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VET'S CORNER



Does your parrot have everything it needs?

(Part Three)

How to tell if your bird is sick

Most bird diseases need urgent attention by the veterinary. Birds are true masters at hiding any symptoms of disease (by nature they do not

show signs of weakness to potential predators). Often birds are already in critical condition when presented to the veterinary.

Typically, the client informs us that his parrot has been sick



since the previous day, examination and diagnosis often indicates that the sickness has been developing for several weeks. It is therefore important to monitor your bird daily and be suspicious of any behavioural changes such as not playing, poor social interaction, vocalizing or change of feeding habits as well as more obvious physical changes including change of stools and respiratory or eye secretions. A simple telephone call to your veterinary can often resolve problems and answer owners concerns, but always be safe and consult your veterinary at any early indication of problems.

Regular check-ups

At least once a year, your parrot should be checked by a veteri-

ary. Checks may include: Weighing for record logging and prevention of obesity.

Beak filing and nail clipping (if required). Legs and feet checked for calluses which are filed if necessary. Skin and feather condition, natural openings and mucous membranes. Blood tests including uric acid, liver enzymes, glucose, red and white blood cell count. Analysis of faeces allows the veterinary to determine digestion of carbohydrates and fats and also provide an indication of any intestinal parasites.

A radiograph or an endoscopy may also be required to explore their air sacs, abdomen etc, and to see the target organs of certain diseases. In certain cases (especially where there is discharge or regurgitation has

been reported), a veterinary may also take samples (pharynx, nostrils or ears) in order to determine any bacterial and fungal flora conditions in these organs.

Visiting the vet

When you take your parrot to a veterinary you should cover the cage with a towel to avoid your bird any stress.

If the usual cage is too large, use a cardboard box with adequate ventilation. You should bring samples of fresh faeces. It is recommended that the owner himself brings the bird and explains any condition. However, it is also advisable that the owner should not remain with the bird during examination, this prevents these 'sociable' and 'trusting' birds from associating the veterinary drama with the owner.



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