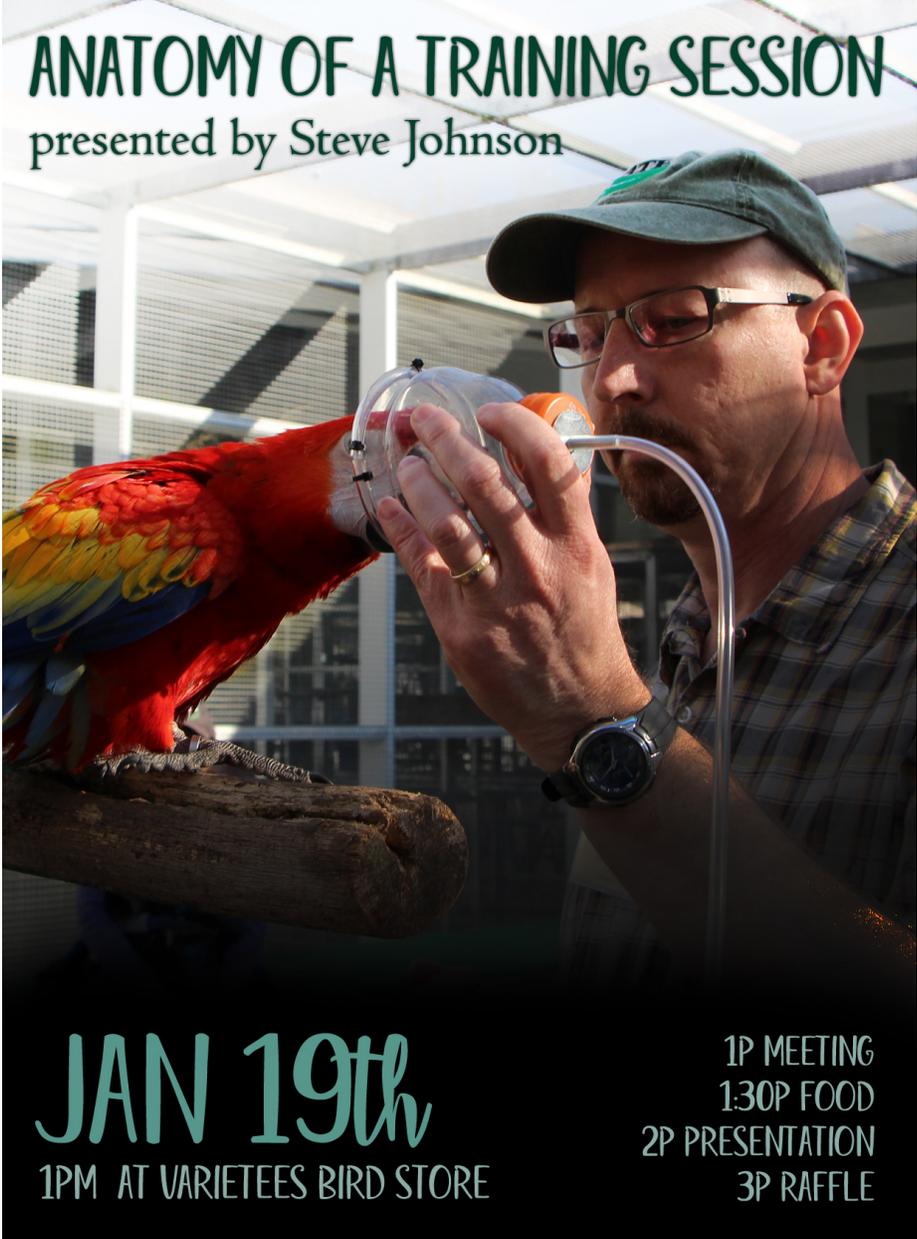


Squawk 'n Talk

January 2020



ANATOMY OF A TRAINING SESSION
presented by Steve Johnson

JAN 19th
1PM AT VARIETEE'S BIRD STORE

1P MEETING
1:30P FOOD
2P PRESENTATION
3P RAFFLE

Chirps from the President's Perch

Happy New Year 2020. Best wishes for a happy and healthy year for you and your flock.

Our December Board of Directors election results are:

President – Renee Davis

Secretary – Heidi Hellmuth

Treasurer – Cathy Timma

Membership – Beth Poll

Board Member – Jess Ellis

Board Member – Georgia Fletcher

Board Member - Julie Morgan

Board Member - Karen Tabaka

The Gateway Parrot Club welcomes our new board members and we look forward to their participation in the future.

The board would like to thank Dave and Christine Kincaid for their many years of support. They have been great assets to the GPC organization in multiple roles. Thank you Dave and Christine!

I would like to thank our past president, Georgia Fletcher, for her leadership and we look forward to her continued support on the board.

Our January speaker will be Steve Johnson and he will be presenting “Anatomy of a Training Session”. We hope to see you then.

The Gateway Parrot Club will choose our affiliations at the January meeting. American Budgerigar Society, Association of Avian Veterinarians, American Federation of Aviculture, and Quaker Parakeet Society.

It is also the time of year when we select organizations to receive our annual grants. In the past we have provided grants to organizations, such as, World Bird Sanctuary, Association of Avian Veterinarians, Saving the Blues, Missouri Wildlife Rescue, Texas A & M (Research), etc.

We hope to see you at our next meeting on January 19th, at 1:00.

Renee Davis
January 2020

Pictures from our December Holiday Party

All the birds and parrots had a great time! We had over 50 people!



**Thanks
again to
Chef
Christine!**



**2019
Version
of Elf on
the Shelf**

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**Thanks to
all who
brought
food for
our holiday
meal**

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Cosmo was a very good boy at the party and greeted everyone in the food line.



General Meeting Notes

Come and enjoy the fun and bring a bird (as long as it is clipped). It's so enjoyable seeing all the different species of parrots and talking to other parrot owners.

You don't have to be a member to attend, but we would love to have you join. Meeting starts at 1:00 and it will be a full afternoon of meeting, socializing, eating, program, and raffle. For members who have not renewed their membership or who would like to join, please see Beth Poll, our membership chair person. She will be at the meeting to sign you up. An annual membership fee of \$20.00 includes your family (two voting members) and brings you our monthly newsletter by email, helps us to provide special speakers, and allows us the opportunity to support not-for-profit organizations. Thank you for joining and helping support the parrot community in St. Louis.

We meet at Varietees Bird Store, 60 Meramec Valley Plaza, Valley Park, MO. Varietees will be open in the afternoon so you can purchase bird food, supplies, toys, cages, play stands, etc.

GOT FEATHERS? If you do and want them to go to a good cause, bring them to club meeting and give to board member, Aubrey Kiener.

We do have a raffle most months so if you would like to donate item(s), they are always welcome. They do not have to be bird related. We sell raffle tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Did you know that the Gateway Parrot Club has a Facebook group page? If you would like to join this group, search for "Gateway Parrot Club" in Facebook and request membership. We have over 700 members! Also check out our website at gatewayparrot-club.org If you ever want to contact the club via email, go to our website, select "Contact," select the board member you would like to contact, and send your message.

January meeting will be the month that soup and salad will be served. Chef Christine will be bringing three choices of soups: Vegetable Beef, Chicken Taco, and Minestrone (without meat). She will also bring a green salad and a gooey butter cake. As usual there will be water and an assortment of soda. Please feel free to bring something to add to our food table. We appreciate anything you would like to share (dessert, salad, appetizer, etc.). It doesn't have to be home made.

Gateway Parrot Club



Meeting Dates - 2020

January 19, Stephen Johnson, "Anatomy of a Training Session"

February 16, Heidi Hellmuth, TBD

*** Meeting will be on 2nd Sunday**

Membership

It's time to renew your membership for 2020! Beth Poll, our new membership chair person will be happy to sign you up for next year....\$20.00 for membership.



Association of Avian Veterinarians

December 2019 AAV Bird Club News Release

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How to Know When Your Bird's Condition is an Emergency (Part 2 of 2)

By: Jodi Berls, CVA, LVT

Continued from November 2019.

On the other hand, the following conditions do require prompt veterinary attention but usually are not emergency conditions:

- Occasional diarrhea or polyuria (excreting more urine than usual), as long as the bird continues to eat and is not losing weight
- Eye or nasal discharge that does not cause respiratory distress
- Coughing or sneezing that does not involve respiratory distress
- Feather chewing or plucking without skin damage or self-mutilation
- Overgrown nails
- Overgrown beak, as long as the bird is continuing to eat
- Body masses, unless ulcerated or bleeding
- Reproductive failure in breeding birds
- Occasional regurgitation in an otherwise well bird, especially if the bird is in breeding condition or is continuing to eat and not losing weight
- Quieter than normal demeanor for a brief period of time, unless the bird is not eating
- Small scrape or cut that is not bleeding
- Egg laying that does not cause distress
- Limping but still able to perch and eat, and still bright and alert
- The bird was lost for a few days but now seems reasonably well and is behaving and eating normally

All that said, it's always better to be safe than sorry. The signs and symptoms exhibited by birds often are very subtle, and you are the one who knows your bird best – if something seems really wrong, and you feel the situation is an emergency, you should treat it as one.

About that basic first aid kit mentioned above – it should contain the following:

- Phone number of your avian veterinarian taped to the outside
- A towel you can use to restrain your bird safely
- A “birdie-binder” to free up your hands while you perform any needed first aid
- Bandage material
 - Tape
 - Gauze roll
 - Gauze pads

- Cotton-tipped applicators (Q-Tips)
- Styptic powder (available at most pet stores) or corn starch for control of bleeding
- Hemostats or small needle-nosed pliers (for pulling broken blood feathers)
- Tweezers
- Small scissors
- Betadine (iodine) to clean wounds
- Hydrogen peroxide to remove blood from feathers
- Eye droppers or syringes without needles
- Corn syrup for a quick energy source
- Pedialyte for hydration and energy
- Wire cutters to free a bird caught in a chain or wire
- Cotton balls
- Pen light or small flashlight
- Magnifying glass



Photo caption: Be prepared for emergencies with a complete bird first aid kit with the items pictured here.

Overview

As a general rule of thumb, consider whether you would think of going to an emergency room if you were in the same condition as your bird. If the answer is no, then make a call to your avian veterinarian to have your bird seen as a non-emergency case. If the answer is yes, then definitely head for the emergency veterinarian.

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