

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **This Quarter's Adoptions**  
Pg. 1
- **Letter from the Director**  
Pg. 2
- **Volunteer of the Month**  
Pg. 2
- **Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities**  
Pg. 3
- **Healthy food choices for your Parrot!**  
By Michelle Magnon  
Pg. 4-6
- **What do I feed my parrot????**  
By Nicole Bennett  
Pg. 7
- **Hurricane Pet Preparedness.**  
By Leigh Anne Stewart  
Pg. 8
- **Chopalooza 2013: Backstage Pass**  
Pg. 9-10
- **Adoptable bird of the quarter:**  
**BANDIT**  
Pg. 11



NEWSLETTER 2ND QUARTER 2013

JULY 1, 2013

# Beaks and Feathers

## This Quarter's Adoptions

Florida Parrot Rescue has adopted out 67 animals so far for 2013 as of June 30! With over 100 birds in rescue at this time, we need to keep up this momentum and continue to spread the word to our families, friends, co-workers and anyone else you can think of. Keep in mind we always need new fosters as well. We have approximately 70 birds on the waiting list needing to come into rescue at the moment, so we always need more foster h o m e s !

Remember that our foster/adoption application is available on our website ([www.floridaparrotrescue.com](http://www.floridaparrotrescue.com)) and can be e-mailed after completion to [fparrotrescue@aol.com](mailto:fparrotrescue@aol.com). We begin processing applications as soon as we receive them electronically. Requirements for adoption or foster are as follows: all dogs and cats owned must be up to date on vaccinations, dogs must be on heartworm prevention, all birds owned must have been seen by a vet within the past year with a minimum of an exam and gram stain (not just wing and nail trims). If the vet reference passes, there will be a home interview by an FPR member. Please e-mail if you have any questions!

The following birds were adopted in April, May and June of 2013: Baby (Senegal Parrot); Bailey (Quaker Parrot); Beaky

(Plumhead Parakeet); Cheep (Lovebird); Chiku (African grey parrot); Cracker (Yellow Head Amazon); Cyrano (Yellow Nape Amazon); Dusty (Green Cheek Conure); Dusty (Nanday Conure); Georgie (Cockatiel); Jolie (Umbrella Cockatoo); Kiana (Umbrella Cockatoo); Kiwi (African Grey Parrot); Milo (African Grey Parrot); Nugget (Cockatiel); Pee Wee (African Grey Parrot); Pepi (Parrotlet); Rainman and Spooky (Pair of Cockatiels); Sinbad (Senegal Parrot); Sunshine (Lesser Sulfur Crested Cockatoo); and Sunny (Cockatiel).



Georgie - Cockatiel



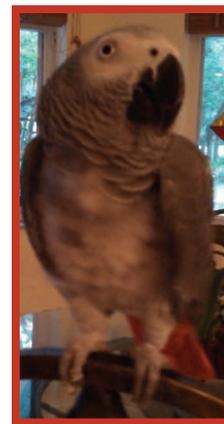
Jolie - Umbrella Cockatoo



Cyrano - Yellow Nape Amazon



Dusty - Green Cheek Conure



Pee Wee - African Grey

# Letter From The Director

PAGE 2



**Jennifer James**  
Co-founder, Director and  
President of  
Florida Parrot Rescue, Inc.



**Linda Koller**



**Kim Henry**



**Eirlys Rawcliffe**



**Myrna Jorgensen**

Dear friends and supporters,

This year has been very interesting so far. Not only have our vet fees increased exponentially (we are slated to spend in excess of \$55,000 on vet bills for the parrots this year) but due to the economy, adoptions have waned and at the same time, the need for foster space has increased. We currently have close to 70 birds on the waiting list (from parakeets to macaws) that still need to come into rescue that we can not yet accommodate. So we need your help - if you live in Florida and have wanted to foster for us, now is the time to sign up - the birds need you and we need you! Even if you do not have previous experience, we can help you get started - we have a huge network of people with tons of experience and we can educate you on the proper care and handling of birds. The rescue takes care of all the vet bills on incoming birds (and every single bird is vetted - regardless of species or size) and fosters are responsible for providing the proper diet and socialization of the birds in their care while they wait to be adopted.

If you are unable to foster but would like to volunteer, there are many ways you can still help. We need transports, people willing to do events to recruit new fosters and adopters, and even people that can help from behind their computer at home by writing articles for the newsletter, helping to develop information to be shared on facebook and the website, and A LOT of help with fundraising!

So if you have the time and the desire to help parrots, please e-mail us at [flparrotrescue@aol.com](mailto:flparrotrescue@aol.com) or go to our website for an application at [www.floridaparrotrescue.com](http://www.floridaparrotrescue.com)

Yours,  
Jennifer U. James

## Volunteers of the Month

### APRIL

Congratulations to our fearless leader, Jennifer James, for being named the volunteer of the month for April! Jennifer is not only the FPR Director, but one of the original founders. It is her vision and drive that has made FPR the organization it is today. Despite having a full time job and three children, Jennifer remains dedicated to the vision and mission of FPR. She works tirelessly each day to help each and every parrot that comes under our care and to make sure that each volunteer and foster remains a valued and respected member of our group - because without them, we could not operate!

### MAY

Congratulations to Linda Koller for being named as the volunteer of the month for May! Linda has been with Florida Parrot Rescue for almost a year and she has been very busy! She is always stepping up to perform home interviews, transports and to take on new fosters, despite personal loss in her private life. She is always willing to help other fosters as well! Linda has the compassion of an angel and always makes times for the birds and people of Florida Parrot Rescue. Thank you Linda for your dedication, we can't do this without you!

### JUNE

Congratulations to Eirlys Rawcliffe, Myrna Jorgensen and Kim Henry for being named co-volunteers of the month for June. These lovely ladies have each volunteered to run events in their specific areas of Florida in an attempt to recruit new foster and volunteers for Florida Parrot Rescue. Their efforts will increase our ability to help more birds and to build up fosters in areas that we have yet been able to populate. Thank you ladies for your continued support and hard work, FPR could not continue to advance without you all!

# Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

## Saturday July 20, 2013

Petco Adoption Event 10am – 2pm  
 1600 Airport Blvd Ste #700  
 Pensacola, FL

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

## Saturday July 20, 2013

Petco Adoption Event 10am – 2pm  
 13127 North Dale Mabry Highway  
 Tampa, FL

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

## Sunday August 25, 2013

Animal Adoption Fair 10am - 6pm  
 War Memorial Auditorium  
 800 NE St. Fort Lauderdale, FL  
<http://www.animaladoptionfair.com/>

## Sunday September 22, 2013

Petco Adoption Event 10am – 2pm  
 13127 North Dale Mabry Highway  
 Tampa, FL



We have tons of fun at events, so please considering volunteering with us. Event season is fall and spring and we need a lot of volunteers to work our booths and talk to people about proper care and diet of companion birds as well as adoption and fostering!

Purchase a Florida Parrot Rescue T-shirt from LaCroix Tees through the following [link](#). \$5 from each t-shirt sold will go directly to Florida Parrot Rescue! There are varying sizes and styles to choose from and several different designs. Thank you to [Rescued Is My Favorite Breed!](#)



## FUNDRAISING FOR FLORIDA PARROT RESCUE!

There are many organizations where you can purchase your needed items and gifts on line that help Florida Parrot Rescue! When purchasing from these organizations, part or all of the proceeds return to the birds at FPR!

Purchase great [coffee](#)

Purchase a wide variety of [jewelry](#)

Unique [gifts](#) for pets and people

Pet [calendars](#)

[Images](#) of birds & parrots on various items

[Clay](#) necklaces and sculptures

And [more!!](#)

**Thank you Zupreem for your donation!**

### Make Nutritious Nuggets



# 80%

## of Your Bird's Diet

Veterinarians recommend feeding 80% high-quality nuggets so your bird gets the right balance of vitamins and minerals he needs every day.

Switch Your Bird to a ZuPreem® Avian Diet Today

- **FruitBlend® Flavor**  
Fun, fruity, colorful nuggets
- **AvianMaintenance® Natural**  
Wholesome nuggets with fresh ground veggies
- **AvianEntrées®**  
3 mixes with different nuggets, fruit and veggies

**Go to [ZuPreem.com/conversion](http://ZuPreem.com/conversion). Let us help you get your bird on a healthier diet.**

[ZuPreem.com](http://ZuPreem.com)



1-800-345-4767

ZuPreem® and FruitBlend are registered trademarks, and AvianMaintenance and FruitBlend are trademarks of Purina® National Products, Inc. All rights reserved. © 2007 Purina National Products, Inc.

# Healthy Food Choices for your Parrot:

## Healthy Meal Ideas for Parrots and their People

by: Michelle Magnon

Michelle is from Tucson, Arizona and has shared her home with parrots for over twenty years. She enjoys coming up with new healthy recipe ideas for her flock of six pampered parrots: Aztec the Blue and Gold Macaw, Apollo the Umbrella Cockatoo, Einstein the African Grey, and the three conures; Paulie, Tiki and Marigold. Michelle has recently agreed to be our columnist for "Healthy Food Choices for your Parrot" and we are very excited! We can't wait to see what she will cook up next!

Below you will find lots of great recipes you can use that are healthy not only for your parrot, but for you as well! We all know that parrots are flock animals, and when we eat with our feathered babies, they usually will try a larger variety of foods and will eat more! So try these recipes below and eat meals with your fids, it can only lead to great health for both of you!

### SUMMER SALAD

Baby organic kale leaves with broccoli, brussel sprouts, carrots, beets, summer squash, cucumber, red bell pepper and mango. Cooked grains and legumes are quinoa, kamut, buckwheat, mung beans, red and green lentils. Topped with a sprinkle of turmeric, chia and sesame seeds. No one would want to eat a plain, dry cereal mix for every meal, for every day of their lives - this includes your bird. Nothing beats fresh whole foods for your parrot's health. A wide variety of grains, legumes, vegetables and fruits provide not only good nutrition, but is also great enrichment for our parrots. Make meals healthy, fun and interesting for them, even better - eat it with them.



### SPICY MOROCCAN CHICKPEA SALAD



#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup cooked grains
- 1/2 cup cooked chickpeas (garbanzo beans)
- 1/2 of a diced, cooked sweet potato
- 2 cups diced raw veggies
- 2 cups chopped fresh organic kale
- very small thin slice of diced cantaloupe
- 2 raspberries chopped up finely
- 1 cup cooked grains: kamut and rye mix (soaked for 12 hours, boiled for 40 minutes. 1/2 cup dry makes 1 cup cooked)
- 1/2 cup cooked chickpeas (soaked for 12 hours, boiled for 1 1/2 hours. 1/4 cup dry makes a 1/2 cup cooked)
- 1/2 of a sweet potato (diced, then boiled for about five minutes till tender)
- 2 cups raw diced veggies (used 3/4 cup raw summer squash, 3/4 cup raw zucchini, 1/4 cup cucumber & 1/4 orange bell pepper)

#### Spice mixture:

- 1 tbs fresh grated ginger root
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tsp chili pepper flakes
- 1/2 tsp turmeric
- 3 tbs water

Mix together and gently boil on low heat for a minute or two.

Add the spice mixture to the cooked (and cooled) grains and chickpeas, mix well. Stir in cooked (and cooled) sweet potato. Then mix in the raw veggies, raw kale and fruit. Serve quickly to hungry, squawking parrots!



## FRESH QUINOA SALAD

Tri-colored quinoa, carrots, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumber, tomato, parsley, beet greens, kale, poblano pepper, orange bell pepper, fresh ginger root, sesame and chia seed.

All raw veggies, only the quinoa was cooked.

## HAPPY SPRING! A fun idea for your family and your parrots!

I was preparing a special meal for the family, and thought of the parrots, and what I could make for them too. I was making colored deviled eggs and beets for us, so I used those main ingredients to make a parrot safe dish as well.

I had been cooking beets so I saved the juice left over from cooking them, poured it into a cup, and added a teaspoon of organic apple cider vinegar to it. I saved three of the hard boiled eggs I was making. I cut the eggs in half and removed the yolks. I rinsed the egg white halves and then soaked them in the beet and vinegar juice. I mashed the egg yolk and added a couple heaping tablespoons of some left over cooked butternut squash I had in the refrigerator. Mashed sweet potato would have worked really well too, but I wanted to use up some of that butternut squash. I minced a couple springs of fresh parsley and added that to the yolk mixture. The whites only soaked about fifteen minutes or so, and they looked beautiful! I set them out to dry on paper towels, and then filled them with the yolk mixture. I sprinkled a teeny bit of cayenne pepper, chia seed and sesame seed on the tops.



With all of the hustle and bustle of the holidays and company over, the parrots see me busy cooking in the kitchen, and I know they enjoy getting something special too. Happy Spring Everyone!

## DON'T FORGET TO OFFER A VARIETY!



Try to offer foods in a variety of different ways; cooked one day, raw the next, chunks, shredded, minced or pureed. Stuff the food into peppers, mini pumpkins, squash, or cucumbers. My guys get so excited when they see their little plate coming, always with something new on it.

This batch is spaghetti squash, quinoa, flax seed, leafy greens and chopped veggies, stuffed into cucumber bowls.

## PARROTS LIKE TREATS, TOO!

### BLUEBERRY SWEET POTATO PARROT TREATS

1 cup of a healthful flour mixture (for this batch I used a mix of quinoa, coconut, buckwheat and almond flours)

2 cups mashed sweet potato

1/2 cup of mashed blueberries

Bake 25 minutes at 350 in greased shallow glass baking pan (organic extra virgin coconut oil)

Cool, then cut into bite sized pieces, or use a cookie cutter. Flip them over and bake the bottoms for another 10 minutes.

\* Mix up the ingredients each time, I alternate the base between sweet potato, pumpkin and butternut squash. Add different veggies, leafy greens or berries. I meant to add shredded kale to this batch but forgot to add it at the last minute!



## PARROT APPROVED!



# WHAT DO I FEED MY PARROT?????

**BY: Nicole Bennett - Florida Parrot Rescue Southwest Florida Foster Coordinator**

So you've found a parrot you would like to have join your family, you have the cage size correct, you have taken him to the vet for a proper check up and you have researched toys, foraging methods and positive reinforcement - but he came to you as a seed junky and you read it's bad for them! So you start to research on proper diet, but it's all so confusing; pellets, chop, fresh fruits, seeds, nuts, no seeds - who is to know WHAT is good and what sources you can believe? RELAX and take a DEEP breathe! We've got ya' covered!

Balance is the key as with everything, a premium color-free three different kinds of pellet blend should be the staple in the avian diet, but what if you have a picky fid who turns up their beak at the creme de la crème like Harrisons - what are you to do? There are other brands you can try: Zupreem natural, Roudybush, and Caitec - just to name a few. But why pellets? Pellets are recommended by avian veterinarians as the main part of the diet for most birds because they have added nutrients that are needed by most species of parrot - and because the majority of companion homes are not equipped to provide parrots with fresh food diets that meet all of their daily nutrient requirements. I say most, as one exclusion is the Eclectus, whom should be on a fresh twice a day dark greens (they are rich in calcium) and rich in vitamin A diet (carrots, sweet potatoes, butternut squash, dark leafy greens) with fresh fruits as a treat, brown rice, corn and bean variety (cooked of course). Lories and lorikeets also have special needs - there is a variety of formulated diets available for this species, and their diet should be supplemented with fresh fruits, veggies, sprouted seeds and edible flowers.

The staple of the diet for most parrots though, should be pellets - they are made from grain, seed, fresh fruits and veggies and added vitamins and minerals. This ensures a balanced diet and prevents the bird from picking out it's favorite food and leaving it nutritionally unbalanced - which is what leads to illness, and eventually if not corrected - premature death. Then there is another dilemma, boring - like me eating the same bologna sandwich e-v-e-r-y-d-a-y for 10 years would make me want to rip out my hair! So parrots also NEED variety in their diet to keep them mentally and physically healthy and happy. This is where our daily change comes in, pellets should be 50-60 % of the diet with the remaining being fresh veggies (about 30-35%), then occasional fresh fruits (10% or less), nuts for the larger birds for treats and seed treats for the smaller birds like budgies and cockatiels. If your bird has been eating a seed based diet - do not switch him cold turkey to pellets, this will take time and patience. Instead, gradually add pellets and reduce the amount of seeds, until it is all pellets - this may take a few months - but be patient, it is worth his health. You can also be tricky and make bread using pellets as the base, a variety of organic baby food, some delicious almond butter, (almonds are rich in calcium and vitamin E) and serve as a daily treat!

Attempt to get your fid to try a variety veggies - broccoli, collard greens, kale, turnip greens, mustard greens, swiss chard, beet greens and dandelion greens, all of which are very high in nutrients (the darker the more nutrients). These items can also be hung from the cage for foraging! Be prepared for this to take a while if they have not had these before - sometimes you have to offer an item to a parrot for weeks to months before they will try it! These greens, especially kale, should always be used in your chop recipes, along with cooked sweet potatoes, carrots and peppers (don't forget to add Twin Beaks Aviary "Herb Salad"). Peppers (especially the jalapenos) are also a great foraging toy - hollow them out and poke a couple almonds (or their favorite nut - just remember, no peanuts!) through, hang inside the cage, put in a bowl or stuff it with whole grains like cooked brown rice, quinoa, oats, wheat, barley, and pasta.

There are so many choices of veggies and it is so much fun to make up your own concoction, just use what is seasonally available, fresh and healthy for feeding. The foods you should not feed that are dangerous/deadly include avocado, rhubarb, anything with caffeine, salt, alcohol or chocolate, fruit pits or apple seeds. Also, experts and vets say no peanuts in the shell because they can be contaminated with *Aspergillus* fungus, (unshelled peanuts in parrot mixes are poor quality and are known carriers of *aspergillus*) which can cause severe respiratory illness. Remember limit fruits and nuts, pellets should always be available, and make food fun for them!

For more ideas on recipes and to learn to make chop, see our previous [newsletters](#) or like us on [facebook](#) and check out our photos and albums! And please always weigh your bird daily (in the morning before feeding and after the "big poop") when performing a diet change to make sure your bird is still eating properly and not losing weight. And ALWAYS consult your qualified avian veterinarian before instituting a diet change.

# HURRICANE PET PREPAREDNESS

By: Leigh Anne Stewart

Hurricane season in Florida is June 30 through November each year. Those of us with pet dogs, cats, parrots and other exotic animals need to prepare for a hurricane, and be able to go at a moment's notice. If you are in a non-evacuation zone, and you are home during a hurricane, here are the things you can do to prepare your pets.

- At the onset of a storm, put your pet parrot in their carrier. This way if you have to leave, your parrots or other pets will be ready to walk out the door.
- Have plenty of water on hand, and a spray bottle so that you can mist the birds and keep them cool.
- If you lose power, use battery powered flashlights instead of candles that can harm your parrots. Make sure that the parrots are in a place where they have fresh air.

Parrot Survival Kit - These are the things you need to have on hand in case of a hurricane.

- Hand can opener
- Dry bird food for at least three weeks
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Paper towels and newspaper
- Bottled water and fruit juice
- Parrot toys
- Parrot water and food bowls
- Snacks like, dried fruit, unsalted crackers, nuts.
- Pictures of your parrots
- Your birds medical records
- Plenty of cash
- Spray bottle with a 50/50 mix of apple cider vinegar and water for cleaning carriers
- Two large towels or sheets

Avian First Aid Kit - in case of medical emergency

- Gauze, cotton balls, medical tape
- Styptic powder, corn starch
- Alcohol, hydrogen peroxide
- Scissors, vet wrap

Keep your avian first aid kit in a small plastic bin with a lid to keep it clean and dry.

For those who must evacuate their area, follow the guidelines below and above

- Find out which shelters will accommodate your pets
- Find pet boarding facilities close to your home and visit them.
- On your birds carriers, attach a card with the following information, birds name, age, and type of bird. Add your name and phone number and address and email address. Place card in a small, clear plastic bag and tape it to the carrier.
- Find pet friendly hotels within a 100 mile radius. Pre-register with them a day or two ahead of the hurricane.
- Gas up the car
- Talk to friends and relatives ahead of time that can accommodate you and your pets.

It is best to plan ahead for hurricane season so you will have everything packed and ready to go. Packing parrot foods and canned items before hurricane season will save you time. Clean your pet carriers and place them together in one place so you don't have to look for them.

If you don't have a "pet plan" in place please visit the [Florida Division of Emergency Management](#) and [FEMA](#) to find out how to prepare. Not all shelters are opened for every emergency or take all pets, so check with your local officials. This is for general reference only, please verify availability with your municipality. Some shelters require pre-registration, that means NOW!

## Gear up for Chopalooza 2013: Backstage Pass!

OCTOBER 6, 2013 AT **COUNTRYCHASE VETERINARY IN TAMPA**

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR SPONSORS AT ALL TIER LEVELS (\$250, \$500, \$750, \$1000 AND \$1500) AS WELL AS DONATIONS OF ANY type and value FOR THE ON-LINE AUCTION, same day raffles and door prizes. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE! PLEASE E-MAIL us AT [FLPARROTRESCUE@AOL.COM](mailto:FLPARROTRESCUE@AOL.COM) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED! All sponsors will have an ad on the official Chopalooza 2013: Backstage Pass t-shirts, advertisements on our facebook page, website, twitter and in our quarterly newsletters!

**\*PLEASE DO NOT BRING PERSONAL BIRDS TO THIS EVENT\***

Special guest: **PATRICIA SUND** of [Parrot Nation!](#)

<b>Time: 11:00am</b>	<b>Location:</b> CountryChase Veterinary Clinic 12501 W. Linebaugh Ave in Tampa
<b>Date: Sunday 10/6/2013</b>	



# ★ CHOPALOOZA

## ★ 2013: ★

# ★ BACKSTAGE PASS

★ a fundraiser to benefit ★

# ★ Florida Parrot Rescue ★

<p><b>Special guest: <i>PATRICIA SUND!</i></b></p> <p><b>On site:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• chop making demonstration</li> <li>• veterinarian guest speakers</li> <li>• live music by <i>THE GEARZ</i></li> <li>• Food by <i>Nate Paul's Q4U</i></li> <li>• door prizes for the first 30 people</li> <li>• live raffles &amp; on-line auctions of many types including trips &amp; tickets</li> </ul>	<p><i>booths to include: an adoption area, a toy making station, a foraging station, Bonnie's Birds, Gini's Birdie-Bread Cones and Muffins, The Roaming Parrot and much more!</i></p>
--	---

[www.floridaparrotrescue.com](http://www.floridaparrotrescue.com)  
[www.facebook.com/FLParrotRescue](http://www.facebook.com/FLParrotRescue)  
[flparrotrescue@aol.com](mailto:flparrotrescue@aol.com)



**FPR**  
Florida Parrot Rescue

## DONATED SO FAR FOR THE ON-LINE AUCTION, RAFFLES AND DOOR PRIZES FOR CHOPALOOZA:

print from artist **Bernard Scott**  
 a custom made Quilt Cover, standard size, donated by Judy of [Judy's Stuff](#)  
 A [12 Module Animal Communication Course](#) by Joanne Hull  
 A Parrot Playgym and a Premium Long Island Ice Tea Basket donated by Nicole & Jake Bennett  
 A Station Tour of [Tampa Bay News Fox 13](#)  
 Chop Starter Basket and Stainless Steel Pails from the [Parrot Posse](#)  
 Hot Sauce basket by Jeff at [Dog-Gone Sauce](#)  
 Parrot Necklace donated by Alicia of [Alicia's Creations](#)  
 Gift Basket from [Natural Paws](#)  
 Gift Certificate from [CountryChase Veterinary](#)  
 Gift Certificate from [Doctors Foster and Smith](#)  
 set of Parrot Russian Nesting Dolls and a decorative Bird Box by Janet Bray of [BirdBrain Gifts](#)  
[Walt Disney World \(Orlando\)](#) passes  
[Florida Aquarium](#) passes  
[Twin Beaks Aviary](#) Herb Salad  
 a Feather Scarf by [Patricia Sund](#)  
 Parrot Toy Gift Basket by Kris Porter of [Parrot Enrichment](#)  
 Vintage Pan Am Bag from [The First Flight Out](#)  
 parrot themed artwork donated by Lorry & Chris Burch  
 parrot themed artwork and jewelry donated by Zac & Karen Atwood  
 Bird Talk Magazines autographed by [Patricia Sund](#)  
 "Got Chop" merchandise from [Patricia Sund](#)  
 Wine Basket from [World of Wine Guide](#)  
 Chop Starter Gift Basket from [Parrot Nation](#)  
[Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens](#) passes  
 Gift Basket from [Lafeber](#)  
[Tampa Bay Rays](#) baseball autographed by Brandon Gomes  
[Butterfly World](#) passes  
[Coral Castle](#) passes  
 Toys from [Caitec](#)

All donators will have advertisements on our facebook page, website, twitter and in our quarterly newsletters!

If you would like to donate an item to the on-line auction or to be used in on site raffles and door prizes the day of the event, please e-mail us at [flparrotrescue@aol.com](mailto:flparrotrescue@aol.com)

As always, thank you to ALL of the veterinary offices that work with Florida Parrot Rescue, providing us with generous discounts and constant support: CountryChase Veterinary Clinic in Tampa, Timberlane Animal Hospital in Plant City, East Orlando Animal Hospital, The Exotic Bird Hospital in Jacksonville, Avian & Exotic Clinic of Palm City, Collingswood Animal Hospital in Port Charlotte, Lake Howell Animal Clinic, Animal Hospital of Pensacola, Weston Road Animal Hospital of Weston, Broward Avian & Exotic Animal Hospital of Deerfield Beach, Blue Pearl Veterinary Specialists in Tampa and Ark & Bark Animal Clinic in Palm Bay.



Finding  
Forever  
Homes for  
Our  
Feathered  
Friends!

**Florida Parrot Rescue is dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of companion parrots. We strive to educate parrot owners on proper handling and care of parrots. Should someone be unable to keep their bird(s) for ANY reason, we want them to know there is a place to turn, and that they are not alone. It is our goal to provide a safe haven for birds that cannot stay with their owners or birds in need, and then to find those birds forever homes with loving and responsible families.**

### **FLORIDA PARROT RESCUE, INC**

[flparrotrescue@aol.com](mailto:flparrotrescue@aol.com)

<http://www.floridaparrotrescue.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/FLParrotRescue>

<http://twitter.com/FLParrotrescue>

A 501C3 Non-profit, all volunteer run organization, serving all of Florida!

**Phone: 813-464-0989**



## **Adoptable Bird of the**

## **Quarter:**

## **BANDIT THE BLUE & GOLD**

Bandit is a 20-25 year old Blue and Gold Macaw who came to us recently from an emergency intake of several birds out of the same home. While Bandit is obviously missing quite a few feathers (that most likely will not grow back), she has been given a clean bill of health by our vet. She does need more baths and a better diet to eventually improve the condition of the remaining feathers, but we are working on that. She is loving her new pellet blend diet along with lots of fresh veggies, fruit and nuts. She especially loves bananas! While she is not yet easily handleable, she shows a keen interest in interaction and is showing a lot of improvement in the short time she has been with us. She has a wonderfully clear speaking voice and can say "Hello", "Goodbye" and she quacks like a duck, she is very funny! The previous owner said she likes to bite you and then say "ouch", but we have not witnessed this behavior while she has been with us. Bandit has huge, soulful eyes and we feel that with time, patience and an owner understanding of macaw behavior, she will become a great companion!