



# LIPService

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The Long Island Parrot Society of NY, Inc.



A couple of summertime quotes to start us off . . .

“In the summertime, when the

weather is hot, you can reach right up and touch the sky.” - Mungo Jerry



“Friends, (parrots), sun, sand, and sea, that sounds like a summer to me.” - Anonymous

Please note that the avian flu still poses a risk to our birds. Local avian vets have advised us to leave our parrots at home (which means **no parrots at meetings or outreaches** at this point).

We have our in-person meeting on Wednesday, June 15 at Greenwood Hall in East Islip. We have an in-person presenter: **Sweetbriar Nature Center**. We will also broadcast via Zoom for our members who can't make in-person meetings. We will provide coffee, tea, bottled water—due to avian flu and COVID, you provide your own snacks. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Our May Zoom presenter was Lauren Schmaltz from the World Parrot Trust (WPT). The presentation was recorded, and as a member, if you would like a copy of

the recording, please email me at [info@liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org). WPT is a wonderful organization dedicated



to helping parrots survive in the wild and flourish in companion care. Please visit their website:

<https://www.parrots.org/> You can become a member or donate to this worthwhile organization. So much to learn, so much to access, an important organization in the world-wide avian community, of which we are part.



Have you completed your emergency contact card? The cards are mailed to you when you join/re-new your membership—could be life or death for your pets (see more under Gimme Shelter inside the newsletter). Set up emergency contacts and provide them with a key to your home. Let the emergency contact know that you're naming them and show them what to do for your birds/pets. If you need an emergency contact card, please let us know. Email: [info@liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org) We will also have a supply at the June 15 in-

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person meeting. You'll also see an emergency contact card in the newsletter. This card is one of the most important items you can carry in your wallet.

Your newsletter is full of such great information you can use. As you can see, we have great presenters lined up. We have our picnic to look forward to, as well as various outreaches. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering for any of our meetings/events, want to be added to our volunteer email list, want to donate unwanted items, and/or would like to suggest speakers/topics you would like to see/hear about, please either leave a message at 631-957-1100 or email us at [info@liparrots.org](mailto:info@liparrots.org).

Thank you for continuing to support our club.

- Diane P Hyde, President

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING starts 7:00 p.m. following speaker. PLEASE MUTE YOUR AUDIO during speaker. SPEAKERS: Begin at 7:30 p.m. +/-20 minutes. **Please be respectful. Mute!**

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during the year

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/OUTREACHES

See [page 10](#) for a list of events.

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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)

- Join The Leather Elves Facebook page every Friday evening at 7PM EST! Robin Shewokis-Sullivan hosts an informative and entertaining presentation on different avian topics each week!
- **June 3 - 5 - Great Adirondack Birding Celebration** - Paul Smiths, NY
- **June 5 - Audubon Murals Art Run & Walk** - New York, NY - \$30
- **July 10 - Sunday** - Monroeville, PA - [OHPA Bird Fair](#)
- **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)
- **September 26-29, 2022-**"Wild Parrots Up Close" International Parrot Convention of Tenerife, Spain Loro Parque. Visit <https://www.wildparrotsupclose.com/>
- **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 - May 2022

Deposits as of May 2022	
Deposits	\$1443.22
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$1443.22</b>

Expenses as of May 2022	
Phone:	\$120.00
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World Parrot Trust Donation	\$206.10
Misc:	\$551.77
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1449.32</b>

TFCU Account Balances as of May 31, 2022	
Operating Fund:	\$7066.07
EXPO Fund:	\$10,595.65
Parrot Care:	\$2,664.70
MM (Shelter):	\$138,288.80
CD (Shelter):	\$9,345.78
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$167,961.00</b>

## Board Meeting Minutes - April 2022

April 27, 2022 7PM via ZOOM ATTENDING: David Abrahams, Susan Chamberlain, Bob Dietrich, Shawn Florman, Robert Gross, Diane Hyde, Candy Little

PARROT EXPO: Discussion about feasibility of holding EXPO; vendor response has been nearly non-existent, so Freeport Rec Center is a no-go. Would a smaller event meet attendees' expectations? Establish theme, cost, admission price, and venue for event. People need to become accustomed to going out for events again. Need to book speakers or programs that would draw people in. Zoom and-in person pricing to be determined.

## Board Meeting Minutes - May 2022

May 11, 2022 7PM via ZOOM ATTENDING: David Abrahams, Donna Barbaro, Susan Chamberlain, Bob Dietrich, Shawn Florman, Robert Gross, Diane Hyde, Candy Little

Cage donation to STAR Foundation; arranging transport for the cage; discussed arrangements for new donations at shed.

JOT FORMS: Easy way to create web forms via drag & drop. Club depends on collecting adoption info, lost & found, etc on website. Current forms are difficult to use, customize and read. Shawn Florman proposed Jot Forms as an alternative. Can integrate Paypal and Square and other payment methods into forms. There are several ways to integrate forms. It can go live right away, as can changes and updates. Cost: Non-profits get a 50% discount. Our cost: \$14.50 per month. Approved.

WEBSITE MOTO CMS Member Area: Proposed unique section just for members on website. Move certain things, like newsletter archives, meeting videos (Zoom) into 'Members Only' section. If statistics can be calculated, we'll be able to see how many people are visiting. Keeping it simple for now.

JUNE 1 MINI-ZOOM: Disaster preparedness; hurricanes, brush fires, smoke, etc.

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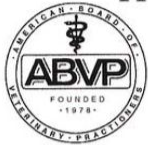
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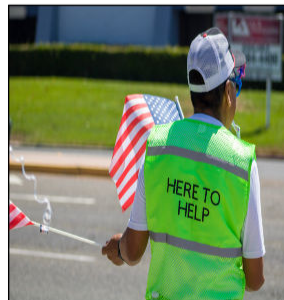
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## Volunteers are very much needed.

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JUNE 15 MEETING: Possible speaker for in-person meetings. Suffolk Sheriff re pet project, Roy Gross, Suffolk SPCA

ALTERNATE EXPO SITES: Farmingdale College...unavailable for 3 years; Possible event at meeting hall; retreat facilities, etc.

MEETINGS: Ideas for motivating people to come to meetings; Jot Form survey to be created.

FEATHER DONATIONS: Feather donation effort at [FeathersforNativeamericans.com](http://FeathersforNativeamericans.com) Will include in NL and Feather Flash

INCREASE ADOPTION FEES: Fees had been based on average price charged in pet shop years ago...adoption fees will double to cover administration costs and help shelter fund.

## Board Meeting Minutes - May 2022

May 25, 2022 7PM via ZOOM ATTENDING: David Abrahams, Donna Barbaro, Susan Chamberlain, Bob Dietrich, Shawn Florman, Robert Gross, Diane Hyde, Candy Little

POSSIBLE FOOD VENDOR FOR JUNE MEETING: Prospect is a wholesaler who doesn't want to injure his retailers by underselling. Will ask K&M Grooming. SC unable to attend June meeting; Diane will haul equipment and make coffee. Members advised to bring their own snacks, not snacks to share.

POSSIBLE JUNE SPEAKER; Eric Kunz, carnivorous plants. Speaker fee over budget; reconsidering booking. Other people considered. Candy will contact Sweetbriar as a possibility. UPDATE: Sweetbriar confirmed.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Movie night? Dinner? Event/attraction to bring members out to meetings. Social vs educational?

AFA & other avian organizations have reached out to the avian community regarding USDA's humane handling of animals act. Comments are solicited on website. Animal rights activists are behind the act, which is very restrictive. Deadline to comment is 11PM 5/25/2022.

DISCUSSION: ALTERNATIVE TO PARROT EXPO

Re-think and re-imagine EXPO and club activities; COVID and ZOOM have changed everything, and Bird Flu has curtailed events that include birds. Proposed: Online auction, Q&A Game Night. Ideas for online content: YouTube, Podcasts, etc. In-person events: Zoo trips, Quaker viewing, etc. Ideas welcome.

PICNIC & BIRD FLU: Advise against bringing birds, as park is on a lake. SC queried vets about picnic/birds.: consensus is NOT to bring birds as risk is too great. Shorebirds. Hawks, eagles, waterfowl are most infected...anything that eats them gets infected. SC queried avian veterinarians who advised against bringing birds to picnic, citing unacceptable risk.

JUNE 1 ZOOM: Disaster preparedness; SC compiling info for talking points.



By: Susan Chamberlain

The Long Island Parrot Society recently took a call from a hospital social worker. A patient had been in the hospital for eight days and her birds were home alone, with no replenishment of food or water. Our hearts sank, dreading what might be found when someone finally gained access to the

home. Remarkably, the birds were found alive.

This situation illustrates the necessity of having a plan in place for such emergencies.

**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; Ask for recommendations for vets, bird sitters, groomers and more. Socialize your bird so that it can be handled by others.

Make an information sheet for each bird and give copies to people named as caretakers in case of emergency. Include a photo, name, age & band number List distinctive habits, likes & dislikes. Include veterinarian's contact information, bird's health history and designated caretaker in case of emergency.

**It is Later than You Think!** If it is not in writing, it is not there! A pet cannot be a beneficiary of a will. In NY and some other states, a trust may be created to care for animals alive during the testator's lifetime. Seek an attorney's advice for specifics. 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. Name the person or organization you have 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 if money for the pet's care has been left in your will. 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. Have them notarized. Consult an attorney as to enforceability of all documents. Be mindful. Have a plan. Your bird's future is in your hands.

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# Sweetbriar Nature Center



ECSS: Sweetbriar Nature Center is a private not-for-profit, 501c3, corporation which exists to provide natural science education services for Long Island residents of all ages and to engage in native wildlife rehabilitation services. Through education and examples, ECSS encourages responsible decision making, appreciation, and respect for the unique wildlife and ecosystems found on Long Island.

Sweetbriar Nature Center is situated on 54 acres of varied garden, woodland, field and wetland habitats on the Nissequogue River. Hundreds of species of plants and animals make homes here. We are open to the public year round from 9am-4:30pm.

We offer programs, events and wildlife rehabilitation. For updates on events please check our events page or check us out on social media.

***Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7pm: In person and via Zoom***

# Meet the Speaker

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & OUTREACH EVENTS

**Wednesday, June 15**, 6:30 PM Long Island Parrot Society IN PERSON\* MEETING at new meeting hall, Greenwood Hall, 58 Greenwood Ave., East Islip **Presentation by Sweetbriar Nature Center.** (Due to avian flu and covid, please do NOT bring your bird to the meeting, and do NOT bring snacks to share. You may bring food for yourself. (Coffee, tea, and bottled water will be provided by the Club.) **K&M will be attending as our Food Vendor.**

**Saturday, June 18**, 10AM-4PM Outreach at Sweetbriar Nature Center, 62 Eckernkamp Drive, Smithtown. Volunteers needed! Email [candyl@liparrots.org](mailto:candyl@liparrots.org) or [outreach@liparrots.org](mailto:outreach@liparrots.org) or call 631-957-1100 for details

**Saturday, June 18** from 10-4 p.m., CEED's Summer Solstice Nature Festival, Washington Lodge, 287 South Country Road, Brookhaven, NY 11719. Volunteers needed! Email [candyl@liparrots.org](mailto:candyl@liparrots.org) or [outreach@liparrots.org](mailto:outreach@liparrots.org) or call 631-957-1100 for details

**Wednesday, July 6**, 7PM Long Island Parrot Society Mini-ZOOM\* meeting. Watch your email for invitation! (Please make sure your email address is on file with LIPS)

**Saturday, July 16** at 11-12:30 p.m., Parrot University for Teens, Sayville Library, 88 Greene Avenue, Sayville, NY. Volunteers needed! Email [candyl@liparrots.org](mailto:candyl@liparrots.org) or [outreach@liparrots.org](mailto:outreach@liparrots.org) or call 631-957-1100 for details

**Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** 7PM Long Island Parrot Society meeting via **ZOOM** Chris Armstrong; Free-Flying Parrots

**Sunday, July 24**, 10AM until dusk; **LIPS ANNUAL PICNIC**, Oak Pavilion, Belmont Lake State Park. We polled several area avian veterinarians who advised leaving birds at home due to the presence of bird flu.

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022**, Outreach: Jimmy Buffett Tailgate Party at Jones Beach! All day event. Stay tuned for details!

**Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>** 7PM LIPS meeting via ZOOM; Cassie Malina on Avian Behavior

**Wednesday, September 21** 6:30PM Long Island Parrot Society IN-PERSON meeting with Ranger Eric Powers of CEED (Center for Environmental Education and Discovery)

**Wednesday, October 19** 7PM via ZOOM Jason Crean presentation: Avian Diet

**Wednesday, November 16** 7PM via ZOOM Pamela Clark, Parrot Behavior Consultant

\*Mini-ZOOM meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM. In-person meetings will be live-streamed via ZOOM. Meeting invitations are sent via email.



# Book Report



The Parrot Wizard's Guide to Well-Behaved Parrots 2nd Edition  
by Michael Sazhin

This book is a guide to developing a sound relationship with your feathered friend by focusing on all aspects of the bird's life: Food, schedule, sleep, environment, routine, training, and more all play into your parrot's behavior. This guide promotes an easy-to-follow approach to effective parrot training.

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- 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, 58 Greenwood Avenue East Islip, NY 11730



### From the East:

Sunrise Hwy to exit 46. Left on Connetquot Avenue. Stay straight. Turn right at Hawthorne Ave. (Just after Railroad tracks.) Stay straight until the end of the street, note the Greenwood Hall Sign. Follow into the long drive way.

### From the West:

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Welcome back to Long Island from your winter home in Arizona, Pat & Neil Rudikoff, and flock! We hear the trek back was quite an adventure!

Many thanks to member, Lisa Eastwood who showed up at the Club's cage sale with Italian ices to cool the volunteers off on the hottest weekend of the year! Sales were hot too! \$925.00 in cages, accessories, and t-shirts, plus a \$100.00 donation! Thank you, to the Cage Committee and volunteers!

Happy 32-year anniversary to Pat LoRusso and husband Richie.

Thanks to George Sommers for updating the public about Parrot EXPO's cancellation in his blog, *From the Parrot's Beak*. Visit <https://fromtheparrotsbeakblog.wordpress.com/2022/05/27> for interesting parrot news!

Shout out to Candy Little and David Abrahams for our great speaker line up this year! Credit also goes to Paula Basso for booking Chris Armstrong for July (via ZOOM). See the schedule under *Upcoming Meetings & Outreach Events*.

Let's give birds some print exposure! Submit a photo of your parrot to Pennysaver's Pet of the week! Send your photo to Beth/Pet of the Week c/o Pennysaver, 145 Marcus Blvd. Hauppauge NY 11788 Include your name and contact info, your bird's name & species, and a sharp photo. (Photos cannot be returned.)

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## Uncommon Pets: Tips for Proper Care at Home from Experts

By Susan Chamberlain

If you're an animal lover, you may be more than just a little eager to open up your home to some less usual pets than are commonly found in households today. Of course, many creatures have specific care needs regarding living space, diet, and routine care. However, when you're able to meet their needs, you'll find that many exotic or unusual pets add an excitingly wild dimension to life in your home.

Are exotic pets good for children?

Pets teach responsibility, conservation, patience, and respect for life. Tailor noise levels and beak strength to the age of the child. Very young children enjoy watching budgies, finches and canaries flit about and chirp. By about five years of age, a child is ready to hold, under supervision, a budgie, lovebird, or cockatiel. At about seven or eight, children are capable of feeding and light cage cleaning. Be sure that children wash their hands before and after handling pet birds. Supervision is key!

Locate the cage in area where the bird can observe family activity, yet not be in the middle of a maelstrom. Avoid placing the cage in bedrooms or in the kitchen. Bird dander may exacerbate human allergies, especially in bedrooms. Cooking fumes and cleaning products in the kitchen will be harmful to a bird. Stress is a factor when a bird moves to a new home. Do not over handle, over stimulate or over train the newbie. Allow the bird to adjust to its new environment, and work with it at its own pace.

Do take noise level into consideration. Birds ordinarily begin to chirp at daybreak and may wake sleeping children. A dark cage cover will help the bird to sleep a bit later.

Avian escapes often occur when exterior doors are opened while birds are at liberty in the home. Make it a hard and fast rule that your child's bird must be safely inside its cage before doors are opened.

Read more of this article [here](#).

## LIPS Report to American Federation of Aviculture by Diane Hyde

- We continue to conduct our meetings via Zoom and our reciprocal relationship with The Parrot Club and Connecticut Parrot Society.
  - We've decided to conduct in-person meetings on a quarterly basis during 2022 (March, June, September, December)—a Zoom option is also available during the in-person meetings for those members who can't attend in-person.
  - We have a new meeting hall which suits our needs perfectly.
  - Due to the avian flu (H5N1), we've conducted outreaches and in-person meetings without our parrots. We have advised our members about the importance of adopting a biosecurity protocol in their homes to protect their birds.
  - LIPS board member, Donna Barbaro, is our "ears to the ground" regarding the avian flu—she keeps us up-to-date with the proper biosecurity protocol, as well providing maps/reports as to where the flu has spread.
  - Dr. Amy Hopkins, president of The Parrot Club conducted a Zoom with Dr. Kristin Sinclair regarding the avian flu. Amy is requesting that the following YouTube video be shared: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfCsI4g35cs&t=234s>
- Attended a two-day outreach without our parrots. We had members dress in our "parrot suit" both days to attract folks to our booth. Also had a continuous loop playing with a presentation prepared highlighting the club, our parrot placement program and conservation. We had lots of interested folks. We had prepared a flyer as to why there were no parrots, explaining about the avian flu.
- We will continue to attend outreaches, but without our parrots. As our outreach coordinator says, "Although our fids wont be there, we still want to fulfill the clubs mission statement..." LIPS is all about the birds...we are dedicated to responsible bird ownership through education and example."
  - Our Zoom and mini-Zoom meetings (February-April 2022):
    - o Pest Control (with a concentration on rodents)
    - o DeeAnna Garret from China Prairie: Spouting
    - o Earth Day for Parrots
    - o Live Grooming Demo and Outreach Volunteers
    - o Shellie Hochstetler from Cockatoo Ranch
  - The board has decided not to have our annual EXPO in October. We reached out to our vendors to see who would be interested in participating to our EXPO—we only received three positive responses. Other vendors either are no longer in business or only conduct their business via mail order. With the rising cost of rent and other expenses, it's not in the club's best interest to hold EXPO as we have in the past. We are planning on having a smaller event in October. Making preparations now: finding a venue, deciding on theme/presenter.



It is a pleasure to introduce you to Andrea Mercer a member who has been with the club for over 25 years! Andrea & her parents own a horse farm on Long Island and she has owned parrots for over 35 years.

Currently her flock consists of one Hyacinth macaw as well as one Scarlet macaw. She has assisted in a great deal of foster care thru out the years both parrots and wild birds. As a good friend for many years, I often describe her as the "Bird Whisperer". Possibly she may have been an

exotic parrot in a previous life!! The evidence is there; She has raised a baby starling and it talks BETTER than some parrots I know!! The bird is affectionate and intelligent!! Andrea, who is not married, has a B.S. in Marine Biology & Natural Science. She is an amateur wildlife photographer who enjoys the beach and boating. She was raised in West Islip, NY is an advanced SCUBA diver who has been hang gliding and sky diving!! She enjoys traveling to places "off the beaten path". Some of these destinations include Pantanal, Brazil to see wild Hyacinth macaws and Costa Rica to see Scarlet macaws in the wild!! Andrea has also taken flying lessons and has awards from Grand Prix Dressage!!

## **Feathers for Native Americans**

“Feathers for Native Americans” is a non-profit organization founded by Stephen James. The mission is to collect molted macaw, parrot and wild turkey feathers and gift them to the Puebloan Tribes of Arizona and New Mexico to use in their traditional religious ceremonies, to adorn their ceremonial dance garb and to use along with their spiritual artifacts.

The organization is looking for bird owners or caretakers of birds in the USA who will donate their molted feathers to assist Native Americans in their right to express their rich cultures and traditions and in a small way help save wild macaws and parrots.

By gifting molted macaw, parrot, and other exotic bird feathers, we can thwart sellers of illegally imported feathers from Central and South America. Every feather donated from a molted living bird will have the potential to replace one that a wild bird was killed for. The molted feathers are a natural and renewable resource that is eco-friendly and humane. There is no danger to the birds, and they are prized by the Native Americans.

Native Americans have used feathers in their religious customs and traditions for the past millennium and will do so for the next millennium. Together we can help save wild macaws and parrots and support Native Americans in maintaining their 1st Amendment rights under the Constitution and enable them to continue their rich customs and traditions. Feather donations will be appreciated.

Send feathers to:

### **Feathers for Native Americans**

3415 Butterfly Arch  
Virginia Beach, VA  
23456-2537  
cell # 757-434-7557

Visit <https://www.feathersfornativeamericans.com/>

PLEASE NOTE: FEATHERS FROM RAPTORS SUCH AS EAGLES, HAWKS OR MIGRATORY BIRDS ARE ILLEGAL TO POSSESS. WE NEVER ACCEPT DONATIONS OR EVER POSSESS ANY OF THESE FEATHERS!

Feathers from Wild and Domestic Turkeys, Guinea, Peacock, Macaw, and other types of tropical birds like Parrots, Cockatoos, Cockatiels, Parakeets and etc. from the United States are all acceptable.

# **Long Island Parrot Society**



## **LOST A BIRD? FOUND A BIRD?**

Each week, The Long Island Parrot Society receives pleas of help from people who have lost or found escaped pet birds. With the approach of summer, doors are opened more frequently, and escapes are happening. Budgies especially, seem to be on the lam lately. The outlook is not good for birds that find themselves lost in the great outdoors, but there are things you can do to reduce the risk:

Prevent escapes! Have your bird's flight feathers trimmed regularly. If you prefer to leave your bird flighted, exercise extreme caution when doors are opened or closed. Confine birds to cages when doors and unscreened windows will be open and always bring your pet outdoors safely inside a carrier.

Train your bird so it will step on to a proffered stick. It will be more likely to be rescued if it is up in a tree. It is a great advantage for bird sitters too! Develop a contact call with your bird: You wolf whistle, it whistles back, etc. Keep a record of your bird's band number and take a good photo of your bird in case you ever need it for a 'lost' poster or identification purposes.

If your bird escapes: Try to keep it in sight. Enlist friends, neighbors, and children to help you search. Look in shrubs and under cars as well as in the treetops. Print up flyers with a photo of the bird and post in supermarkets, on light poles, at post office, vets' offices, pet stores etc. Notify pet shops, bird clubs, animal control and veterinary offices.

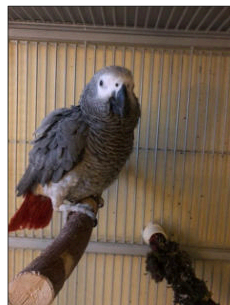
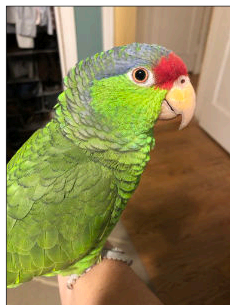
Use of the Internet has been responsible for reuniting many lost pets with their human companions. Post on social media, bird groups, [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com), [911parrotalert.com](http://911parrotalert.com), [birdhotline.com](http://birdhotline.com), [lostandfoundpetsoflongisland.com](http://lostandfoundpetsoflongisland.com), [liparrots.org](http://liparrots.org), local and neighborhood sites and more. Search the sites for found birds too. Often, birds are found and listed on Craigslist, pet sites and neighborhood pages. Beware of scammers and always take someone with you if someone claims to have your bird.

Suffolk County residents have another avenue for finding lost pets! Sheriff, Errol Toulon Jr. has announced the formation of the first-ever Lost Pet Network in the county. The Sheriff's Pet Network aims to register pets through printed ID cards that will include photos, pets' names, owner contact information, microchip status and medical needs. When an animal goes missing it will help officers in the field keep an eye out for missing pets and help to reunite found pets with their human companions.

It will not require new tax dollars. For more information, visit [suffolkcountysheriffsoffice.com](http://suffolkcountysheriffsoffice.com)

Email [Suffolk\\_Sheriff@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:Suffolk_Sheriff@suffolkcountyny.gov) with your comments

Local residents can get a physical copy of the ID card at the Sheriff's Civil Enforcement Bureau, 360 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank.



## Emergency Care for Avian Patients on Long Island

Do you have a vet for your flock? Do you bring your birds in for a checkup annually or semi-annually? Does your vet have Saturday or Sunday hours? Do you know where to get emergency care for your bird? At one point in your bird's life, they may need emergency care – especially as your bird ages.

If you answered no and do not bring your birds for regular care, please establish yourself with one of the many avian vets we have across Long Island. Look online at The Association of Avian Veterinarians (<https://www.aav.org>) to find an avian veterinarian near you. Veterinarians who have the ABVP designation have taken extensive training in avian and exotics. The Long Island Parrot Society website also has a list of vets who treat birds.

If you are established with an avian veterinarian, do you know where to go for after-hours emergencies? Do you have a plan in place to get medical care if something happens outside your regular vet's normal hours? You would be surprised to know that there are only 4 animal emergency clinics available that may be able to handle avian emergencies.

First, have a conversation with your vet as to what to do to obtain emergency care after hours.

Next, contact the clinic your vet recommends and get information BEFORE you need their services. Ask questions like:

1. **If I have an emergency, should I call first?** All the ER clinics advise calling first unless it's a life-or-death emergency. Some may have avian-experienced staff on duty or have access to someone with experience to consult with. Some may have no one familiar with avian care. Better to know before you arrive so you can get to the right place the first time to ensure the best outcome for your bird.
2. **Do you have someone on duty after hours who has avian experience?** If no, does the on-duty vet have access to someone who DOES have avian experience.
3. **Ask about cost for a basic ER visit.** ER visits can be a LOT more expensive than regular visits and you may want to establish an emergency fund just for this situation.
4. **Ask if they provide specialist services on site in case any are needed.**
5. **Ask what happens if they can only stabilize your bird?** Where do THEY refer to?

Interestingly, most Animal Emergency Hospitals do NOT have avian-experienced veterinarians on duty after hours, but all vets have received basic avian training. They can handle broken bones, cuts, scrapes, and similar issues. Their main goal will be to stabilize your bird and relieve pain. They may suggest keeping your bird overnight or may return your bird to you with medication and instruction to see your regular vet for follow-up.

If your bird has a chronic or special medical condition, discuss ER care with your vet BEFOREHAND.

### What Information Is Needed for an ER Visit?

While it seems like a lot of information, having a document ready could help your ER vet with diagnosis and treatment. Create a document that contains the following information and keep it up to date. This information is also helpful to have on hand if you travel with your bird:

1. Reason for visit
  - a. A brief description of the REASON for the visit including a description of the observed behavior, onset, precursors, and timeline.
2. Owner Information
  - a. Name
  - b. Address
  - c. Phone
  - d. Email
3. Basic Bird information
  - a. Bird's Name
  - b. Species

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# Conservation Notes

**Huntington Lighthouse osprey couple return!** Last spring, a young osprey couple built a nest on a pier leading to the lighthouse, blocking access. The DEC determined that the nest had to be moved, and lighthouse officials enlisted the help of marine contractors who constructed a platform and installed it on the granite rocks near the lighthouse. The nest was moved (there was no viable chick last year), and when the birds returned this year, they accepted it right away. There were two eggs as of the original report!

**From the World Parrot Trust:** The Río Abajo Puerto Rican Parrot Conservation Project reports that the 2022 breeding season has been highly successful so far, with over 20 active nests in the wild and some of the highest fertility rates ever observed in the captive population. As of mid-May the numbers of chicks hatched between the captive and wild populations have surpassed 100, a great milestone for the project. The season is far from over and the team is encouraging everyone to keep an eye out for more updates.

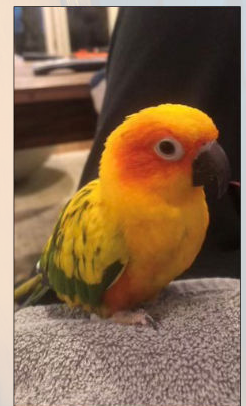
Shout out to students at Hugo Reid Elementary School in California. Their teacher teaches an endangered species class and each term asks students to pick a species of parrot that they would like to help. This year they raised funds to support World Parrot Trust's work for endangered African grey parrots.

**Slow down for turtles!** Did you know that there are eleven species of land turtles, one brackish/saltwater species, and four species of sea turtles in New York State? During breeding season in May and June, they can often be seen attempting to cross the road. If you stop to help, cross the turtle in the same direction it was heading. Except for snapping turtles, most can be safely picked up by the shell. If you find an injured turtle, contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. A list is available at [www.dec.ny.gov/animals](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals)

**Climate change affects everyone!** Birds traveling outside their native range may not have lost their way but are adapting to environmental and climate changes.

**Are we surprised?** A team of scientists studying lovebirds have concluded that the birds climb using their beaks the way rock climbers use their arms. They claim that climbing using the beak as a 'third limb' is peculiar because third limbs are not something life on Earth can produce. We parrot owners have watched out hookbilled birds use their beaks to aid climbing for years!

**Help for Monarch butterflies may be getting real!** A bill in the NY State Senate would create a Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue program and provide funding to Monarch conservation projects, many of which are on Long Island. As of 2020 there were 85 Monarch conservation efforts on Long Island covering 362 acres. If you would like to assist conservation efforts, visit [monarchwatch.org](http://monarchwatch.org) and plant some milkweed in your yard!



- c. Hatch date/age
  - d. Average weight
  - e. Diet
  - f. Regular avian vet and contact info
  - g. Optional: include a head and body picture for identification (if you travel)
4. Medical History
- a. Summary of any injuries or medical conditions
  - b. Date of and reason for recent vet visits
  - c. Medications, dosages, frequency, reason for medication
  - d. Copies of recent bloodwork or test results

Even with all this information, ER vets may or may not be able to help you and they may suggest taking your bird to the Animal Medical Center in NYC.

#### 24x7 ER Clinics that See Birds

Once you know who can handle avian emergencies, create an emergency contact sheet so you do not have to find this information in a crisis. Hang it on your fridge, keep it in your wallet, and keep it on your phone. You want to be able to access this information quickly and make the call so you can get your bird to care.

#### Suffolk County

<b>Veterinary Medical Center of Long Island (VMCLI)</b>
<a href="https://vmcli.com">https://vmcli.com</a>
Open: 24x7
75 Sunrise Hwy North Service Rd, West Islip, NY 11795
(631) 587-0800
Note: ER docs do not have avian exotic experiences, but may be able to contact Dr. Melrose as needed.
Sees Avian patients for routine visits by appointment: Dr. Mehlrose

#### Nassau County

##### Central Veterinary Associates ER Hospital & Clinic (CVA)

<https://www.centralvets.com>

Open: 24x7

73 W Merrick Rd, Valley Stream, NY 11580

(516) 825-3066

Note: If Emergency is on a W-Thur-Fri, they have someone with avian exotics experience on overnight.

Always call first to check.

Sees Avian patients for routine visits by appointment: Dr. Linda Pesek - ABVP (Avian Practice), Dipl ACVP, USDA Accredited, VMD

##### LI Bird & Exotic (LIBEVC)

[www.birdexoticsvet.com](http://www.birdexoticsvet.com)

Open: M- Sat, Sunday for emergencies only

333 Great Neck Road, Great Neck, New York 11021

516 482 1101

[\\*For emergencies on Sundays and after hours call \(516\) 441-2726. Otherwise call \(516\) 482-1101.](#)

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Sundays Emergency BUT CALL FIRST-(516) 441-2726, Will try to accommodate emergencies during normal hrs.

Sees Avian patients for routine visits by appointment: Dr. Shachar Malka, ABVP (Avian Practice), DVM, but all their vets have avian experience

## New York City

### Animal Medical Center (AMC)

<https://www.amcny.org>

Dr. Cyndi Brown, DVM

Hours: 24x7

510 East 62nd Street, New York, NY 10065

(212) 838-8100 for emergencies, For appointments call: (212) 838-7053

Has separate ER

### General Emergency Care Guidelines

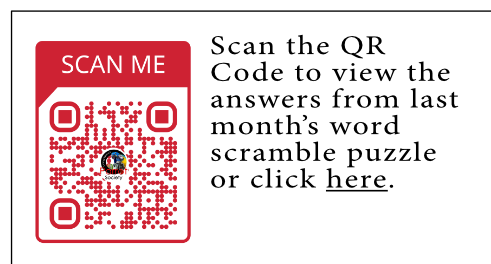
1. Keep a carrier for your bird ready to go.
2. Keep your bird warm and in a dim/dark condition (to reduce stress and encourage rest).
3. Handle your bird as little as possible to reduce stress or exacerbate any medical condition.
4. Provide no food or water to minimize aspiration or other complications.
5. When calling an ER to check if they can help, stay calm and focus on the facts only: Species of bird, age, description of the issue, onset, timeline, and the type of care you are seeking. Emotional processing can come later.

### Reducing Stress Before a Crisis

Getting your bird familiar with being handled for a vet visit or receiving medication BEFORE it is required can greatly reduce stress for your bird.

1. Getting used to being in carrier
2. Touching body, beak, wings, feet
3. Being wrapped and held
4. Syringe Training for medications

Hopefully, you will never need an ER vet, but if you do, be as prepared as you can beforehand, and know where you can go to get urgent care.



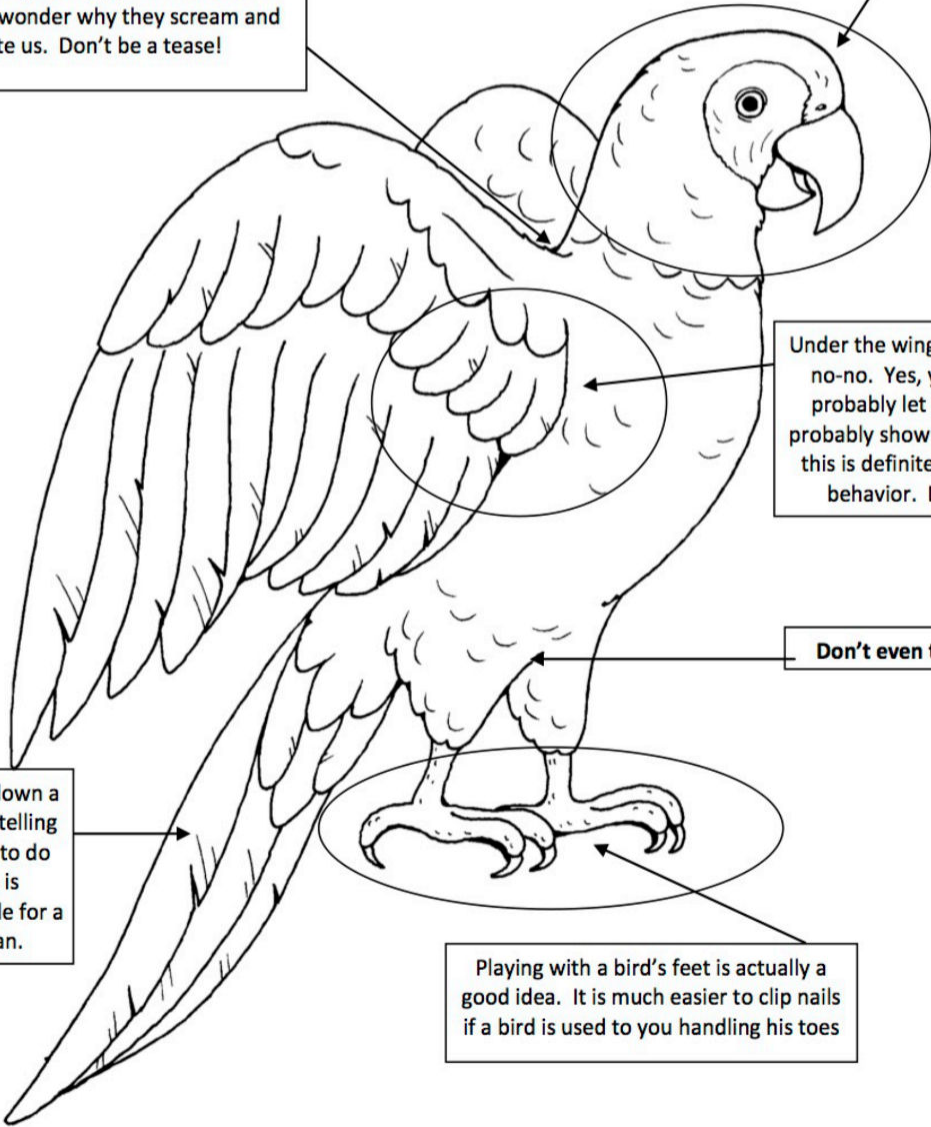
# Appropriate Bird Handling

Jacqueline Johnson—Best Friends Animal Society Parrot Garden

Parrot anatomy is nothing like a mammals. They have no external genitalia, so they rely on other means to indicate to each other that they'd like to breed. The way they do this is to touch each other in special places, such as the tail, down the back and under the wings. Birds ovaries and testes are located high in the back, right between their shoulder blades. If you stroke a bird down the back, you are stimulating hormone production. Under the wings is another "no-no" zone. Really, the only safe places to touch your bird so that you don't give them the wrong idea about your intentions, is from the shoulders up and the feet. By being mindful and handling your bird appropriately you can avoid some common parrot/human issues, like mate bonding. If your bird sees you as a mate, they are going to be aggressive to everyone else in the household. Or they will get angry and start biting you because you are not behaving as a mate should. A respectful companion relationship should be the goal.

The biggest No-No of all. Never, never stroke a bird like a cat or dog. It causes hormone production that will leave your bird feeling unhappy and unfulfilled. And we wonder why they scream and bite us. Don't be a tease!

Birds are unable to groom their own heads so touching here is considered a friendly gesture...not a mating behavior.




Under the wings is a really big no-no. Yes, your bird will probably let you, and will probably show he likes it. But this is definitely a courtship behavior. Don't do it!

**Don't even think about it!**

NO! Never stroke down a bird's tail. You are telling him you are ready to do something that is physically impossible for a bird and a human.

Playing with a bird's feet is actually a good idea. It is much easier to clip nails if a bird is used to you handling his toes



- Name of Parrot : Sunny

- Species : Ringneck

- Age of Parrot : 7 years

- Sex : Female

- Birthday Hatch day : Don't know

- Bird Color : Yellow

- Size : Medium

- Wings Clipped : No

- Parrots Usual Diet : Pellets, Seeds, Fruits, People's food, Bread, Cake

- Talking Ability : No

- Last Vet Check Date : 2/15/2021

- Good With Children : Unknown

- Good With Dogs : Unknown

- Good With Cats : Unknown

- Good With Other Pets : Unknown

- Is Bird Hand Tame : No

- Have Any Feather Issues : None

- Any Behavior Issues :Skittish and flies fast

- Reason : Unable to take care of her and moving.

- Notes : Okay with other parrots

# Adoption Spotlight



**Sunny** is looking for his forever home. If you are interested in adopting **Sunny** 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/](http://liparrots.org/)  
[Adopt](#)

**The Long Island Parrot Society**

A 501c3 non-profit organization.  
Your donation may be tax deductible.

Phone: 631-957-1100  
website: www.liparrots.org  
email: info@liparrots.org



Visit the Long Island Parrot Society on the web. Scan the QR Code

Did you know that non-stick surfaces can kill your bird? Check with manufacturers to be sure products are PTFE & PFOA free!



**Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Select: NEW MEMBER  RENEWAL  SENIOR (10% off)  
 Single (\$35)  Family/Commercial (\$45)  Lifetime Membership (\$500)  
 Gift (if gift, list your name as sponsor)

Mail check or money order payable to Long Island Parrot Society of NY, Inc to PO Box 2754, North Babylon NY 11703 OR pay online via PayPal at liparrots.org/membership OR call 631-957-1100 to pay via credit card.

Newsletter Preference:  Paper  Electronic  
 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: Greenwood Hall, 58 Greenwood Ave, East Islip, NY 11730

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

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.

MEMBERS! PLEASE CHECK THE DATE ON YOUR MAILING LABEL. THAT IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE! PLEASE RENEW ON TIME. THANK YOU!

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