

# Avian Behavioral History



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Bird's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's last name: \_\_\_\_\_

## • General Questions

Who is the primary caretaker? *Self Spouse Other family member*

Is the bird bonded to: *Primary caretaker Other member of household No apparent bonding*

[If bonded, has the bird recently changed its favoritism? **Y/N**

How many hours a day do you spend with your bird? *0-1 1-2 2-4 4-6 >6*

Does your bird respond to commands when asked? **Y/N**

How does your bird respond to being held in a towel? *Nervous Panicked Enjoys it Could care less*

Will your bird step-up on: *Hands Stick Won't step up at all*

Does your bird perch on shoulders? **Y/N**

[If yes, does the bird respond consistently to "step-up/down" commands? **Y/N**

Does the bird climb out of the cage on its own? **Y/N**

[If yes, how much time does the bird spend on top of the cage? \_\_\_\_\_]

Does the bird stay where placed or wander? *Stays where placed Wanders*

Do you have trouble getting your bird back in its cage? **Y/N**

Do you use Ultraviolet (UV) lighting? **Y/N**

Are your bird's wings usually clipped? **Y/N**

Have there been any changes in the household? **Y/N**

[If yes, please explain (new furniture, houseguests, new pets, new baby, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_]

### Does your bird do any of the following? (circle all that apply):

Nip humans   Attack other birds   Bite at itself   Act aggressive in/near cage   Tear up papers   Growl  
Scream when you leave room   Scream when you are in same room   Scream when you are out of house  
Destroy its feathers   Pluck feathers off its body   Chew at its skin   Nervously chew its toenails  
Exhibit excessive fear response to objects or people   Display repetitive motions (swaying/pacing)  
Lay too many eggs   Masturbate on hand/objects

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On a separate sheet, please draw a map of the room your bird is in. Include cage location, windows, doorways, cages of other birds, play areas, television, etc.

- **Biting Problems** (skip if doesn't apply)

How long has your bird had this problem? *1 week 1 month 2-6 months >6 months Intermittent*

Has the problem progressed? *Y/N*

What human part does the bird bite? *Hands Feet Face*

Will the bird bite when it is: *Near food On/near its cage Near another bird On/near favorite human Near strangers Near favorite toy No apparent association Other \_\_\_\_\_*

If you notice the behavior, what is your reaction? *Scold bird Put bird back in cage Spray with water Other \_\_\_\_\_*

- **Screaming Problems** (skip if doesn't apply)

How long has your bird had this problem? *1 week 1 month 2-6 months >6 months Intermittent*

Has the problem progressed? *Y/N*

When does the problem occur? *When you are at work When you are home When you are on the phone Other \_\_\_\_\_*

If you notice the behavior, what is your reaction? *Scold bird Ignore Spray with water Cover cage Other \_\_\_\_\_*

- **Skin & Feather Problems** (skip if doesn't apply)

How long has your bird had this problem? *1 week 1 month 2-6 months >6 months Intermittent*

Has the problem progressed? *Y/N*

What are the primary areas involved? (check all that apply):

*Head Neck Chest Sides Wings Shoulders Legs Feet Tail*

Does the bird seem itchy, agitated or painful? *Y/N*

When does the problem occur? *When you are at work When you are home When you are on the phone Other \_\_\_\_\_*

If you notice the behavior, what is your reaction? *Scold bird Give toys Spray with water Ignore Other \_\_\_\_\_*

Type of heat in house? *Forced-air Water pipes*

Do you use? *Humidifier Air purifier*

- **Reproductive Problems** (skip if doesn't apply)

Does your bird lay eggs? *Y/N*

[If yes, how often? *Weekly Monthly Several times/year Yearly-every few years*]

Where does bird lay? *In cage Outside cage*

Does bird sit on eggs? *Y/N*

How does bird act when laying eggs? *Aggressive Overly cuddly Same as always*

Does your bird masturbate? *Y/N*

If yes, where does it prefer? *On human hands On perch On favorite toy*