

THE BULLETIN BIRD

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HARRISON'S BIRD FOODS NEWSLETTER

Behind the Scenes...

Harrison's Bird Foods is proud to employ six avian nutritional experts: three are PhD animal nutritionists and three are avian veterinary nutritionists. We feel fortunate to have such a qualified support system.



FROM THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE:

By Bianca Murphy, DVM, Dipl ABVP (Avian)



There are many ways to monitor your bird's health at home. Monitoring weight trends can help you catch increases or decreases in weight that may indicate major changes in your bird's health status.

Use a gram scale to obtain a weight first thing in the morning when your bird has an empty crop. Log the weight on a weekly (or more often) basis to catch any concerning trends. Weight changes are an important time to see a vet for a physical exam.



An Interesting Tidbit

Blueberries are a favorite snack for kids, adults and birds. In recent years, there has been an alarming rise in pesticide residues on blueberries -- 90% of non-organic blueberries tested positive for pesticide residues, and a single sample contained 17 different pesticides. Among the pesticide residues found on blueberries were several neonics. These bee-killing pesticides have been linked to the massive global decline in bees as well as harm to children's developing brains.* Always purchase certified organic blueberries!

*EWG Food News - Environmental Working Group - ewg.org
Scan to access the EWG DIRTY DOZEN:



You May Not Know...

Artificial colors, which are toxic, are often added to processed foods to enhance their market appeal. Beverages, baked goods, cereals, snack foods, ice cream, condiments (and bird foods) are particularly affected. Now that shoppers are alert to avoid certain color numbers, manufacturers attempt to fool consumers with "new" color names for old additives.

For example:

Blue #2 is now Indigotine

Red #3 is now Erythrosine

Red #40 is now Allura Red

Yellow #5 is now Tartrazine

