

THE BULLETIN BIRD

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HARRISON'S BIRD FOODS NEWSLETTER

Behind the Scenes...

A Few of Harrison's Bird Foods' Functional Ingredients

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Bentonite - One of the primary benefits of bentonite clay (we specifically use montmorillonite clay), is a superior ability to absorb toxins and counteract dietary toxins by binding toxic chemicals and bacteria and helping eliminate them from the body. We test our clay for toxins and contaminants.

Anise seed - in other species, has been shown to lower blood sugar, triglyceride and cholesterol levels. Some anise essential oils have anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-parasitic activity.

Psyllium - is used to increase the absorption of electrolytes and minerals. Because it is bulk fiber, it also serves to remove viruses, bacteria, metals, etc. from the GI tract. Its presence decreases the GI transit time, thereby reducing the number of feedings, and at the same time improves the digestion of ingredients. The gel is digested by bacterial fermentation, reducing blood ammonia and thus the workload of the liver.

The digested ammonia creates lactic acid, decreasing the intestinal pH, which is inhibitory to gram-negative bacteria, not normal in the psittacine biome, enhancing the production of autochthonous (normal) flora. The gel also acts as a healing bandage for inflamed intestines.

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NEW FROM HARRISON'S

An all-new informational brochure from Harrison's Bird Foods is here! TIPS FOR HANDFEEDING CHICKS is available by request as a "handy" hand-feeding reference to assist when using our formulas!

Details include things to do before you start, preventing problems, established hand-feeding procedures, weight-monitoring, maintaining healthy conditions, a healthy hand-feeding checklist, easy-to-use video link references and much more!

Authored by experts in the field of aviculture and edited by avian veterinarians, this brochure is an invaluable resource for raising healthy chicks.

VIDEO LINKS



Scan QR to view:
Syringe-feeding a chick

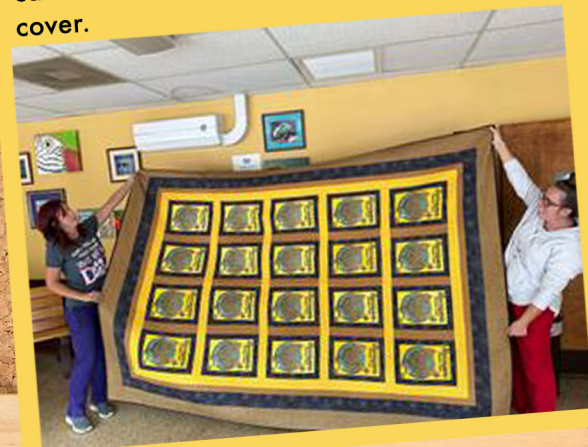


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Spoon-feeding a chick



An Interesting Tidbit

Although Harrison's no longer offers organic chicken food, staff members from the Medicine Man Veterinary Hospital in Morganton, North Carolina, collected the canvas chicken bags and created a quilt cover.



You May Not Know...

Teas, herbs, and spices have been prized for their medicinal and culinary uses for millennia. However, when botanical ingredients are concentrated to capture their beneficial attributes, undesirable traces can make their way in. Organic certification practices ensure that synthetic ingredients are not used in the production of these products and, in some respects, can even enhance their quality. By choosing organic teas, herbs, and spices as your favorite soothing, healing, and flavor-enhancing ingredients, you are also supporting healthier working conditions and improved livelihoods of farmworkers and their communities (<http://organic-center.org>).

