



# The NTBS Show Budgie

## Hou nuwe lede in die stokperdjie

Wanneer nuwe lede aansluit skitter hul oë as hulle 'n eier of 'n pasgebore kuiken sien. Hantering en die assosiasie met die hele siklus is 'n fantastiese ondervinding. Dit is baie belangrik dat nuwe lede by hierdie punt soveel kuikens kan teel om hul belangstelling aan te wakker vir die toekoms. Indien daar probleme opduik is dit van kardinale belang dat daar lede is by wie die nuwe lid vir raad kan aanklop.

*Ordentlike broeipare moet aan hulle beskikbaar gestel word.*

Daar is niks so afbrekend wanneer nuwe lede hulp soek en die ouer garde nie bereid is om daadwerklik hulp te verleen nie. Beginners moet ook bereid wees om hulp en raad by gevestigde lede te soek as hul onseker is watter pad gevolg moet word. Die stokperdjie moet interessant, bekostigbaar en ontspanne wees, maar meesal moet dit geniet word.

Wanneer lede aansluit by hul plaaslike klub moet hulle so gou moontlik aan die ander lede in die klub voorgestel word en nie alleen gelaat word

om daar in 'n hoekie te sit nie. Terselfdertyd moet die nuwe lede nie in 'n situasie gedruk word waar hulle nie gelukkig sal wees nie. Indien lede geïnteresseerd is wil hulle uiteraard leer en moet hulle by die klub se aktiwiteite ingeskakel word met die verstandhouding dat hulle nuwe lede is met 'n dors na kennis. Gevestigde lede moet nie die nuwelinge oordonder met hul suksesse en grootpraterie nie maar hulle met raad bedien wat opbouend van aard is.

Eerstens moet ordentlike broeipare aan hulle beskikbaar gestel word. Moenie nuwe lede voorsien van al jul swak telers, ou voëls, voëls wat slegte gewoontes het soos kleintjies doodbyt en nie telers nie. Help die nuwe lede met die beste teelpare wat julle kan verkoop sodat hulle tenminste die eerste seisoen kleintjies kan teel. Beginners het die bes moontlike hulp nodig om goed te begin en senior lede moet verseker dat hulle nie deur hul nek betaal vir hul eerste aankope nie. Dit sal fataal wees indien die eerste aankope nie die gewenste resultate lewer nie.

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## February Highlights

On the 14 February we held our first Mini Show for 1998. A total of 62 birds were entered. There were 3 Beginners with 32 birds, 2 Novices with 20 birds, 1 Intermediate with 10 birds and 0 Champions. Our judge for the mini show was Ernie Hobbs. The results were as follows :

Best Beginner	- Nel Brothers Stud
Best Beginner Opp. Sex	- Sarel Brummer
Best Novice	- Pieter v/d Linde
Best Novice Opp. Sex	- Corrie van Staden
Best Intermediate	- Mike Davies
Best Intern. Opp. Sex	- Mike Davies
Champion Section	- No Entries

Best Bird on Show	- Nel Brothers Stud
Best Opp. Sex on Show	- Mike Davies
Most Points	- Mike Davies

Outright trophies were awarded in the sections to the following exhibitors :

Best Beginner	- Nel Brothers Stud
Best Novice	- Pieter van der Linde
Best Intermediate	- Mike Davies

by Ian Nel

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## ***Budgerigar Health***

### **Overgrown Claws**

In older and frail birds the toenails sometimes grow excessively long, in extreme cases even curling like a corkscrew. The usual explanation is that the claws do not get enough wear on artificial perches and are smooth and too thin and do not allow for enough exercise. I am sceptical about this explanation because I have seen and know many budgerigars that are not confined to a cage, perch only on natural branches, have complete freedom of movement, have rough stones in their living area, and still develop overgrown toenails. It is true, of course, that no caged bird can be provided with enough opportunity to wear down its claws sufficiently, nevertheless, accelerated growth of the claws usually goes hand in hand with some weakness. A bird with claws that grow too long needs steady care and high-quality food and should be watched closely. Since claws that are too long hamper and endanger a bird the toenails have to be cut periodically with nail scissors. Hold the toe up to a bright light so that you can clearly see the dark blood vessels in the horny tissue of the claw. Trim the overgrown claw close to the end of the vein, cutting at an angle to leave the upper and outer tip longer than the inner part of the nail. If you should nick the vein a drop of blood will form but it causes hardly any pain to the bird. If the cut continues to bleed press styptic cotton against the end of the claw until the bleeding stops.

### **Excessive Growth of the Beak**

Periodically thin splinters will chip off the tip of a budgerigar's beak. This is a normal part of the renewal of the beak's tissue. But in older budgerigars the beak sometimes grows too fast. Usually only the upper mandible is affected, but more rarely the upper and lower mandibles cross each other because they both grow too long. In either case the bird is hampered in its intake of food. If nothing were done to help, eating would eventually become impossible, and the excessively long beak would injure the skin of the crop region. If the bird has a predisposition for excessive beak growth, regular trimming may be necessary. Most develop because of an incomplete diet. Lack of minerals as found in green food and suitable grit, combined with a vitamin and protein deficiency are usually to blame. Prolonged periods of diarrhoea can result in an overgrown beak by washing out necessary food elements and beneficial bacteria, although this is uncommon. Cure consists of proper care and feeding. Sometimes, if given a piece of wood to bite on, the bird breaks off the extra length of beak but in most cases it is necessary to trim back the beak regularly. If an excess of calcium and phosphorus such as is found in bone meal is forced on a bird, overgrown beaks may result. There are also scissors bills, undershot bills, unevenly developed bills or beaks, horny growths on beaks, etc. Lack of necessary food elements in the diet is the most common cause hereditary dispositions come next. Where malformed

beaks are discovered on young in the nest it is best to destroy such birds. Deformed beaks are only one sign of something wrong with the development of the bird.

## **NTBS Aviary Visit**



On the 14 March we will be holding our first aviary visit for 1998. We will be visiting Neville Greyling and H van Schalkwyk. Beginner problems will be discussed. Departure will be at 9h00 from the church hall in Moregloed. For more information: John Nel at (012) 5423533.

### ***Nuwe Lede***

Die NTBV verwelkom die volgende nuwe lede.

Mario Guerreiro	(XN3)
Andre Nel	(XN3)
NCF Duncan	(D34)
Billy Jacobs	(J14)
Quinton Hegers	(H16)
Gerhard v/d Merwe	(V65)
Niel v/d Merwe	(V67)
Chris Barrows	(B11)

deur John Nel

### ***~Tip of the Month~ Delay Nest Box Entry***

Each year there are several pairs which do not produce as expected. Quite often the hens go to nest and lay full clutches of clear eggs. It may be that the hens actually go to nest too fast without the necessary bonding with the cocks you have selected for them. One experiment that can be tried is to deny the hen access to the nest-box by fitting a piece of thick cardboard over the access hole. A one centimeter hole is cut in the center to permit the hen to see there is a space of interest behind the barrier. The hen will gnaw her way into the nest within 2-3 days allowing sufficient time for bonding and mating to take place.

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Daar is lede wat beginners gebruik as 'n ander bron van inkomste.

Indien beginners uit die staanspoor aangeraai word om met die fyner tipe voëls te begin wat meer aktief is as hul swaarder geveerde familie wat minder kleintjies teel kan 'n mooi begin vir hulle verseker wees. Verder, indien die aankope van 'n goeie betroubare stoet gekoop is, is dit moontlik om na die verkoper terug te keer om beter teel voëls te kan aankoop om hul stoet op te gradeer. Die idee is om soveel moontlik vir hul geld wat hulle beskikbaar het te kan koop om later 'n keuse uit te oefen vir verdere aankope. Weereens moet die beginner nie baie geld spandeer nie, dit is onnodig. Vordering sal miskien stadiger wees, lievers bekostigbaar en dit geniet as stresvol. Daar is diegene wat sakke vol geld het en die beste op die mark kan bekostig, geluk aan hulle - maar jare se ondervinding het bewys dat hulle maar bra min is. In die meeste gevalle is ons lede van die werkende klas en moet geleidelik van onder begin.



Alle lede se siening moet gerespekteer word. 'n Klub is die sosiale punt vir lede en alle lede lewer hul insette ter bevordering van die klub. Indien dit nie gebeur nie sal nuwe lede padgee. Moedig hulle aan en hulle sal vir 'n lang tyd deel van die klub wees.

Geskryf deur Malcolm Scott - Cage and Aviary September 27, 1997  
Vertaal deur Oom Arthur Windell

### Club Name Change

The closing date for the return of the questionnaires regarding the name change is the 21 March 1998. Please forward responses as soon as possible. Please note that this is the first of a number of questionnaires regarding this issue.

### Klub Naam Verandering

Die keurdatum vir die vraelyste aangaande die naam verandering is 21 Maart 1998. Stuur asseblief u antwoord so gou as moontlik. Neem asseblief kennis dat die vraelyste die eerste in 'n reeks oor die kwessie is

## Breeding Expectations

Pairings involving Cinnamons.

Pairing	Expectation
Cinnamon x Cinnamon	Cinnamon Cocks and Hens
Cinnamon x Normal	Normal/Cinnamon Cocks Cinnamon Hens
Normal/Cinnamon x Cinnamon	Cinnamon Cocks and Hens Normal/Cinnamon Cocks Normal Hens
Normal/Cinnamon x Normal	Normal Cocks and Hens Normal/Cinnamon Cocks Cinnamon Hens
Normal x Cinnamon	Normal/Cinnamon Cocks Normal Hens

"?" denotes Split.

by The Nel Brothers Stud

## Promotions

The following NTBS members were promoted with effect from 1 October 1997.

### Champion

Molkentin Stud - Yellow Ribbon to Blue Ribbon Champion.

### Intermediate

Barnard RO - Intermediate to White Ribbon Champion.

### Novice

None

### Beginner

Nell J - Beginner to Novice.

by John Nel

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

## Letters to the Editor

Letters are printed in good faith and the Editor cannot be held responsible for opinions expressed by writers in any letter published.

### Afrikaans Articles

Thank you for your correspondence I received recently with regard to the monthly budgerigar information piece you have started for the club. I must congratulate you for the initiative you have taken and hope that the members will appreciate your effort. There is only one problem and that is that everything is in English. I don't have grudges against English but as I can remember more than 90% of the club members are Afrikaans speaking and items for these members should also be included in this effort of yours. If I can be of any assistance... I have many stories in Afrikaans ... lengthy ones, and if you are interested I will forward you copies for inclusion. Also I am including a cheque for the amount of R 50 for postage of my minutes etc.

Arthur Windell - Kuilsrivier

### Editors Response

What you have pointed out is quiet correct; 79% of the club is Afrikaans and most articles are in English. The reason for this is that the articles that I have for inclusion are all in English and I do not have the time to translate the articles. What is required is that Afrikaans members provide articles. I am therefore very pleased that you have Afrikaans articles that can be included and I hope that other members of the club follow your example.

All letters or articles must be forwarded to John Nel, P.O Box 43594, Theresa Park x2, 0155. I can be contacted after 17:00 at telephone (012) 542 3533.

## Articles



Any members who would like to do an article or have articles that they have written for other magazines are requested to contact the editor so that the inclusion of these articles can be discussed.

Enige lede wat 'n artikel will skryf of artikels het wat ons kan insluit word versoek om met my in verbinding te tree.

John Nel at Telephone (012) 542 3533

## The Next Issue

The next issue will contain the following items :

- (1) Continuation of Breeding expectations.
- (2) Continuation of Budgerigar health.
- (3) Your items.

Please contact me if you have any inputs. You must remember that your inputs are vital.

John Nel (012) 542 3533

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