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# The Show Budgie

For Show Budgie Breeders and Exhibitors

## PBC Berario Photo Album



## **PBC** Berario Results

On 27 February 1999 the Berario Show, held by PBC, was held. A total of 620 birds were benched and the show therefore qualified for points. The judges, members and exhibitors being presented with prizes are shown in the photo album on the left.

**Best Bird on Show** Molkentin Stud Best Opp. Sex on Show Cedric Aron

**Best Champion on Show** Molkentin Stud **Best Intermediate on Show** CJ Bleasdale **Best Novice on Show** Keith Foster **Best Beginner on Show** 

Andre Erasmus

Congratulation to all the winners.

The Editor



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# Budgerigar Health -Diarrhoea / Enteritis / -

~Diarrhoea / Enteritis / ~ Part 5

## Diarrhoea

Diarrhoea is not a disease but a clinical sign. It simply refers to the voiding of fluid faeces. It can be caused by irritation or infection of the gut resulting from eating unaccustomed or contaminated food, waterv foods such as lettuce or too much fruit. and drinkina excessive amounts of milk or oily liquids. The watery urate fraction of the droppings is often mistaken for diarrhoea. Excessive amounts indicate urinary upset and not an alimentary disease. Diarrhoea also be caused pressure from a tumour of a gonad or kidney, liver damage, visceral gout, parasitism, a localised bacterial infection or even change conditions environmental feeding routine. You should consult with a vet if any condition persists for more than 2 or 3 days.

## **Enteritis**

Enteritis is the inflammation of part or all of the gut behind the gizzard. Although symptoms of enteritis may resemble psittacosis, enteritis doesn't present a danger to humans. The droppings from enteritis are usually light green in colour and are very smelly. The one intestinal infection of Budgerigars that can transmitted to humans is the type caused by paratyphus bacilli. Laboratory work is needed to make a differential diagnosis. Standard enteritis is an intestinal infection, and affected birds exhibit a sticky, green diarrhoea. Birds with serious cases are deathly ill. Enteritis is highly contagious and in a single aviary you can have dozens of cases at the same time or close together.

There are known instances where a breeder lost his entire stock inside several weeks. Early symptoms are dull looking feathers that tend to be loose. The sick bird flips its tail from time to time, sleeps a lot with half-closed eyes, and is listless and depressed. breathes laboriously and seems to lose all fear of man. diarrhoea is a later symptom. When it occurs, the bird spends a lot of time on the Producina cage bottom. droppings appears to difficult, and accompanied by hefty movements of the tail. The cloaca seems to evert, and the feathers around it show the same stickiness as with Sometimes psittacosis. the droppings contain blood. If that happens, it is a sure sign that an intestinal illness is involved. If diarrhoea is accompanied with nasal secretions, then the problem is more likely to be psittacosis. You should take the bird to a vet if you suspect enteritis. In any case, the ill bird should be quarantined. recommend isolating any sick bird, in a hospital cage, you will be able to study the symptoms calmly, and you will eliminate the chance of infecting other birds. If enteritis is suspected, thoroughly disinfect the cage of the suspect bird. Use Lysol or chloroxylenolum. Bathe the bird itself in chloroxylenolum as well. Be extremely careful not let intestinal diseases to spread.

Next month the Duodenum and small intestine, and the gizzaard.

## The JSBS on the internet at

http://www.Geocities.com/ Petsburgh/5240

## ~Tip of the Month~

## Fostering Chicks

When fostering chicks no problem is encountered when the chicks have been rung. All that needs to be done is track the ring numbers so that the chicks are noted against their parents.

What is done when chicks, which have not been rung, need to be fostered?

We use cutex to mark the nails of the chicks and then the way each chick is marked is also noted. The cutex is checked daily when the nests are checked and if needed the cutex is reapplied.

by Nel Brothers Stud

Remember the club show rolls - thank-you

## J. Ki's Butchery

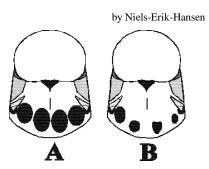
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This is the last month this will appear so please make a note of the number.

# Assessing Budgerigars Size and Shape of Spots

A - To big in proportion to mask B - Uneven in size and shapes



## 3rd South African Rare and Specialist Variety Show

# hosted by Kroonstad Budgie Club

20 March 1999 at the Welkom Show Grounds

Show Manager: Albert Olivier - 0824902251 Show Secretary: Ragel Bester - (057) 3572103

Benching: 20 March 1999 07h00 to 10h00

Entry fee: R 3.00 per entry Judging starts at 10h00

Points to be awarded if 300 plus birds are benched.



## Jacaranda Show Budgie Society Highlights

On the 13th March 1999 we will be holding an aviary visit and bring and braai to the Kempton Budgerigar Club members. We will be meeting at the Engin garage just after the Olifantsfontein off-ramp, on the JanSmuts highway, and depart at 8:30 sharp. Form more information contact John at (012) 542 3533.

The Kroonstad Budgerigar Club will be holding the Rare & Specialist Variety show on the 20th March in Welkom.

The next meeting will be on the 23rd March 1999 at the home of the Nel Brothers Stud. Contact John or lan at (012) 542 3533 for directions.

## Colours from a different angle 7



by Deon Davie

In this article we will be looking at three chicks bred from one pair; a sky blue opaline hen, a normal yellowface cobolt cock and a sky blue opaline spangle cock.

## Let us look at all the colours involved individually

#### 1 Spangle

As only one chick is a spangle and the other two are non-spangles, one or both parents can be spangles. Spangle to normal produces 50% spangles and 50% normals, while spangle to spangle produces 25% normals, 50% spangles and 25% double factor spangles.

#### 2 Yellowface

Again only one of the chicks is a yellowface (not goldenface) and the other two white faces. One or both parents can be yellowface. Yellowface to normal produces 50% yellowfaces and 50% normals. Yellowface to yellowface produces 25% normals, 50% visual yellowfaces, and 25% double factor yellowfaces, which will visually look like ordinary normals, not showing the yellowface.

#### 3 Single dark factor (Cobolt)

As only one chick shows dark factor, one or both parents can posses a single dark factor i.e dark green or cobolt. A bird possessing a single dark factor paired to a bird without any dark factors will produce 50% birds with a single dark factor (dark green or cobolt) and 50% birds carrying no dark factor. A bird possessing a single dark factor paired to another possessing a single dark factor will produce 25% birds with no dark factor, 50% birds with a single dark factor, and 25% birds with two dark factors (olive or mauve).

## 4 Opaline

As one of the chicks is an opaline cock the mother of the chicks must be an opaline, and the father must either be an opaline or a split opaline. As one of the chicks is a normal, the father will in this case be a normal split opaline.

#### 5 Blue

The fact that all three chicks are of the blue series does not mean that both parents are blues. One or two green birds that are split for blue, can also produce blue chicks.

## Let us look at the actual parents

Hen : Opaline yellowface grey spangle.

Cock : Normal sky blue.

As the cock is a sky blue (no dark factor) the hen is the one carrying the single dark factor.

## South African Spangle Budgie Association

for the furthering of the Spangle
Established 4 October 1998

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extends a warm welcome to any NTBS members who come to Durban and would like to visit.

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## **Bird Supplies**

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## **BIRDS AVAILABLE**

Telephone John or Ian at (012) 542 3533

Visitors welcome by appointment.

# The Jacaranda Show Budgie Society

**Annual Subscriptions** 

Membership:

\* Normal - R 100.00

\* Juniors - R 40.00

New membership Entry:-R 30.00 (Once off)

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Members who have paid fees for 1999 at their current club and would like to join the **JSBS** will only be required to pay **R 60.00** to join. If you are interested in active participation then

Contact Pieter v/d Linde for more information at Tel: (012) 335 6950

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