## **Buster's Story** Recovery Formula

Buster is about 60 years old. I rescued her 42 years ago from a very abusive situation. She had no feathers except the ones on her head and wanted nothing to do with me or any humans. Her first human loved her, but after getting married and the wife not wanting Buster around, she was shoved into another room and one day he came home early to find his wife abusing Buster. He finally gave in and contacted the parrot rescue I volunteered for. I talked to the foster and was told she was a very angry bird.

After earning her trust and her watching me with my other parrots, I watched her personality ember like a butterfly coming out of a cocoon. She became silly, sassy and a monkey. She could climb anywhere she could fit a tip of her nail. She also liked breaking out of her cage, going into the kitchen, throwing everything she could out of the cabinets and hiding in one, so when I opened it she would charge me and laugh. She has never been sick.



I noticed one morning she looked tired and she only ate a little food. She was just playing last night and laughing. Energy level was good and nothing unusual about her poop. So off to the vet we go. At that point she wouldn't open her eyes, except for a minute. We had no issue drawing blood; we knew whatever was happening

was serious. She was started on 2 antibiotics, one that day and the other the next day when the test results came in. The blood tests showed she was a very sick bird and the vet was concerned about how sick she was and her age. She didn't eat her breakfast, so I stopped and got her favorite french fries and she refused to eat.

Buster loved to eat and try anything new. I contacted the vet and he suggested your Recovery formula. Luckily, my husband was in town and he picked up the food and saved me another 80 mile trip. I live in the mountains and the local vet only works on dogs and cats.

Dr. Thomas was worried about Buster and called a few times to check on her. He's a great avian vet and Buster always added fun to his day when I brought her into him



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for a beak trim. She loves making the techs jump and does everything she can to wiggle out of the towel. Dr. Thomas and I laugh when she does this or any other antics she comes up with when we're there.



As soon as I got the recovery food, I tried feeding her and she nibbled and didn't open her eyes for more than a second for days. I tried feeding her formula numerous times a day, and slowly she would eat a little more each day, until now she waits for it. Her and my Greenwing Macaw who is about the same age, just love it. I mix it with a little organic baby food instead of water.

Dr. Thomas couldn't believe the difference in a couple weeks and yes she was back to her antics with the vet techs! We decided we would leave her on the formula a few times a week, so I feed it to her every other day and we go back for blood tests in another week. Between the meds and your Recovery Formula, Buster is still alive. She wouldn't eat any other food for almost a week. I wish I knew about this when my CAG got sick. Same situation with him, except it took 4 rounds of antibiotics and he finally tested clean of any sickness, and as he was getting his strength back and started ordering the dogs around, he passed away. I feel he would still be around for at least another 5-10 years if I knew about the Recovery Formula. He was only 42 years old. My hope is that Buster's story helps other birds.

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**Thank you Harrison's Bird Foods!**