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The Long Island Parrot Society of NY, Inc.



HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!! Best wishes to all your family members!

We start the New Year with longer days and optimism—looking forward to continuing to move the club forward and planning the 2022 EXPO.

Our Holiday Party was a success! It was great seeing so many members, families and their feathered companions. Making changes to our usual MO to take into account COVID precautions safeguarded the attendees. Having the event catered and utilizing servers made a difference for the good. Topnotch musical entertainment by our own Roberta Fabiano. The attendees who joined via Zoom were able to sing along to Roberta's holiday renditions and said they felt like they were there—thank you, Shawn, for setting up the A/V. Congratulations to Bob Dietrich for winning the member appreciation lotto tree. Thanks again to Kaitlin, Susan, Donna, Paula and other members who donated raffle items.

Here are the results of the Board of Director nominee voting (for term 2022-2024). Congratulations to the following—they join Donna Barbaro and Robert Gross:

David Abrahams; Susan Chamberlain (incumbent); Bob Dietrich (incumbent); Shawn Florman (incumbent); Diane Hyde (incumbent) Candy Little; Kaitlin Saxton

You voted for the following organizations to receive our year-end

charitable contribution—thank you:

- Long Island Budgie Rescue
- The Oasis Sanctuary
- The Town of Islip Animal Shelter

Parrot Academy (The Leather Elves)—Robin Sullivan and Jess Euliano will be conducting an 8-week on-line Parrot Academy course. Got a new bird? Thinking of getting a bird? Need a refresher? This course is for you. Starts on January 5, 2022. The link is: <https://www.theleatherelves.net/newbird> Classes will be recorded so Live Attendance isn't absolutely necessary if you are worried about scheduling. Recording will be available thru March 2022. I attended the last Parrot Academy and it was great.

Our first presenter of 2022 is Steve Baldwin from the Brooklyn Parrots (Naturalized/Wild Quaker Parakeets). Great presentation on how the Quakers got here and where they prefer to nest. Looking forward to Steve's presentation on Wednesday, January 19 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Next outreach is Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Island Park Public Library—we'll be accompanying Ranger Eric Powers during his presentation on "World of Birds". If you would also like the volunteer, please let us know. Email [info@liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org) or call 631 957 1100. Thanks to those members who have signed up (with their feathered companions):

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Robert Gross; Erwin & Marylynn Loepki and David Abrahams.

In-person meetings to be on a quarterly basis in 2022: March 16; June 15; September 21; December 21 (holiday party). We will still have our member appreciation picnic at the end of July (date TBD). We will be offering a Zoom option for the in-person meetings for those who live too far away. We will conduct the "other-than-in-person" meetings via Zoom.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering, want to be added to our volunteer email list, want to donate unwanted items, or would like to suggest speakers/topics you would like to see, please either leave a message at 631-957-1100 or email us at [info@liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org).

Diane P Hyde, President

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS/OUTREACHES

- **Wednesday, January 19, 2022:** Regular Zoom Member Meeting - Speaker Steve Baldwin
- **February 24, 2022:** at Island Public Library at 6:30pm where we will be joining Ranger Eric Power (Word of Birds)
- **LI Pet Expo:** Outreach Event at Suffolk Community College, March 5th and 6th, 2022
- **Wednesday, March 16, 2022** - Next in-person meeting
- **Note:** Next in person meetings - held quarterly - June, September and December.

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## OUT OF TOWN & VIRTUAL EVENTS

**Organizations:** list your upcoming events here. Email information to: [editor@liparrots.org](mailto:editor@liparrots.org)

- Livestream on The Leather Elves Facebook page every Friday evening at 7PM EST! Robin Shewokis-Sullivan and Jack Pine host an informative and entertaining presentation on different avian topics each week! There's a trivia contest with a prize too! If you 'like' The Leather Elves page, you'll get a reminder when the livestream starts!
- **January 28 - 30<sup>th</sup> 2022: Lehigh Valley Pet Expo- Allentown, PA**
- **Friday March 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>** - [Greater Philadelphia Pet Expo](#) - Oaks, PA
- **Saturday March 26th, 2022:** Connecticut Parrot Society FeatherFest in Middletown, CT.
- **Thursday - Sunday, August 4-7, 2022:** American Federation of Aviculture 48th Annual Educational Conference & Avian Expo, "Go BIG for Aviculture". Hyatt Regency, Dulles; Herndon, VA. Hotel \$99.00 per night for attendees. [Visit afabirds.org](http://Visitafabirds.org)
- ONGOING: Lafeber's weekly webinars by avian veterinarians and other experts! Visit [lafeber.com](http://lafeber.com), click on 'Pet Birds', then on 'Avian Expert Articles' and scroll down to 'Webinars'. Lots of great information on the site too!
- **Thursday - Sunday, November 3-13, 2022:** Parrot Lovers Cruise, Panama Canal Transit through New Locks aboard the Caribbean Princess. For further information, visit their website: <https://parrotloversruise.com/>

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## FINANCIAL REPORT - December 2021

### Deposits as of December 2021

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Deposits</u>       | \$ 4,337.85        |
| <b>Total Deposit:</b> | <b>\$ 4,337.85</b> |

### TFCU Account Balances as of December 31, 2021

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Operating Fund:      | \$ 7,425.88          |
| EXPO Fund:           | \$ 10,594.34         |
| Parrot Care:         | \$ 2,650.07          |
| MM (Shelter):        | \$ 137,982.42        |
| <u>CD (Shelter):</u> | <u>\$ 9,249.68</u>   |
| <b>Total:</b>        | <b>\$ 167,902.39</b> |

### Expenses as of December 2021

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Phone:                           | \$ 120.00         |
| Island Digital:                  | \$ 315.00         |
| Life Storage:                    | \$ 362.00         |
| Adobe inDesign (Newsletter):     | \$ 22.80          |
| USPS (Bulk Mail/Postage/PO box): | \$ 283.07         |
| CRM (SalesNow):                  | \$ 60.60          |
| <u>Misc:</u>                     | <u>\$ 2643.20</u> |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b>           | <b>\$ 3806.67</b> |

## Being Prepared for your Parrots

Are you prepared should something happen? Are your wishes known to relatives, friends, neighbors, landlords should you require hospitalization?

Is it in writing and in an easily found place in your home? Have you written down what your bird's needs are?

Has your bird been vet checked? Do

you have a carrier and food (possibly medication) ready to go for your bird? Do you have someone who is willing to take your bird if you're

hospitalized? These are important questions to ask yourself during this crisis—and before the next one.

Leaving written instructions for the care of your bird and other pets is more important than ever. If it isn't in writing, it isn't there!

- A pet cannot be a beneficiary of a will.
- In some states, a trust may be created to care for animals alive during the testators lifetime. Seek an attorney's advice for specifics.
- A 'trust protector' must be designated to act on behalf of the animals. The trust ends upon the death of the last animal. Remaining funds will be distributed according to terms of the trust.
- Because wills are not always located or read immediately, be sure to provide copies of your will and trust to a friend or family member and to the person who will care for your pets. Keep a copy in an easy to locate place in your home.
  
- A codicil is an addendum to a will, often outlining your wishes in detail. For instance, you may wish to use an addendum to specify that you want your bird's cage to go with it to its new home.
- You can create your own directive, to be used in case of your disability or death.
- Specify where you want your bird to go in such instances.

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- Name the person or organization you've designated to care for your pet and include their contact information. Make sure that person has agreed to care for your bird or other animals. Provide for the pet's return to you if you become able to care for it in the future.
- Indicate which equipment goes along with the pet. Attach your bird's information sheet to the directive.
- State whether or not money for the pet's care have been left in your will and what will happen to that money if the pet dies or is adopted by another person.
- Make several copies: One for you, one for the caregiver or organization and one to post on your refrigerator or other prominent spot. You may also wish to give copies to family members and your attorney. Have them notarized.
- Are you entrusting your bird to an organization? If you're also leaving money to the organization, are there strings attached? Be clear about this.
- Consult an attorney as to enforceability of all documents Assure Your Bird's Future!
- Encourage young friends and relatives to become bird lovers. Your bird's future may depend on it!
- Stick train your bird to make handling easier.
- Develop friendships with other birdbrains at bird clubs and events.
- Socialize your bird so that it can be handled by others.
- Make an information sheet for each bird and give copies to people named therein.

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- Distinctive habits, likes & dislikes,
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# News From The Flock

Sincere condolences to Paula Basso on the loss of her beloved African grey Parrot, Sammy. As well as to Renee and David Doboy on the passing of their Quaker, Sarge.

The next in-person Long Island Parrot Society meeting is Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at our meeting hall. **Birds and other pets are no longer permitted on the premises.** The LIPS Board of Directors are researching solutions for this issue.

Many thanks to all who donated to the Long Island Parrot Society's Holiday Fundraiser!

Thank you to Kaitlin Saxton who organized the Facebook 'Giving Tuesday' fundraiser that raised more than \$500.00 for the Long Island Parrot Society! We are so grateful to all the donors!

Much sympathy to Linda Womack, who recently lost her partner, Keith Kempton.

The sale of helium balloons has been banned in the Town of East Hampton, a win for wildlife!

The Village of Lindenhurst will begin replacing lights on athletic fields six months after public outrage over the deaths of Quaker parakeets and wild birds nesting on the lights. The Village and contractor have stated that they are now working with a monk parakeet expert and local volunteers to ensure that such a debacle will not occur again.

Thanks to Roberta Fabiano for the musical entertainment at the LIPS Holiday party! It was a great reunion for us all!

Special thanks to Robert Gross for providing transportation to the Holiday party for a member. Robert always goes above and beyond!

Shout out to our crafty members! Did you happen to see Donna Barbaro's gorgeous donations to the raffle table at the holiday party? The two 3-D African grey portraits in shadow box frames were stunning! Our tech wizard, Shawn Florman displayed a variety of his custom mugs (He can make them with photos of your bird!). We also noticed Frank Huwer with some cool magnets and art pieces!



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## GIMME SHELTER

By: Susan Chamberlain



Heartfelt thanks to all who donated to our 2021 Holiday Fundraiser! Your donations are

crucial for the support of member services, the Parrot Care Fund, administrative costs and of course, the Shelter Fund. We also have a fund dedicated to helping rescue organizations under certain circumstances. Did you hear about the hoard of 800+ budgies that were recently turned over to animal control in the Midwest? Thanks to your generosity, LIPS has made a modest donation toward their care. Many thanks to those who shop via smile.amazon.com! LIPS garnered a donation of \$118.59 for the period July 1-September 30, 2021, paid on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see how holiday shopping did!

The Parrot Placement Team has been extremely busy throughout the pandemic. Rather than put the adoption process on hold, team members worked out a way to do virtual home visits and continue with adoption referrals. Adoption applications and phone calls regarding adopting or placing birds have kept team members working hard. Numerous successful adoptions were facilitated, with all parties being strongly advised to take COVID precautions when visiting or relinquishing birds. We held two successful cage sales

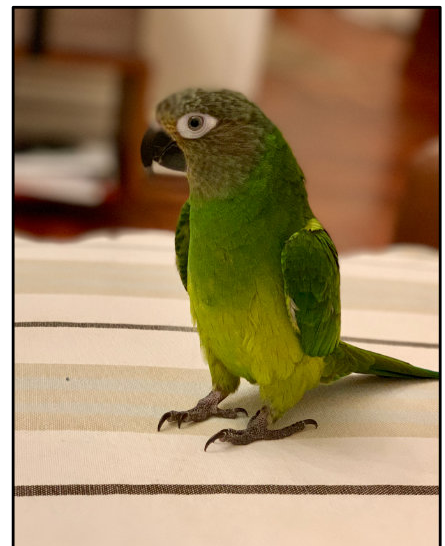
at our storage unit in 2021, thanks to our volunteers who pick up and clean donated cages, bring them to the storage unit, and participate in the sales.

Lost and found birds have proliferated. Budgies, cockatiels, and African grey parrots seemed to be the most frequently lost or found, and LIPS has been a vital resource for reuniting birds with their humans, advising people how to go about getting the word out about wayward pets and posting on our website. We've been referring people to the Long Island Budgie Rescue when they've lost or found one of these little ones, and we are thankful that they're doing a great job.

Except for in-person meetings and certain outreach events, it has been business as usual for the Long Island Parrot Society. We were able to have the picnic in 2021, with attendees bringing their own food to reduce risk of Covid. Our Holiday party was well attended, with members required to RSVP and observe Covid precautions. Thanks to our tech team, the meeting and entertainment was live streamed via Zoom!

Zoom meetings will continue twice a month; in-person meetings will be held quarterly in 2022. The American Legion has notified us that birds and other pets are no longer permitted on the premises due to allergies of some of their members. We are working on a solution to this issue.

LIPService goes out on schedule. The newsletter has gone digital! You'll be able to access links directly from your electronic copy! Administrative work is ongoing, cages are donated, cleaned, and sold, the shed is organized, phone calls are fielded daily, the club's Facebook page is monitored, and referrals are made to vets, groomers, and suppliers. LIPS is so much more than a social club—it is a *service organization*. Years ago, before I became involved in the workings of a bird club, I assumed all this just magically happened. It is a lot of hard work for committee members and officers. It is participation, input, and the generosity of members. It is all of us, working toward common goals—educating people about the care and love of parrots, and establishing a shelter for displaced birds. And that is the true magic.





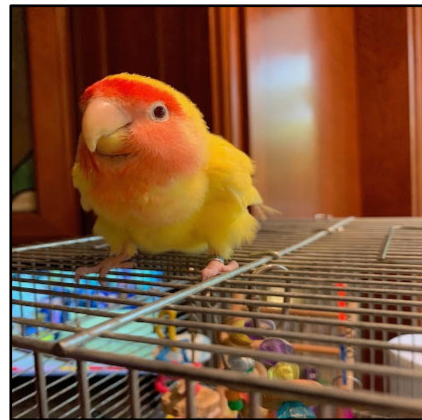
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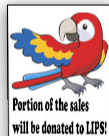
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**Bird Paradise**, Burlington, NJ, 10% off (doesn't apply to purchased birds or Harrison's products) - in store only. 15% discount for on-line purchases—code: LIPS15.

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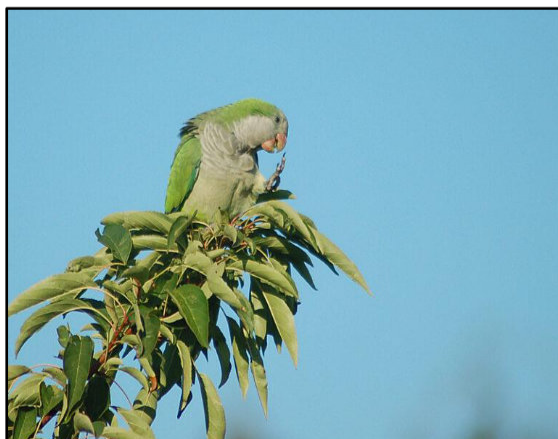
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## Meet the Speaker



Steve Baldwin is founder of Brooklyn Parrots, home of the wild Quaker Parrots! He leads the Brooklyn wild parrot tours, entertaining walks through Brooklyn, NY to see and enjoy the Quaker (also known as monk) parrots (*Myiopsitta monachus*). Steve is a life-long Brooklynite who discovered that there were parrots living in his backyard in his 50s. He set out to find the birds himself and starting running free tours around 15 years ago or so. While currently suspended, hopefully someday he'll be able to resume them! Steve has even written an e-book called The Brooklyn Parrots FAQ, available on Amazon for a nominal price at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00RPH8440>. Quaker parrots are the only parrots that build free-standing nests almost anywhere, including trees, power transmission poles, steeples, and other human-made structures. Unfortunately this has led to conflict over the years and heated debates about their future in the urban environment. Frequently seen locations in Brooklyn include Brooklyn College, Green-Wood Cemetery, and various locations in South Brooklyn. Lean more about Steve and Brooklyn Parrots at <http://brooklynparrots.com/>.





## History of Parrots - Part 4- Parrots as Tourist Attraction - By Susan Chamberlain

In 1936 Franz Scherr opened Parrot Jungle on the site of a former nudist colony in Miami, Florida. The attraction exemplified what we now think of as 'old Florida', with trained bird shows, lush botanical gardens, a kitschy gift shop and lovingly run by the founding family. Many of us have old photos of relatives or even ourselves photographed with armloads of macaws in what have become 'classic' Parrot Jungle pictures. Parrots from the trained bird show were part of Florida's pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair in New York.

The macaws at Parrot Jungle were free to mingle with one another and form pair bonds with others, resulting in numerous chicks, many of them hybrids. Until urban development made it impossible, Parrot Jungle's free-flying macaws were an awe inspiring sight as they flew out of the gardens in the morning and returned at dusk.

Parrot Jungle was sold in 1988 to veterinarian Bern Levine and the late Richard Schubot who was famous for breeding black palm cockatoos. The attraction eventually relocated to Watson Island in Biscayne Bay in downtown Miami, and in 2007 its name was changed to *Jungle Island*.

On Florida's west coast, a bit of old Florida still exists at Sarasota Jungle Gardens, which opened in 1940. Some of the parrots in their bird shows were trained by prisoners in a California jail as part of a rehabilitation program. Sarasota Jungle Gardens emphasizes education and does a good job at promoting responsible pet bird stewardship.

Busch Gardens and its famous Bird Gardens opened in Tampa, Florida in 1959. Parrots and raptors still abound, along with numerous other animals and monster thrill rides.

### **Legislation and Agreements**

The first ban on the import of parrots into the United States was likely brought about by the 'parrot fever' scare that began when several people died of psittacosis in Argentina in 1929. The U.S. Treasury Department banned the importation of parrots in January 1930, but lifted it at the end of October when new import regulations were implemented.

Although New York State was ahead of the curve, enacting legislation banning the sale of imported exotic birds in 1986, *The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992* prohibited, except under special circumstances, the importation of exotic birds into the entire United States. It imposed a moratorium on the importation of birds on the CITES list (nearly 1,000 species at the time of inception) and provided criteria for determining whether captive breeding facilities were qualified to export exotic birds to the U.S. The Act also created an Exotic Bird Conservation Fund for exotic bird conservation projects in their native countries. The Fund is supported by penalties, donations and fines.

Domestic breeding efforts, spurred by the lack of available imports were successful beyond aviculturists' dreams. The resulting tame, hand reared birds were preferable to the wild 'broncos' formerly offered for sale in pet shops, and the exotic bird hobby expanded dramatically.

CITES, the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora* is a voluntary agreement drafted in 1973 between governments to ensure that international trade in wild animals and plants would not threaten their survival in their native habitats. Fully implemented in 1975, the CITES agreement has one of the largest memberships of all conservation efforts.

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## Book Report

Two of our popular avian veterinarians have written fascinating and revealing books about their experiences in veterinary medicine and 'real life'! Dr. Robert Monaco of Old Country Animal Clinic and Dr. Laurie Hess give us behind-the-scenes looks into their busy personal lives as well as their challenges and triumphs in treating exotic pets.

### ER to PR: Veterinary Medicine *on the Run*



ER to PR: Veterinary Medicine on the Run, by Robert Monaco, DVM, DABVP

Dr. Monaco says the idea for the book came to him on Christmas Eve in 2008. At first he thought it would be a retirement project, but published in 2009, it came to fruition sooner than planned. It combines stories of animal patients and pets with his other passion: running. Those of us who know Dr. M as parents of patients know that he is genuinely invested in the well-being of our beloved birds. If you've attended club meetings where he's done presentations, you also know that he takes great delight in shocking us with graphic images of animal surgeries and medical conditions. His writing is often humorous, even when describing harrowing situations at the clinic. On page 75 in the chapter Veterinary Myths and Urban Legends, there's hysterically funny anecdote about a pet ferret and why you may not want to kiss one on the belly. Another story about a budgie owner who brought her birds into the office in a huge cage due to a suspected

tumor had a happy ending when the 'tumor' was diagnosed as a piece of dried spinach! There's some feeding and care advice among the pages, as well as numerous stories of running marathons and other races. Dr. M credits his dog, Jake as his personal trainer! Colorful pictures of races and patients pepper the pages. In none of the photos does Dr. Monaco look as delighted as he does when holding a giant monitor lizard!

ER to PR is available at Old Country Animal Clinic in Plainview. Stop by for a copy or contact the clinic for purchase and shipping information.

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# Christmas Holiday Party, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021





## Check Out Our Meeting Vendors!

**Diane's Bird Toys**—great selection of parrot toys for any size parrot.

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## ★ Snack Sweethearts ★

If your last name begins with the letters  
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please bring a snack to the next meeting.  
Thank you!

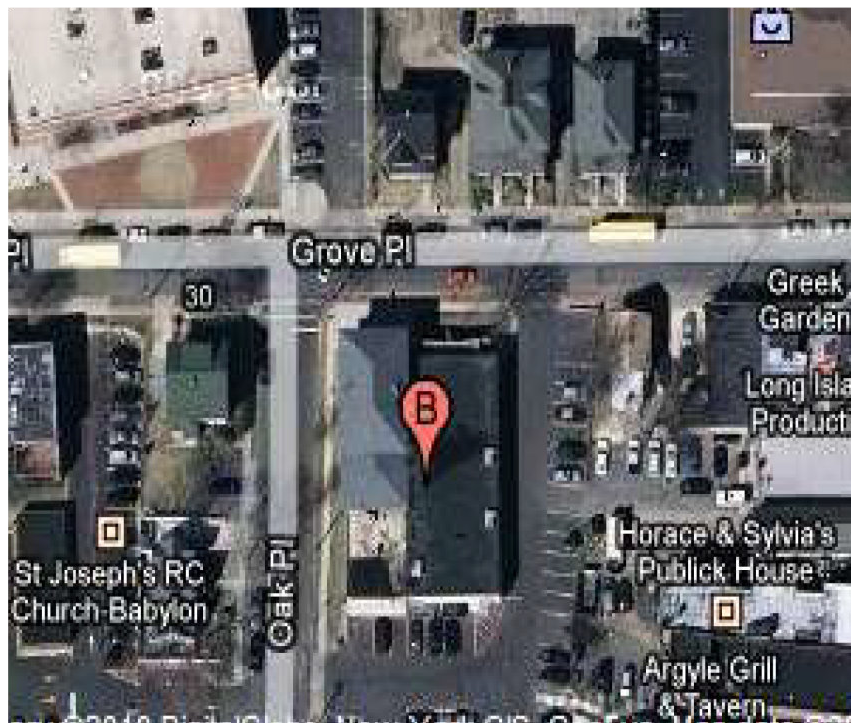
### Please observe the following rules for the safety of your parrots and others!

- You must be a LIPS member for at least 60 days prior to bringing birds to meetings or events.
- Non-members and guests are not permitted to bring birds to meetings or events.
- Flighted birds must be confined to carriers or cages.
- All birds must remain under supervision of their pet human or a caretaker designated by said human.
- Please clean up after your birds (poop, food, etc.).

### The following birds must have been quarantined for 60 days prior to attending meetings or events:

- Newly acquired birds, baby birds and geriatric birds.
- Sick birds; any bird exposed to sick birds within the past 60 days.
- Birds that have been boarded in pet shops.
- Pin-feathered baby birds are not permitted at meetings or events unless contained in appropriate, solid sided containers or incubators. Owner assumes any risks associated with bringing such birds to meetings or events.

## Directions to Our Meeting Hall, 22 Grove Place, Babylon, NY



East or west bound: Northern State Parkway, Exit 42 South; LIE Exit 51 South; Southern State Parkway, Exit 39 South; Sunrise Highway, Exit 40 South. All parkways except Sunrise Highway: Proceed south on Deer Park Avenue. Deer Park Ave. forks just past the Southern State. Bear to the right and continue south ([Old] Deer Park Ave.) over Sunrise Hwy. Under the RR Bridge, make the second right (Grove Place). Hall is on the left, high school on the right. Parking is in rear of hall or across the street behind the school.

**USE FRONT DOOR ONLY, NO ENTRANCE THROUGH THE BAR OR BACK DOOR. ALL MEMBERS/ GUESTS MUST SIGN IN. REAR ENTRANCE FOR VENDORS & HANDICAPPED ONLY.** The phone number of the Hall is (631) 669-0094.



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**Did you know...it's illegal to own or sell Quaker (monk) parakeets in the following states?\***

California      Connecticut      Georgia  
Kansas          Kentucky          Hawaii  
New Jersey      Pennsylvania      Tennessee  
Rhode Island    Wyoming

Quaker parakeets have established healthy feral colonies in Florida, Texas, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Illinois and other states. They are the only parrot species that build nests. There is currently legislation under consideration in NY (NYS Bills S4131A/A7688A) to protect the feral Quakers as wild birds.

\*Regulations subject to change and expansion to other states.

**NEXT: Bird Clubs, Presidential Parrots & Parrots in Art**

**Good News for Budgies**



The Guardian reports that budgies are thriving this season! A massive murmuration – the phenomenon of thousands of birds flocking together –

swarmed Australia's Northern Territory in early December.

After a tough couple of years due to drought and bushfires, some inland Australian bird species are now thriving after a buoyant wet season. Photographer Steve Pearce said this was the biggest murmuration he had ever seen, estimating that there could have been 100,000 budgies

Budgerigars are experiencing a booming breeding season, as climate conditions, rain and food availability melded to make the perfect breeding environment. The most important aspect to this explosion of life in outback Australia is old trees because the birds need the hollows in gnarly trees for nesting sites.



**African Grey Permits Required**

The Independent reports that Kenya gave owners of African grey Parrots 45 days to obtain permits from the country's wildlife agency to keep their pet African grey parrots. The bird's dwindling population plays an important role in maintaining the country's ecosystems. Obtaining such permits is costly but will help owners escape criminal prosecution. Permits will be subject to annual renewal.

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Unlikely Companions: The Adventures of an Exotic Animal Doctor (or, what Friends, Feathered, Furred & Scaled Have Taught Me About Life and Love) by Laurie Hess, DVM, DABVP (with Samantha Rose) Da Capo Press

Many of us know Dr. Hess from her appearances at Parrot EXPO and LIPS meetings, or more recently on one of our popular ZOOM meetings. Some of us have been privileged to visit her hospital, the Veterinary Center for Birds and Exotics in Bedford Hills, NY. Whether it's a cockatoo that is not eating, a depressed chinchilla, a pregnant potbellied pig, or a ferret possibly needing surgery, Dr. Laurie Hess is at the front lines with some remarkable pets-and their equally eccentric, dedicated, and sometimes demanding owners.

Following a week in Dr. Hess's life as she tries to uncover the source of an unknown ailment killing sugar gliders, some of her most vulnerable patients, and those across the country, Unlikely Companions is an adventure with a twist that includes a special message about managing our most important relationships-those with our friends, coworkers, children, spouses, and

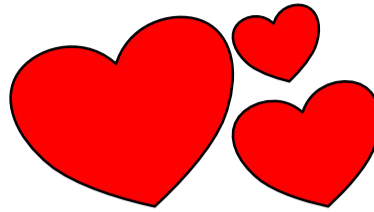
ourselves. We get a glimpse into Hess's personal life as she juggles her dedication to her family with the time and toll her challenging career extracts. She admits that she sometimes sacrifices time with her family for do her job, but it is a job she loves.

She doesn't get overly technical on treatment details but provides enough to tell us a story about the pet and owner. You will learn that she has curly hair, which is mentioned frequently as animals tend to fly, jump, or land in it, and diabetes, as she sometimes gets so caught up in her work that she neglects her health.

Unlikely Companions is available in select bookstores, on [audible.com](https://www.audible.com) and on [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) in kindle, audio or hardcover versions.



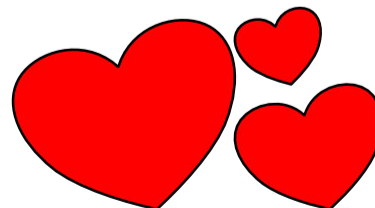
# Adoption Spotlight



Doc is a 13+ year old male Blue & Gold Macaw who likes to talk and blush with excitement. Doc is not hand-tamed (sometimes can hand her pieces of fruit). Owner's mother can pet him at times, but not consistently. Doc uses macaw intimidation tactics to "scare off" humans. She will need to be re-homed with someone who has macaw experience and understands macaw body language. Notes from the owner: Doc is a social bird that requires much attention and has the ability to talk and be hand tamed however I am a single parent raising a special needs child on my own to the best of my ability. I have a hard time dividing and giving attention to pet because of the level of supervision and care my child needs. Doc has been with this family for years and needs to be placed in a loving home. Doc enjoys seeds, nuts and fresh fruit sometimes veggies.

Additional info: Doc enjoys sunshine, a fresh mist of water and playing with bell toys.

**\*\*UPDATE\*\*** 3/16/21: Doc was just avian vet checked and tested positive for Avian Borna Virus (ABV); therefore, he has to be placed where he's an only bird.



**Doc** is looking for his forever home. If you are interested in adopting **Doc**, please contact us at 631-957-1100 or send an email to: [info@liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org) for further information. You can find our adoption application at: [liparrots.org/Adopt](https://liparrots.org/Adopt)





# Help For Parrot Behavior Problems

Webinar Recordings  
From Barbara Heidenreich  
[www.ParrotProblem.com](http://www.ParrotProblem.com)



## 1. Addressing Screaming for Attention in Companion Parrots

Challenged by a parrot that vocalizes loudly to get your attention? Tried everything and are still having a hard time getting it to stop? Professional animal trainer Barbara Heidenreich has solutions for you. Total run time is about 1 hour and 40 minutes. To purchase access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/screamingparrot>

## 2. Train Your Parrot to Step Up

Many parrots have learned to show fear responses and or aggressive behavior towards hands due to traditional training methods. Learn how to train your parrot to step up using techniques Barbara Heidenreich has developed traveling the world training thousands of parrots using force free methods at her workshops. Total run time is 1 hour and 44 minutes. To purchase access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link. <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/parrotstepup>

## 3. Solutions for Biting and Aggressive Behavior in Companion Parrots

Tired of getting bit by your parrot? Are you stumped by his or her aggressive behavior? Professional animal trainer Barbara Heidenreich has solutions for you. Total run time is about 1 hour and 45 minutes. To purchase access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/parrotbiting>

## 4. Fixing Fear Responses and Building Trust with Companion Parrots

Is your parrot afraid of you? New people? New situations? Toys? Are you having a hard time making a connection? Professional animal trainer Barbara Heidenreich has solutions for you. Total run time is about 1 hour and 55 minutes. **To purchase** access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/parrottrust>

## 5. Solutions for Parrot Behavior Problems Related to Hormones

Territorial aggression, biting family members and excessive vocalizations have all been attributed to parrots with reproductive hormones in overdrive. Learn how to prevent hormone amplification and what to do if a parrot is presenting undesired behavior due to a drive to reproduce. Total run time is about 1 hour and 45 minutes. **To purchase** access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/parrothormones>

## 6. How to Train Your Parrot

This webinar covers the step by step process for training common desired behaviors. We will use targeting, step up and recall as examples. Learn important do's and don'ts of the training process that impact reaching your training goals. run time is about 1 hour and 45 minutes. **To purchase** access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/trainyourparrot>

## 7. Stress Free Veterinary Care for Companion Parrots

Learn how to train your parrot to accept oral medications, be comfortable wrapped in a towel, and participate in preventative care. Discover techniques to introduce new objects (such as medical instruments) without creating fear responses. Learn which behaviors to prioritize to reduce stress for health care of your bird and how to gain cooperation from your parrot while at the veterinary hospital. Total run time is 1 hour and 52 minutes. To purchase access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/parrotvetcare>

## 8. Training Rescued and/or Re-Homed Parrots

Whether you work in a rescue or sanctuary, foster parrots or have adopted a parrot into your home it is sometimes difficult to break through or overcome behavior problems with a parrot with an unfortunate or unknown history. This webinar will provide guidance for those working with some of the more challenging behavioral cases in the avian community. Total run time is 1 hour and 50 minutes. This webinar is **FREE!** However if you watch this webinar consider saying "Thank You" by offering to pay what you can. The amount is up to you! Your contribution will help make it possible for this item to continue to remain free for those who can't afford it. Visit this link and follow the instructions to access the webinar <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/rescuedparrot>

## 9. Becoming a Better Parrot Trainer. Practical Application Skills That Make a Difference

Despite how much one knows about learning theory, the real test of animal training skills happens during practical application. When it comes to parrot training, details really make a difference. Learn what makes a good parrot trainer become great trainer when it comes to practical application. Total run time is 2 hours. To purchase access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/parrothandlingskills>

## 10. Flight Training for Companion Parrots

Good candidates for flight training, steps for recall training, developing flight skills, managing behavior of a flighted parrot, harness training & more are covered in this webinar on training parrots to fly. Note: This webinar does not cover training for outdoor flight. Total run time is 1 hour and 49 minutes. To purchase access to a recording of this webinar for \$19.95 visit this link <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/parrotflight>

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# Conservation Notes

## Quakers in Peril

*Euro Weekly News* reports that the Madrid City Council, employing specialized workers, has begun exterminating thousands of Quaker (monk) parakeets that have become established in the city. They maintain that the birds cause serious inconvenience to citizens, in addition to being an invasive exotic species. The Fuente del Berro park is the first location where the plan is being carried out in order to exterminate approximately 13,000 Quaker and rose-ringed parakeets. Controversy has been rampant because this control campaign is carried out by shooting the birds with compressed air rifles.

As confirmed by the Environment and Mobility Department, a contract signed and authorized by the Community of Madrid allows the use of a compressed air rifle in specific circumstances, and in limited enclosures, for the elimination of these species. They added, however, that the bulk of the operations that have been carried out and will be carried out in the future in the city, will be with cannon-lance, nets, and book net methods.

Municipal sources pointed out that the City Council launched this plan “for reasons of safety and protection of human health”, claiming that the Quaker parakeet is prone to disease transmission. As reported by EFE, a Spanish international news agency, the population of the parrots has increased by 85 percent since 2015, and 665 percent since 2005. The number of feral Quakers is growing in Barcelona, Seville, Malaga, and other municipalities. The Royal Decree on Invasive Species, prohibits their release once captured, allows their adoption under certain conditions: being sterilized, and registered in the registry of invasive species. Outrage over the culling of the birds has resulted in numerous social media groups and petitions in protest.



back on for another interview.

Our board member Robert Gross has made several media appearances this month. On December 7th he was interviewed on WHPC 90.3 FM Nassau Community College Radio and this will air on February 3rd at 330 pm and on February 6th 8am. The program was My Hometown focusing on L I P S

On December 16th he was interviewed by news Long Island radio 103.9 FM this was an animal show and it focused on L I P S. Robert was also asked back for a 2nd appearance.

On December 23rd Robert was interviewed on a program call TO THE POINT with MICHAEL AND RAE in regard to L I P S and Robert was asked



# Adoption Spotlight



Name of Parrot: Peanut

Species: Lessor sulfur crested cockatoo

Age of Parrot: Unknown

Sex: Unknown

Birthday Hatchday : Unknown

Bird Color: White with yellow

Size: Small; Wings Clipped: Yes

Parrots Usual Diet: Parrot seed, daily scrambled egg, chicken thigh/bones, fresh fruit, lettuce, broccoli, raisin bread, almonds in shell, noodles, eats table food when we eat meals, ritz crackers, pretzel sticks,

Talking Ability: Mimics syllables like Joshua- caw caw caw- says hello We keep "him" in the kitchen- if we are in there too late it will scream for us to turn off the lights to let it sleep.

Vet : I will take him before anyone adopts her

Is Bird Good with Children: Unknown ; Is Bird Good with Dogs: Not a Good Fit

Is Bird Good with Cats: Not a Good Fit; Is Bird Good with Other Pets: Not a Good Fit

Hand Tame: Yes

Feather Issues: Plucks

Behavior: She's used to a quiet house. Was in shock after boarding at bird store. No macaws: grays - noisy birds too stressful I don't have time anymore. She needs a bird charmer- human attention. She's a sweetheart.

Reason: I can't give it attention- with everyone moved home working remotely- the need for absolute quiet is unfair. It's the best thing for her. To play & chirp happily. Bird is not let out endlessly like others. She's on my shoulder. But- . It will starve if you don't let it or put it back in for food & water.

Notes: Please come see the bird. Please make sure the bird is the happy focus of new parents. I really care. Peanut deserves it. I will gladly give my cage

**Peanut** is looking for his forever home. If you are interested in adopting **Peanut**, please contact us at 631-957-1100 or send an email to: [info@liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org) for further information. You can find our adoption application at: [liparrots.org/Adopt](http://liparrots.org/Adopt)

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Phone Number: (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

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I (single)/We (Family) hereby apply for membership in the Long Island Parrot Society of NY, Inc.

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Please make your check or money order payable to the Long Island Parrot Society of NY, Inc.

Mail to: P O Box 2754, North Babylon, NY 11703-0754

Memberships may also be paid online at our website using PayPal: liparrots.org/membership

LIPS meets the third Wednesday of the month, 10 months a year (no meetings in February or July)  
(Check schedule for dates: liparrots.org/monthly-meetings)

Meeting Place: American Legion Post #94, 22 Grove Place, Babylon, NY 11702

General Phone: 631 957 1100 Adoption Line: 631 456 1813 eMail: info@liparrots.org

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT LIPS: \_\_\_\_\_

The Long Island Parrot Society is a non-profit, 501c3 organization and NY State registered charity #43-65-18. Our purpose is to educate and instruct on the proper care and maintenance of psittacines and to encourage avian research, future conservation, and the management and maintenance of an avian museum/educational center/shelter.

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