

# Psittacine Bird Case History Sheets (essential) questions



Age ..... Sex ..... Male/Female/Unknown

If sexed, method used was ..... DNA/Chromosomal/Endoscopy/Has laid an egg

Breed ..... Colour .....

Weight .....Kg

Other in-contact birds .....Yes/No

If Yes, Sex .....Male/Female Species .....

How long owned?..... Source was..Captive bred/Imported/Unknown

If captive bred .....Hand-reared/Parent-reared

Any loss of "voice" or change to pitch? ..... Yes/No Does the bird talk?.....Yes/No

Identification (Microchip, leg ring) .....

If leg ring.....Split ring/Closed ring

Mainly .....Indoor/Outdoor

If Outdoor, description of aviary .....

If Indoor, description of cage, usual position and time spent in it.....

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Type of perches ..... Size (Diameter) of perches .....

Is the cage covered at night? .....Yes/No

If Yes, when is it covered? ..... When is it uncovered?.....

Frequency of cleaning..... Disinfectant used.....

Diet (Full details, inc source) .....

..... Last meal .....

Supplements (type & frequency) ..... Source of water .....

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Droppings (describe and examine, gross & microscopic).....

Urine ..... Urates .....

Faeces .....

Chlamydophila test..... Yes/No,

If Yes, Positive/Negative on ELISA / Antibodies / DNA

If No, Last test was .....

Previous history of illness or treatments.....

Owner's current concern .....

**Observations prior to Handling:-**

- Any breathing problems?
- Any "Tail bobbing"?
- Any Perching/Standing difficulties?
- Any Sterotypical behaviour?

**Beak:-**

- Any problems eating?
- Is the Mandibular beak overgrown?
- Is the Maxillary beak overgrown?
- Any cracks?
- Any evidence of flaking or softening?
- Any Malocclusion/Deviation?
- Any swelling under mandibular beak?
- If yes,
  - Firm/Hard/Soft?
  - Needle biopsy ..... Yes/No

**Cere/Nostrils:-**

- Any discharge/stained feathers?
  - If yes, Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken ..... Yes/No
- Any blockages?
- Any difference in size of nares?

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### **Eyes** (gross and ophthalmoscopic examination required):-

- Any discharge or staining of feathers?  
If yes, Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken ..... Yes/No
- Any "bubbling" of tears?
- Any feather loss around orbit?
- Any swelling (eye or periorbital), exophthalmus or prolapse of nictitans?  
If yes,
  - Unilateral/Bilateral?
  - Firm/Hard/Soft?
  - Needle biopsy ..... Yes/No
  - Ultrasound examination ..... Yes/No
- Any sign of discomfort or blepharospasm?  
If yes,
  - flourescein was Positive/Negative
  - Local anaesthetic used to examine ..... Yes/No
- Any corneal lesion?  
If yes, flourescein was Positive/Negative
- Any conjunctivitis or scleral congestion?  
If yes,
  - Intra-ocular pressure was ..... mmHg
  - Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken ..... Yes/No
- Any purulent (caseous) material in conjunctival fossa?
- Any purulent (caseous) material behind nictitating membrane?
- Any iridal swelling or colour change?
- Any opacity of the lens?
- Any retinal lesions?
- Any haemorrhage from pectens?

### **Mouth:-**

- Is tongue normal & mobile?
- Is glottis normal & clear?
- Is choana normal & clear?
- Any swelling?  
If yes,
  - Firm/Hard/Soft?
  - Needle biopsy ..... Yes/No
- Any discharge from glottis/choana?  
If yes, Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken ..... Yes/No
- Any evidence of blood?

### **Ears** (behind feathers):-

- Any crusting deposits?  
If yes, microscopy showed mites ..... Yes/No
- Any swelling?  
If yes,
  - Firm/Hard/Soft?
  - Needle biopsy ..... Yes/No
- Any feather loss?

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### **Thorax** (auscultation is required):-

Crop is full/empty?

If full,

Firm/Fluid/Mixture

Is it overfull?

Has bird been fed recently?

Any regurgitation?

Keel prominence suggests Normal/Obese/Thin?

Is breathing normal?

Any lung noises?

If abnormalities,

Radiographs were taken .....Yes/No

Endoscopy was performed .....Yes/No

Any murmurs?

If abnormalities, radiographs were taken .....Yes/No

### **Abdomen** (auscultation is required):-

Any evidence of enlargement?

Any evidence of eggs?

Is abdomen empty?

Are there normal air sac sounds?

If abnormalities,

Radiographs were taken .....Yes/No

Endoscopy was performed .....Yes/No

### **Feathers & Skin:-**

Any pruritus?

Is there evidence of pin feathers?

Is the bird "ruffled"?

Any feather loss?

If yes,\*\*

Is the bird moulting?

Does the owner see feathers pulled out?

Describe distribution of loss .....

Any Feather damage,

If yes,\*\*

Any evidence of trauma?

Any evidence of chewing?

Does the owner see chewing?

Describe distribution of damage .....

Any skin lesions? \*\*

Any swelling?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy .....Yes/No

Any crusting lesions?

Any evidence of obvious parasitic infestation?

Was preen gland (where present) normal?

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**\*\*If abnormalities of feathers or skin,**

Psittacine Beak & Feather Disease was tested for ..... Yes/No  
Skin scrapes ..... Yes/No  
Skin biopsies ..... Yes/No  
Samples (for Culture) taken ..... Yes/No  
Blood samples were taken ..... Yes/No

### **Perineal area:-**

Any swelling?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy ..... Yes/No

Any contamination?

Any evidence of blood?

Cloacal examination was Normal/Abnormal/Not performed?

### **Feet & Wings:-**

Any flight problems?

If yes, \*\*

Flight feathers have been clipped?

Has been pinioned?

Any drooping of wings?

If yes, \*\*

Unilateral/Bilateral

Any discomfort on flexion/extension of joints? \*\*

Any evidence of swelling, especially of joints?

If yes, \*\*

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy ..... Yes/No

Any lameness/limping? \*\*

Are the claws overgrown?

Are all toes present?

Is grip normal? \*\*

Any Bumblefoot? \*\*

**\*\*If any abnormalities,**

Radiographs were taken ..... Yes/No

Blood samples were taken ..... Yes/No