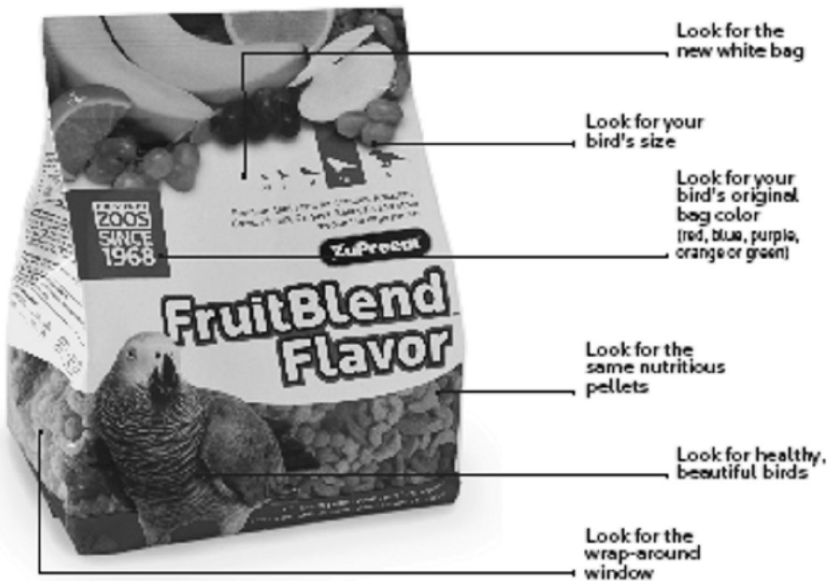
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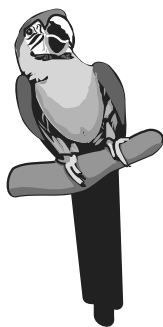
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Psittacine Beak & Feather Disease (Pbfd) is a progressively fatal disease. There is also no cure available at this time, but a vaccine is in the stages of development. Blood tests can be done to diagnose the presence of the Circovirus I. Some of the signs include irreversible feather loss, no powder down, and beak deformities. This disease affects the immune system of the bird allowing other diseases to enter the system causing a sometimes slow and painful death. Euthanasia is usually recommended to prevent suffering. Lories effected by the Circovirus II, (with proper care to fight off secondary infections) are able to recover from this disease.

The most important thing to do is quarantine any new bird that is coming into your home. They should be considered a health risk to your current pets and your family. During the quarantine period make sure that you touch the new bird last. Remember that anything that comes into contact with the new bird never comes into contact with your current birds including food dishes, your clothes, shoes and yourself. - References: PIJAC CAS Program



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Membership fees are as follows:

	<i>January - December</i>	<i>July-December 1/2 Price</i>
Junior (under 16)	\$7.50/year	\$3.75
Single	\$15.00/year	\$7.50
Family	\$20.00/year	\$10.00
Business Associate	\$20.00/year	\$10.00

Meetings are at 3:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Nebraska Humane Society, 8929 Fort Street, Omaha, Nebraska

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO G.O.C.B.S.

Please fill out the following information:

Date: _____ New membership: ____ Renewal membership: ____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

(DON'T FORGET ZIP CODE)

Birth Date: Month/Day (only) _____ (list all names from above)

Home phone: _____ (____roster or ____unlisted)

Work phone: _____ (____roster or ____unlisted)

E-Mail Address: _____ (for Newsletter)

Pet birds:


Birds you breed:

Please bring this to one of the meetings or mail to:

GOCBS, c/o Ginger Bostwick, 4406 State St., Omaha, NE 68112

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